

Annex 2.2.2 – Description of national classification methods

| QE: Benthic macroinv. fauna | <i>Method</i> | <i>Status</i> |
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| Finland | Multimetric system, first version established (Hämäläinen, H. et al. 2006). Metrics in the system include ASPT, number of type-specific taxa (Hämäläinen et al. 2002), number of EPT families and PMA-index (Percent Model Affinity, Novak & Bode 1992). | Under development. National methods for classification are planned to be completed this year for most of the national types |
| Ireland | Quality Rating System (Q-value) | Agreed national method |
| Norway | Classification system under development | Being developed to meet WFD requirements. |
| Sweden | Multimetric index; DJ-index (Dahl & Johnson 2004) | Agreed national method (NFS 2008:1) |
| United Kingdom | General Quality Assessment Classification (RIVPACS) | Being revised to meet WFD requirements |