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# Scientific activities on the way towards a nitrogen strategy in Germany

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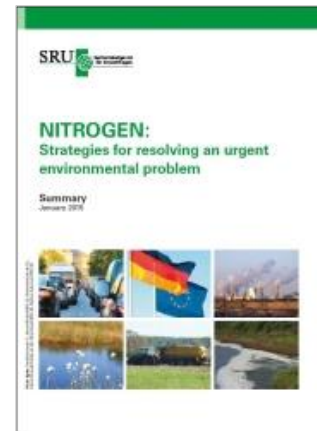
## Wrap up of last my last information at INMS-2

### 2 IMPORTANT NITROGEN REPORTS IN 2015

- Reactive Nitrogen in Germany (German Environment Agency)
  - <https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/publikationen/reactive-nitrogen-in-germany>
  - Nitrogen: Strategies for resolving an urgent environmental problem (German Advisory Council for the Environment)
  - Link
- Recommendation to the Ministry for the Environment and the Government to find integrated solutions, to formulate a „Nitrogen Strategy“

### FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN 2015 STARTED PROCESS

- 2016: Dialogue activities with other stakeholders and ministries



## New development since INMS-2

### 1ST NITROGEN REPORT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- June 2017: Publication of the first Nitrogen-Report of the Federal Government
- Lead: Ministry for the Environment, together with Agriculture, Economics, Transport et al.
- Summarizes the environmental and health Problems related to nitrogen emission
- Doesn't formulate neither concrete measures nor fix dates until when a solution is needed.
- States that an action program is needed and should be elaborated under the lead of the Ministry for the Environment
- <https://www.bmu.de/publikation/stickstoffeintrag-in-die-biosphaere/>
  
- Since then little progress of integrated nitrogen related activities because of elections in September 2017 and a long period to form a new Government



## Scientific activities at UBA: Update of NNB

### RESEARCH PROJECT SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT OF AN INTEGRATED NITROGEN STRATEGY

- 10/2016 – 08/2018
- INFRAS (Zürich), University of Giessen, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Task 1:

#### Update of the nitrogen database for Germany

- First application of the EPNB Guidance document on national nitrogen budgets of the CLRTAP
- <http://www.clrtap-tfrn.org/epnb>
- Workshop on „The German Nitrogen Budget“ back-to-back with EPNB-16 to be held in Berlin 2nd – 3rd May 2018
- Feedback of the German experience with the application of the EPNB Guidance document to the EPNB

## Scientific activities at UBA: Development of an integrated nitrogen target

### RESEARCH PROJECT SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT OF AN INTEGRATED NITROGEN STRATEGY

Task 2:

#### Development of an integrated nitrogen target for Germany

- For communication purpose in addition to existing sectoral concentration limits
- Effects based approach
- Six related areas of protection, with different target values
- Calculation of maximum emissions in relation to the overall compliance with target values
- Combination of different nitrogen species to a overall ceiling of nitrogen emission → no weighting
- Regional integration
  
- However it is debated, that a theoretical compliance with the integrated nitrogen target wouldn't guarantee compliance with all target values everywhere in Germany

- 50 mg /l NO<sub>3</sub> Groundwater
- Critical Level NH<sub>3</sub> 3µg m<sup>-3</sup>
- 40 µg m<sup>-3</sup> concentration limit NO<sub>2</sub>
- N<sub>2</sub>O targets from the German climate acton program
- Critical Loads
- Max. N loads to coastal ecosystems

## Scientific activities at UBA: Development of an action plan

### RESEARCH PROJECT TO SET UP AN INTEGRATED NITROGEN ABATEMENT PROGRAM

- 12/2017 – 08/2020
- Adelphi Berlin, INFRAS (Zürich), University of Giessen, Environment Research Centre Leipzig

#### **Task 1: Review of legislative framework in Germany**

- suggestions for better options and better coherence between different regulative areas

#### **Task 2: Inventory of measures**

- Collection of characteristics of cross-sectoral measures and instruments, including specific costs and abatement potential

#### **Task 3: Preparation of a cost-benefit analyses for Germany**

- Complementary research on cost rates (Choice experiments) and if possible CBA for different scenarios of measures
- Important step as in GER together for their implementation, new legislative instruments have to be assessed with respect to the costs related to the measures

## Further activities at UBA: Preparation of INI 2020

**INI** International Nitrogen Initiative

Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit

**Umwelt Bundesamt**

8th International Nitrogen Conference in Berlin  
„Nitrogen and the UN Sustainable Development Goals“

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# Thank you for your attention!

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