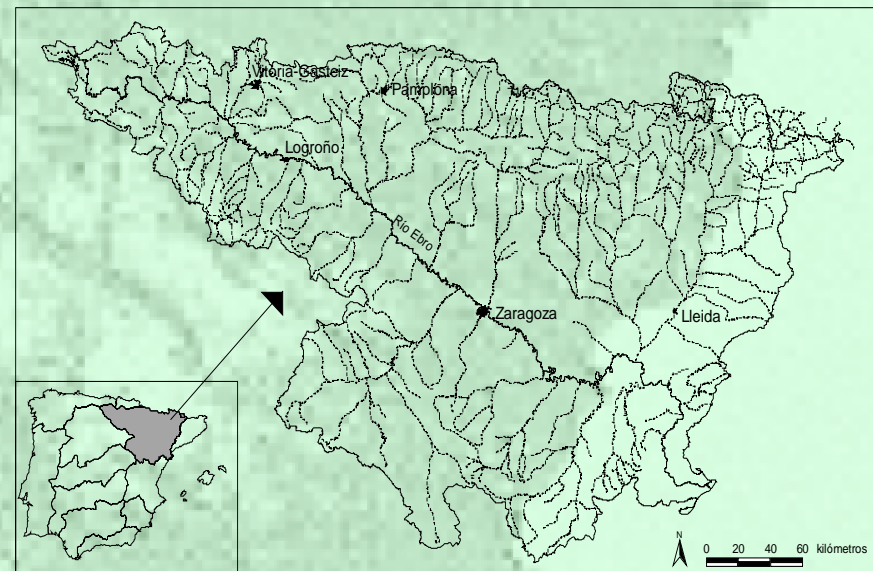
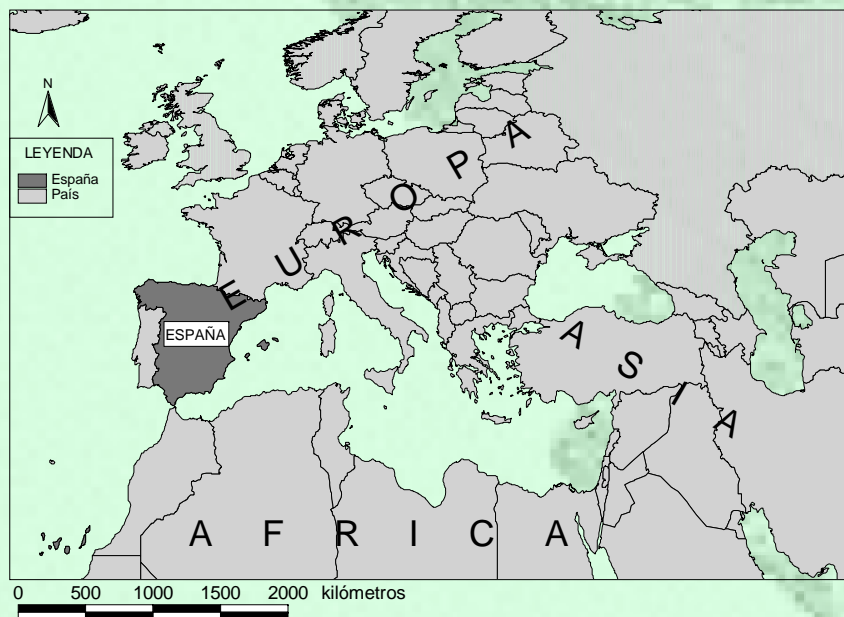


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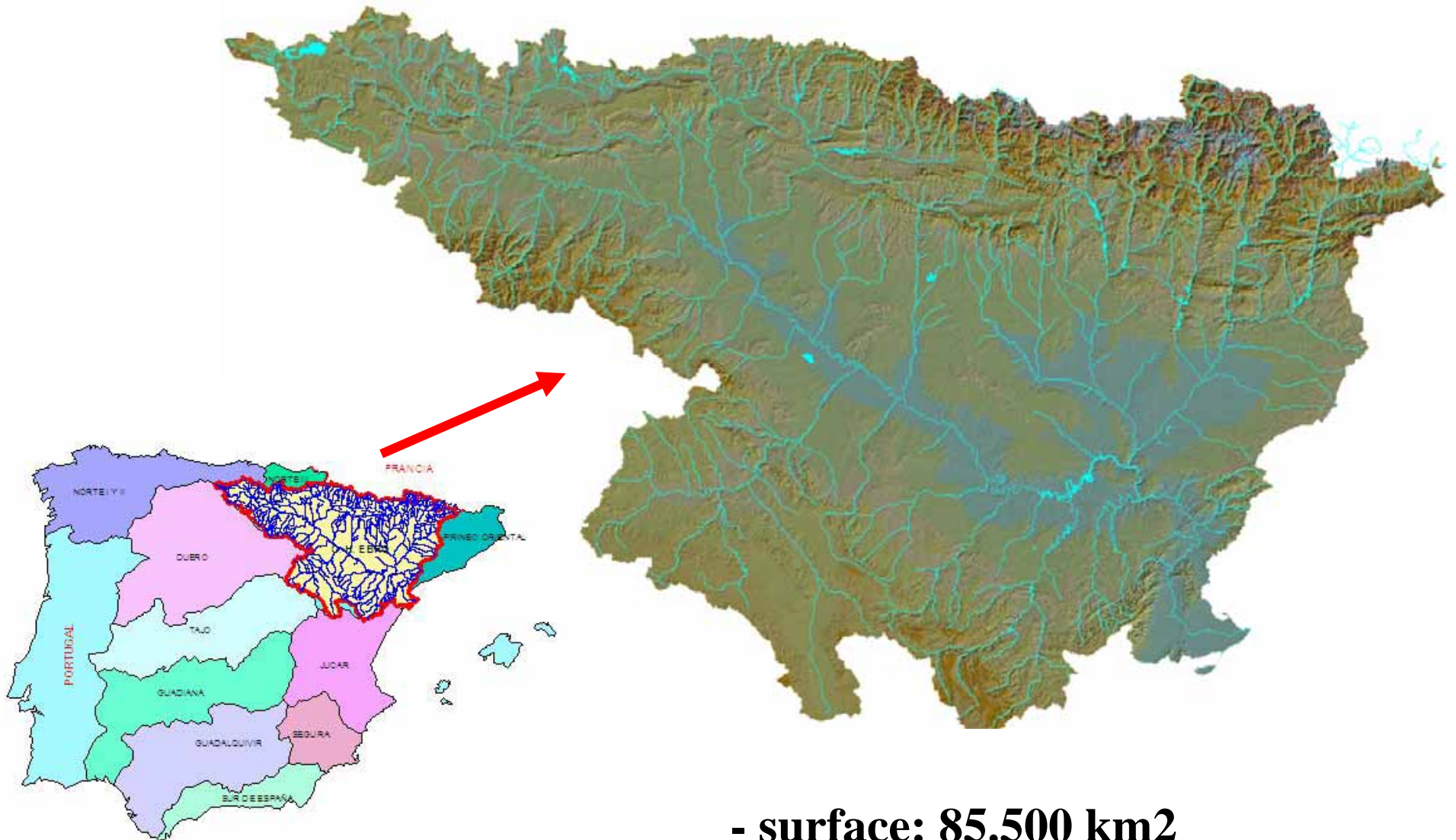
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE EBRO RIVER BASIN (SPAIN)



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- surface: 85.500 km²
- average rainfall: 650 mm
- annual run-off: 17.000 Mm³

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BEFORE THE EUROPEAN WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

- **The EBRO RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATION was created in 1926 as a new way to manage water with a “basin approach” and with the participation of water users.**
- **Since 1985, under the Spanish Water Act, there are several participatory bodies in the Ebro RBO, where users, authorities (national, regional and local) and other organizations take part.**
- **Water users communities have a traditional and legal participatory role.**



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION UNDER THE EUROPEAN WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

- **ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT**
- **ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**
- **WIDESPREAD CONSULTATION**

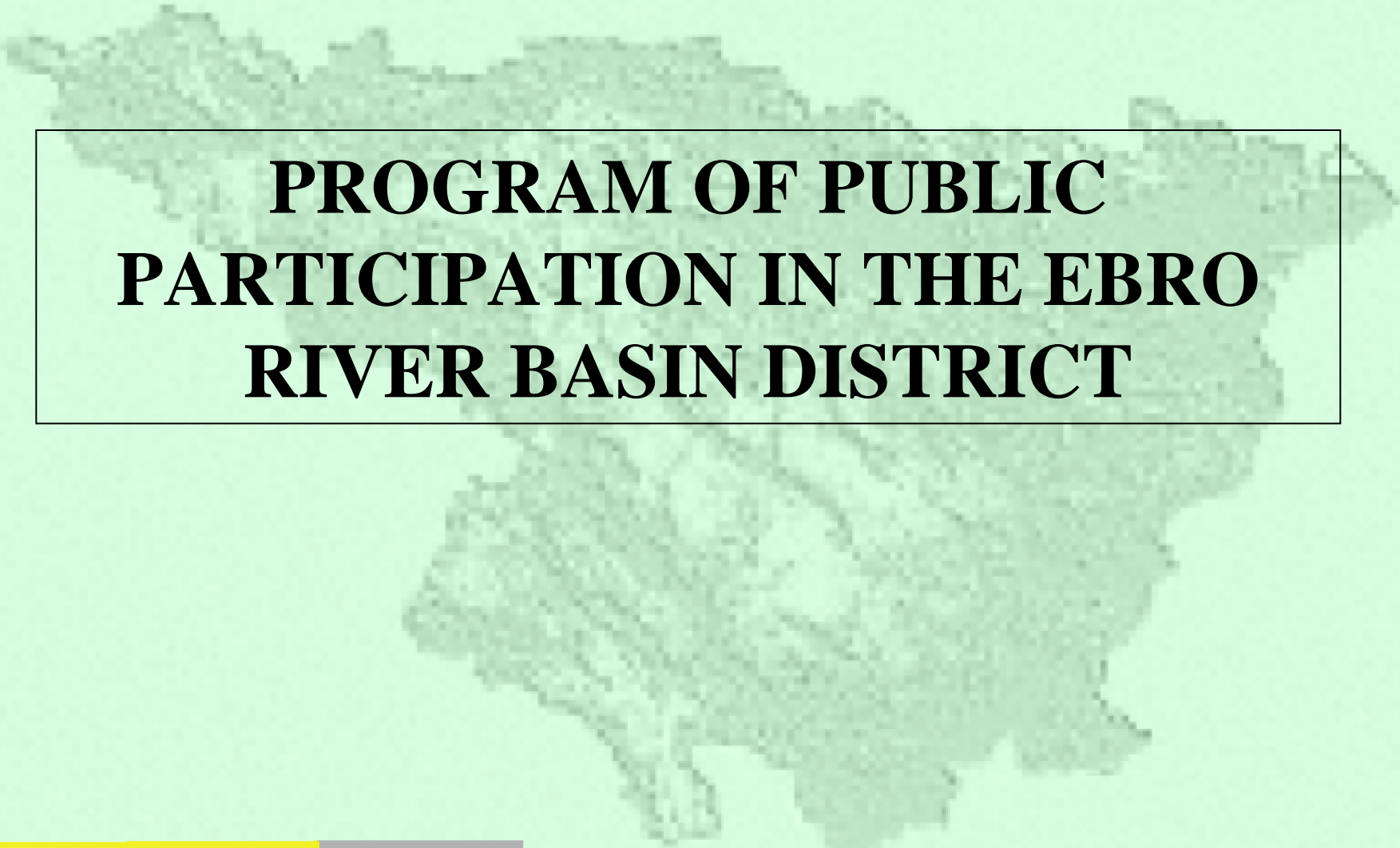
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Member States shall encourage the active involvement of all interested parties in the implementation of this Directive



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PROGRAM OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE EBRO RIVER BASIN DISTRICT



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1.- Implementation of the WATER DISTRICT COUNCIL and AUTHORITIES COMMISSION

Including representatives of:

- National Administration
- Regional Administration (Autonomous Communities)
- Water users
- Municipalities
- Environmentalists and civil society
- Coastal Authorities

Key for consultation but not enough to get active involvement



2.- District meetings with groups of stakeholders

- **Water Users (Industry, Irrigation)**
- **Environmentalists and civil society**
- **Universities and research centers**

Emission of reports by stakeholders with the support of the Ebro RBO

Active involvement in the debate on significant water management issues



Meeting with water reserchears within the Ebro basin – 19th February 2007



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3- A catchment approach

A “bottom-up” process – identification of measures not just on paper but on the ground with the affected people.

Diagnosis and meetings with stakeholders within the 30 major catchments within the Ebro District.

Active involvement in the identification of measures



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Meetings with stakeholders in Jalón catchment – April-May 2007