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For most River Basin Districts Germany has reported a “0” for all Targeted Questions regarding costs. The reasons are explained as follows: In Germany, it is primarily the Federal States (Länder) who are responsible for the implementation of the WFD. The structures and processes for the documentation of the WFD-related costs and the allocation of funds are therefore designed to reflect the numerous specificities at the Länder level. This means that the Länder are able to provide comprehensive data regarding costs for any measures that fall within their territorial boundaries and jurisdiction. However, there are significant structural, legal and administrative differences between the Länder. For example, different Länder have different approaches regarding the assessment of direct and indirect costs or the differentiation between basic and supplementary measures. Consequently, if a River Basin District covers the territory of more than one Land, there is no consistent basis for cost calculation at the river basin level. In addition, there are other sources of uncertainty; for example the assessment of private-sector expenditures for the implementation measures remains extremely challenging. Due to the expectation that the EU-COM might provide guidance at the EU level for the calculation of costs, no federal reporting system has been developed so far. However, the German Working Group of Water Management (LAWA) now plans to establish a method for cost calculations in preparation of the 3rd management cycle.

The measures in the PoM implemented by public authorities are generally financed with taxes, fees, or dedicated financial resources of the Federal States such as the wastewater charge or charges for water abstraction. European funds also contribute to the financing of the implementation of the PoMs.