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# Implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Malta

## Aguas continentales superficiales

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# Legislation

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- Legislación subsidiaria de transposición de la Directiva Marco del Agua de la UE: S.L. 549.100
- ERA's competency in relation to:
  - Coastal waters
  - Surface waters in protected areas



Provided that the Environment and Resources Authority shall also be responsible for surface waters found in areas protected by scheduling declarations under the Environment Protection Act or the Filfla Nature Reserve Act, and for surface waters found in areas hosting protected species under the Environment Protection Act or other areas of ecological and scientific importance according to provisions of the Environment Protection Act;

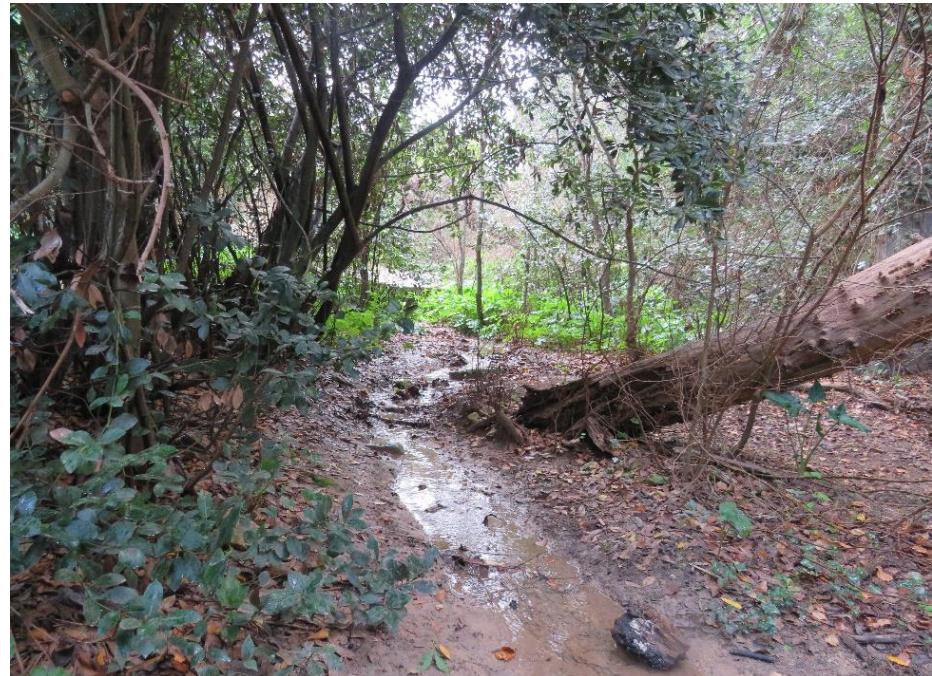
Act:

Environment and Resources Authority Act

# Inland Surface Waters: Watercourses

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- River: *una masa de agua interior que fluye en su mayor parte sobre la superficie de la tierra, pero que puede fluir bajo tierra en parte de su curso*
- Watercourses in Malta:
  - Arroyos pequenos
  - Flujo hidrico Intermitente
  - Bajos flujos hidricos



# Challenges

- Water scarcity
- Cambios hidromorfológicos históricos o desvíos de agua
- Limited knowledge



# Significant Water Management Issues

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## EXTREME EVENTS

*Se espera que el cambio climático aumente la probabilidad de que se produzcan fenómenos meteorológicos extremos, en particular sequías prolongadas e inundaciones urbanas*



## EFFECTIVE USE OF FERTILISERS

*El uso excesivo de fertilizantes puede provocar la contaminación por nutrientes del medio acuático superficial y subsuperficial.*



## NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES

# Key Stakeholders

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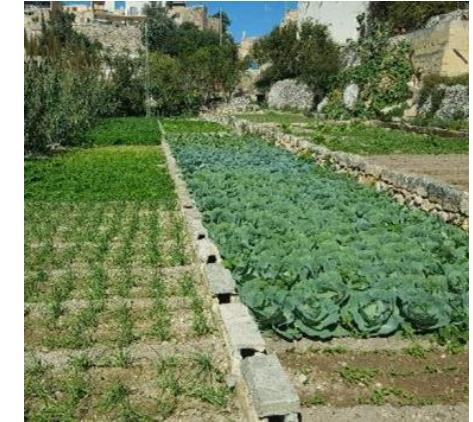
- Agricultural sector
- Nature conservation
- General public (recreational)



# Engagement of Actors

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- Inter-Ministerial Committee: all relevant Government entities
- Consultation with specific sectors



# Looking Forward

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- Targeted consultations, particularly with the agricultural sector
- Streamlining objectives across policy implementation



# Proximo ciclo & mas alla de 2027

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- mejorar conocimientos
- compartir conocimientos
- Consultas específicas que garanticen un enfoque participativo de los actores clave
- Aumentar concienciacion





# Thank You

