



Eurostat's statistics on water resources, abstraction and use

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OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire on Inland Waters (JQ-IW)

- First developed by the OECD in the early 1980's
- Joined by Eurostat in the early 1990's
- Voluntary exercise → gentlemen's agreement
- Biennial collection of yearly data for national territories
- EU + CC + EFTA + neighbours (+ non- European OECD)
- World Standard for official Water Statistics

Eurostat Regional Environmental Questionnaire (REQ)

- **Section on Inland waters**
→ sub-set of the JQ-IW (simplified)
- **Regional aggregations:**
 - **NUTS2 (administrative regions)**
 - **WFD River Basin Districts/SU**
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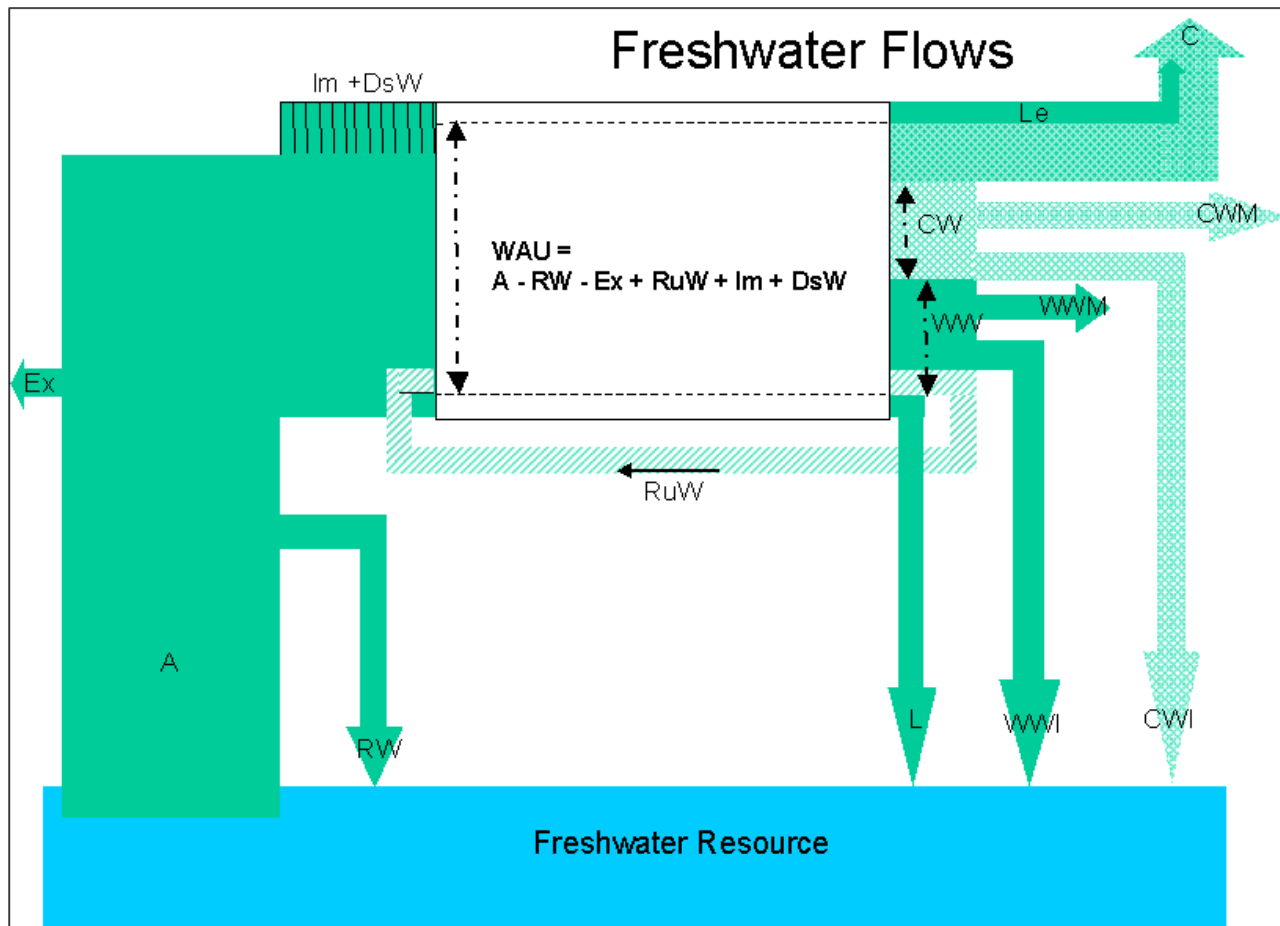
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Water flow scheme



A	Abstraction
C	Consumptive water use
CW	Cooling water
CWI	Cooling water discharged to Inland waters
CWM	Cooling water discharged to Marine waters
DsW	Desalinated Water
Ex	Exports
Im	Imports
L	Losses by leakage
Le	Losses by evaporation
RuW	Reused water
Rw	Returned water
S	Supply
WAL	Total water available for use within the territory
WW	Waste water generated
WWI	Waste water discharged to Inland waters
WWM	Waste water discharged to Marine waters

Parameters for abstraction from fresh water sources

Total surface and groundwater - Total gross abstraction (15)		(FS+FG)
Public water supply (16)		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	(01-03)	
- Irrigation (17)		
- Aquaculture (18)		
Mining and quarrying	(05-09)	
Manufacturing industry	(10-33)	
Cooling in manufacturing industry (19)		
Cooling in electricity production (19)	(35.11-35.13)	
Construction		
Services	(45-96)	
Private households		
Water returned without use (20)		RW
Net abstraction (21)		(FS+FG)-RW

Parameters for abstraction from non fresh water sources

Non fresh water sources (22) (Marine and brackish water) Total
Agriculture, forestry, fishing
Irrigation (17)
Aquaculture (18)
Manufacturing industry
Cooling in manufacturing industry (19)
Cooling in electricity production (19)
Services
Desalinated water (23) - Total
Public water supply (16)
Reused water (24) - Total
Irrigation in agriculture, forestry
Manufacturing industry

Water abstraction – other parameters

Imports of water (25) - total

Exports of water (30) - total

Non renewable groundwater (14), Total

**Total water made available for use (WAU=FS+FG+NfW-RW-
Ex+RuW+Im+DsW)**

Losses during transport (27) TOTAL

Evaporation losses

Leakage

Memorandum items for water abstraction:

Abstraction from artificial reservoirs

Water abstraction for purposes of hydroelectricity generation

Parameters for water use from public and self supply

A	Agriculture, forestry, fishing
B-F	All industrial activities :
B	Mining and quarrying
C	Manufacturing industry
C_CL	Cooling in manufacturing industry (19)
C10_C11	Food processing industry
C24	Basic metals
C29_C30	Motor vehicles and transport equipment
C13-C15	Textiles, etc..
C17	Paper and paper products
C19-C21	Chemicals, refined petroleum, etc.
C_OTH	Other manufacturing industry n.e.c.
D3511_D3513	Production and distribution of electricity
D3511_D3513_CL	Cooling in electricity production (19)
F	Construction
G-U	Services
	Private households

Average response rates for all tables, per country (ESS)

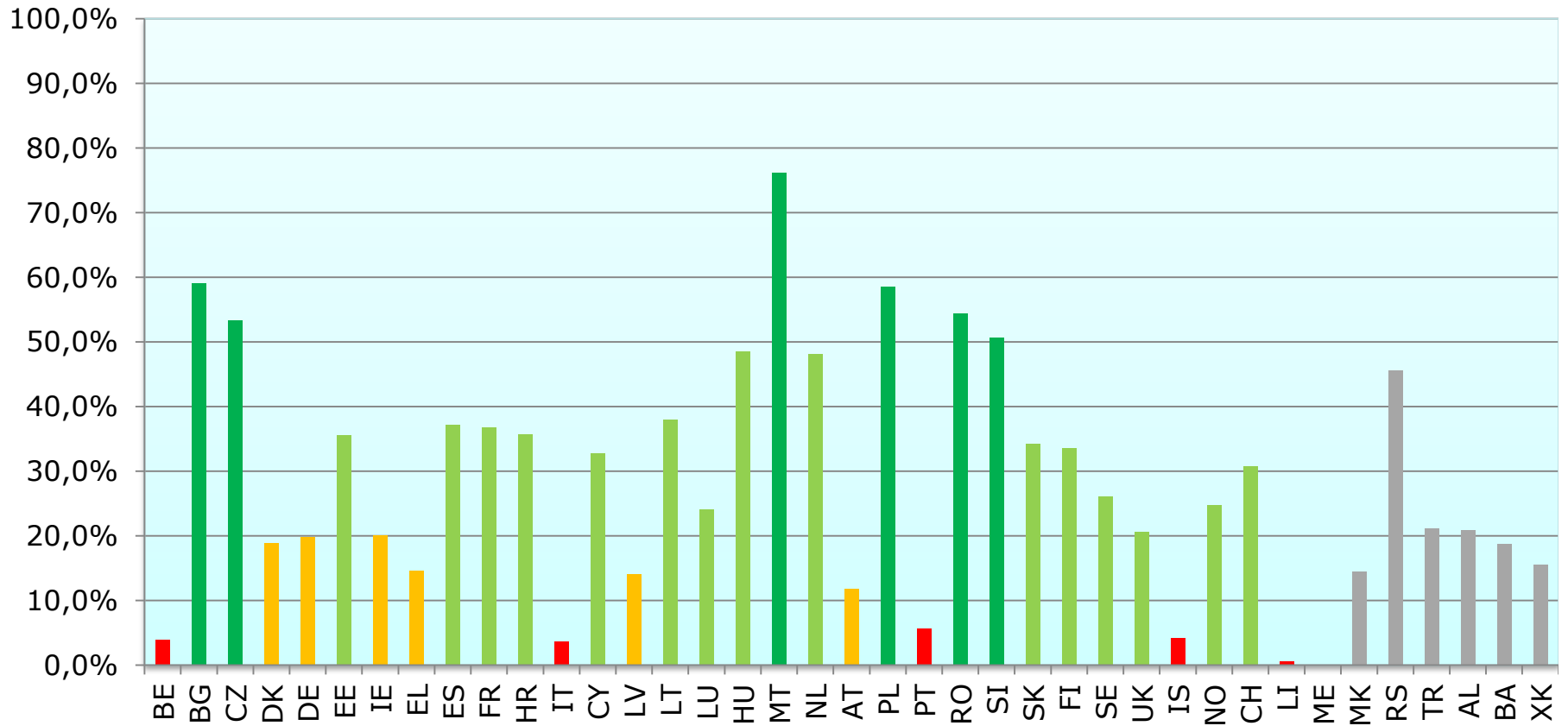


Table coverage for some countries - 2013

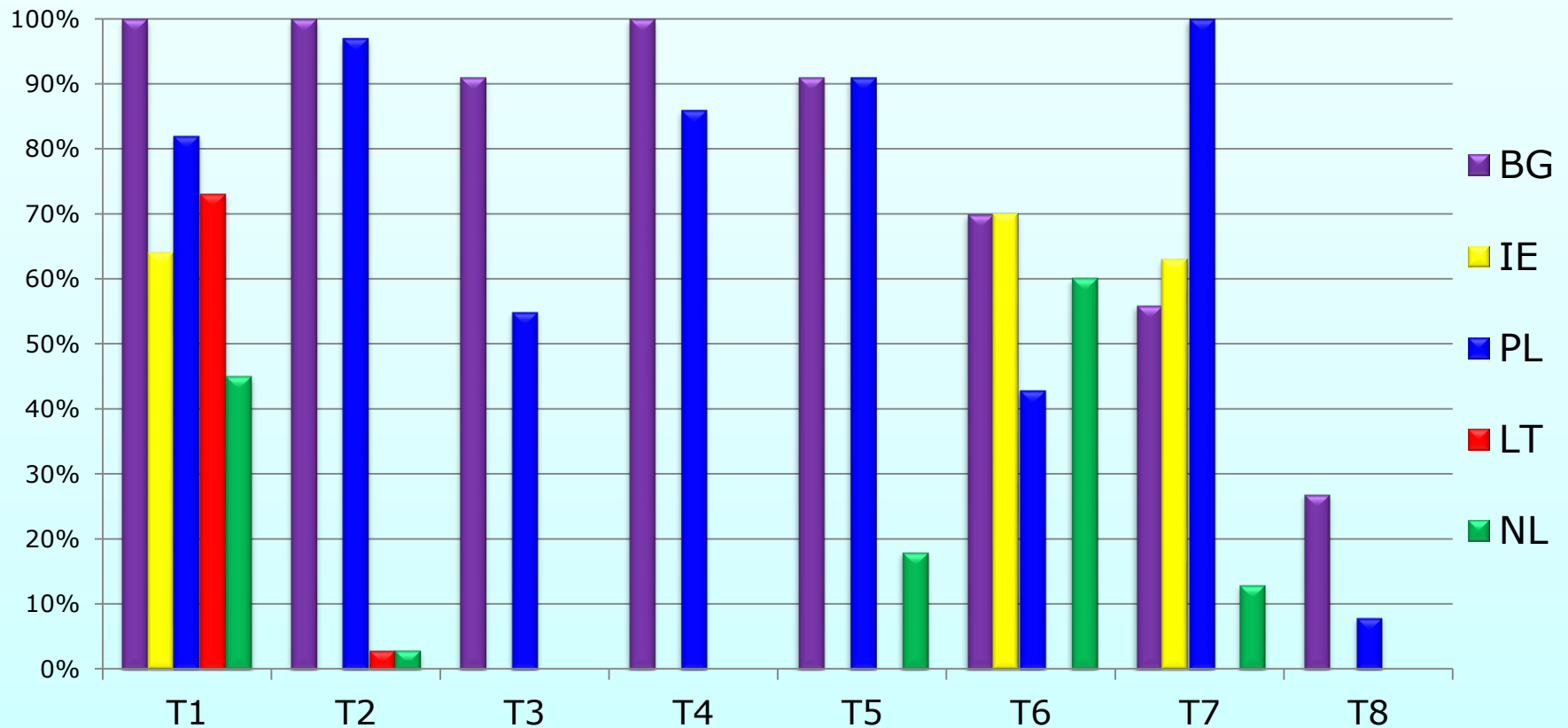
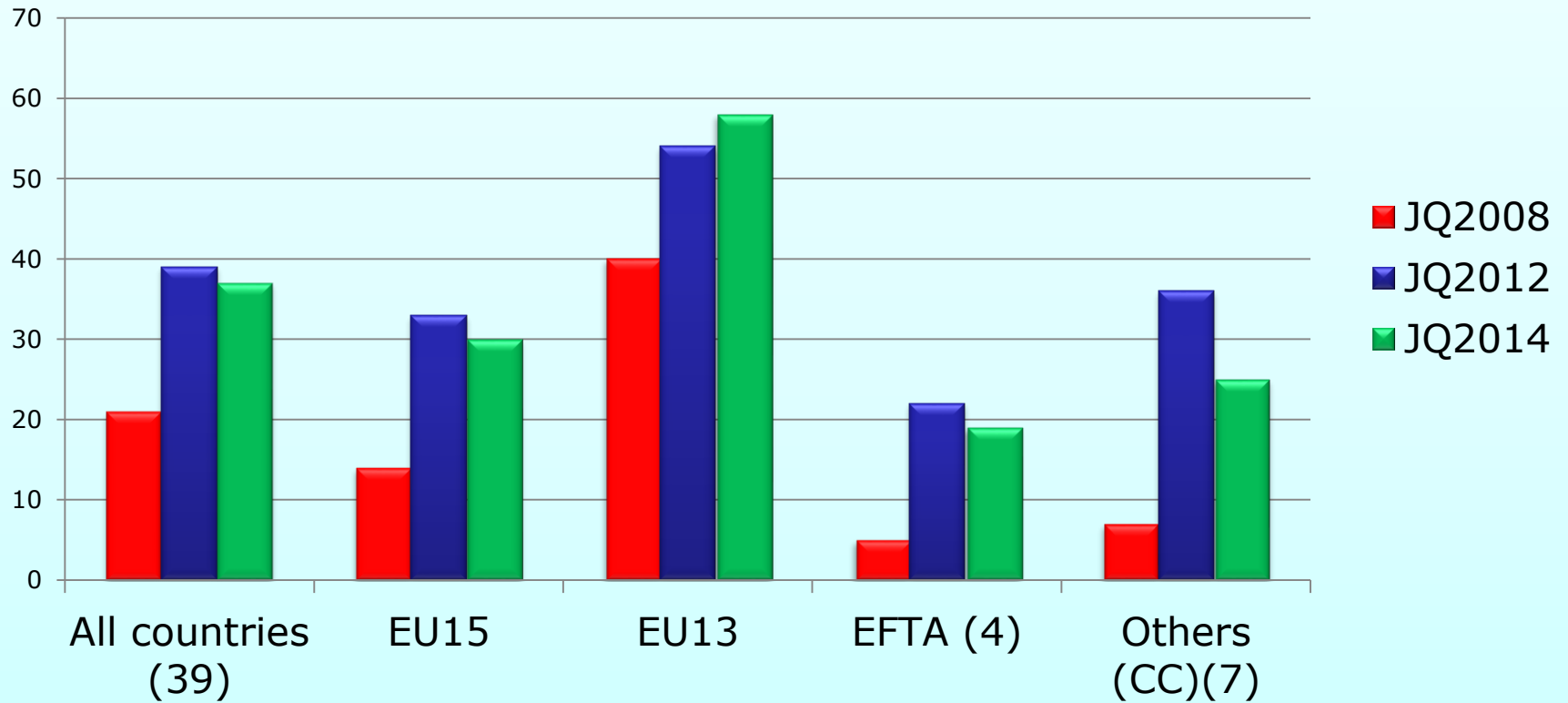


Table coverage (%) comparison JQ2014 with previous collections



Data collection, validation and dissemination process

- **Preparation of webforms (EDAMIS)**
- **Provision of supporting documents**
- **Ca.3 months for on-line reply**
- **Transfer to internal database**
- **Data validation in Eurostat or by consultants**
→ clarification of problems with data sources
- **Transfer to Eurostat website (tables and database)**
- **Update of statistical articles ('Statistic Explained')**
- **Yearbooks, pocketbooks, specific publications**

Use of statistics – policy:

- **EU Commission – DG Environment:**
 - *policy papers, e.g. water scarcity and droughts*
 - *checking/comparison with compliance reporting*
- **European Environment Agency:**
 - *assessments*
 - *WISE*
- **National governments + administrations**
- **European Parliament**
- *Companies*
- *NGOs + the general public*

Use of statistics - indicators

- **Eurostat:**






- Water Exploitation Index (SW/GW)
- Freshwater abstraction by source and capita
- Water productivity (RE dashbord - €/vol.)

- **EEA:**

- CSI – core set of indicators
- WEI+
- water use intensity of irrigated crops (vol.(e))

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Monetary	X	1	3	X	X

Eurostat's water statistics

Thank you!

Any questions?