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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

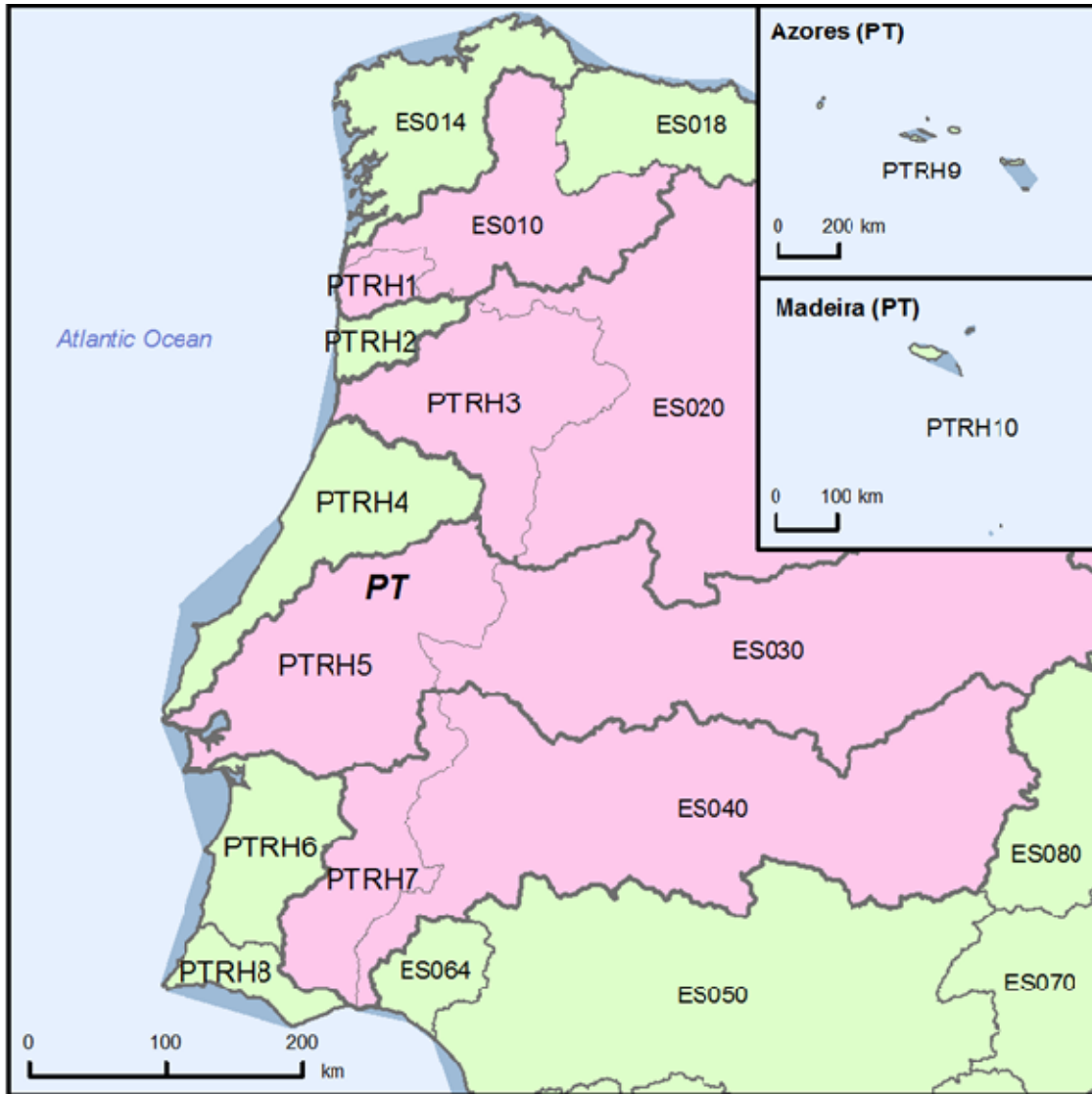


Figure 1.1: Map of River Basin District

	International River Basin Districts (within EU)
	International River Basin Districts (outside EU)
	National River Basin Districts (within EU)
	Countries (outside EU)
	Coastal Waters

Source: WISE, Eurostat (country borders)

Portugal is a republic comprised of a continental part and two autonomous regions. The total area of Portugal is 92072 km², and an economic exclusive zone of 1727408 km². The population is about 10.6 million.

RBD	Name	Size (km ²)	Countries sharing RBD
PTRH1	Minho and Lima	2442*	ES
PTRH2	Cavado, Ave and Leca	3615	-
PTRH3	Douro	19213*	ES
PTRH4	Vouga, Mondego, Lis and West Rivers	12633	-
PTRH5	Tagus	30014*	ES
PTRH6	Sado and Mira	12147	-
PTRH7	Guadiana	11613*	ES
PTRH8	Algarve Rivers	5509	-
PTRH9	Azores	10045	-
PTRH10	Madeira		-

Table 1.1: Overview of Portugal's River Basin Districts

Note: *Area in Portuguese territory

Source: This information may be found in the general fiches for countries in http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_en.htm.

Name international river basin	National RBD	Countries sharing RBD	Co-ordination category	
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			km ²	%
Miño/Minho	PTRH1 (Minho-Lima)	ES	854	5.0
Lima/Limia	PTRH1 (Minho-Lima)	ES	1180	47.1
Duero/Douro	PTRH3 (Duoro)	ES	18855	19.3
Tajo/Tejo	PTRH5 (Tejo)	ES	15415	21.7
Guadiana	PTRH7 (Guadiana)	ES	11598	17.3

Table 1.2: Transboundary river basins by category (see CSWD section 8.1) and % share in Portugal¹

Category 1: Co-operation agreement, co-operation body, RBMP in place.

Category 2: Co-operation agreement, co-operation body in place.

Category 3: Co-operation agreement in place.

Category 4: No co-operation formalised.

Source: EC Comparative study of pressures and measures in the major river basin management plans in the EU.

¹ Categorisation determined under the EC Comparative study of pressures and measures in the major river basin management plans in the EU (Task 1b: International co-ordination mechanisms).

2. STATUS OF RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE

Portugal has not reported RBMPs to the Commission. All the 8 RBMPs of Continental Portugal, and the RBMP of the Azores started Public Consultation in the second semester of 2011. All except Azores RBMP have concluded the consultation period. No information on the RBMP of Madeira could be found. It should be noted that no WFD Art 5 Report has been submitted by Madeira (or by Portugal as MS). However, Portuguese authorities have informed that they are working on the final revisions of the various plans in order to be able to proceed with their approval and publication in the official journal (Diario da Republica).

RBD	Period of consultation	Availability
PTRH1	From 3 October 2011 to 3 April 2012	Available at the website of Norte River District Authority (ARH Norte)
PTRH2	From 3 October 2011 to 3 April 2012	Available at the website of Norte River District Authority (ARH Norte)
PTRH3	From 3 October 2011 to 3 April 2012	Available at the website of Norte River District Authority (ARH Norte)
PTRH4	From 11 October 2011 to 11 April 2012	Available at the website of Centro River District Authority (ARH Centro)
PTRH5	From 8 August 2011 to 8 February 2012	Available at the website of Tejo River District Authority (ARH Tejo).
PTRH6	From 15 July 2011 to 15 January 2012	Available at the website of Alentejo River District Authority (ARH Alentejo)
PTRH7	From 15 July 2011 to 15 January 2012	Available at the website of Alentejo River District Authority (ARH Alentejo)
PTRH8	From 26 September 2011 to 26 March 2012	Available at the website of Algarve River District Authority (ARH Algarve).
PTRH9	From 16 January 2012 to 16 July 2012	Available at the website of Azores River District Authority (SRAM/DRA/AHA)

Table 2.1: Timeline of the different steps of the implementation process.

Source: National websites

In continental Portugal the development of the RBMPs has been coordinated by 5 River Basin Districts Authorities created in 2007 and whose activities started in 2009.

These entities have been integrated under the renewed Portuguese Environment Agency (APA I.P). The organic structure of APA (Decree Law no. 56/2012, of 12 March) establishes that APA is the Portuguese Water Authority and concentrates all the functions of the 5 River Basin Districts Authorities of Continental Portugal.

The competences of the RBDA of Azores autonomous region have been approved by Regional Regulatory Decree 23/2011/A which establishes that the Competent Authority is the Regional Secretariat of Environment and the Sea.

The competences of the RBDA of Madeira autonomous region have been approved by Regional Legislative Decree 33/2008/M which establishes that the Regional Water Authority is the Regional Directorate of Environment, and that the coastal zone and safety issues

(floods, safety and security related to dams) are administered by the Regional Secretariat of Social Equipment, except in ports in which the authority is the Port Administration of the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

A court ruling has been issued against Portugal by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) on the failure to adopt and report River Basin Management Plans for all of their respective River Basin Districts².

² Commission vs. Portugal - C-223/11 (21.6.2012)