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The British and German WAgriCo partners worked on strategies to reduce diffuse pollution from agriculture into surface water and groundwater. To achieve this reduction of nutrient inputs WAgriCo comes up with methodologies and strategies supporting the implementation of the EC WFD in Great Britain and Lower Saxony. These are transferable to other EU member states.

After three years the project was finished in September 2008. But this does not mean that activities will stop – it is quite the contrary. To continue and to promote the dynamic participation process and to keep politicians, stakeholders or interested citizens updated with new information and results via internet, various steps are already done or planned.

The strategy for the next steps implies different aspects:

- Continuous updates of the Internet
- Provision of the Final Report, the Layman Report and the key messages as downloads
- Continuous updating of information about activities in Great Britain and Lower Saxony
- Information about national and international conferences and workshops where WAgriCo is presented (e.g. International AGWAPLAN conference in January '09 in Denmark)
- Meeting in Brussels with representatives of the EU Commission in spring 2009

In spring 2009 the WAgriCo partners plan to meet political decision makers of the DG Environment and the DG Agriculture. During this meeting the main results of the project and the conclusions will be presented. In this context the Final Report and a strategy paper with a summary of the main results and the key messages will be handed over to the politicians. All partners agree that this meeting is very important for exchange and to use this forum for face-to-face discussions in order to underline the recommendations made in the key messages. For dissemination purposes an exchange with other EU Member States is a further point of interest.

- Activities in Lower Saxony and Great Britain on-site

In Lower Saxony a glueless transition of project activities was ensured to keep up the structures being built up during WAgriCo in the pilot areas to close the “gap” until 2010 when the official implementation of EC WFD measures will start. The main aspects of the “Lower Saxon follow up” are:

- Optimisation and extension of the participation structures on river basin level
- Further testing and improvement of the action and result oriented measures and the programmes of measures
- Further testing and improving of the impact monitoring concept
- Proposal for a sound surface water/groundwater monitoring
- Proposal for surface water conservation measures

In Great Britain Wessex Water will continue with catchment management in the WAgriCo pilot areas of Empool, Friar Waddon, Winterbourne and Eagle Lodge utilising the knowledge gained through the project. In addition, the three additional catchments, Deans Farm in Wiltshire, and Sutton Bingham and Durleigh both in Somerset, in which Wessex commenced using the WAgriCo principals of catchment management will continue building upon the success achieved to date. The other UK partners will continue to promote the WAgriCo principal of catchment management through their business networks.