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SPI-Water

Project introduction

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What is SPI-Water ?



- SPI-Water = Science-Policy Interfacing in support of the Water Framework Directive implementation
- 6th Framework Programme (DG RTD)
- Objective = Enhancing progress with respect to a science-policy interface in support of the implementation of the WFD
- Start 1/11/2006 for 2 years

Partners



Partic. no.	Participant name	Partic. short name	Country
1	HydroScan	HydroScan	Belgium
2	QualityConsult - Associazione per lo Sviluppo Della Qualita Ambientale	QC	Italy
3	Rijksinstituut voor Integraal Zoetwaterbeheer en Afvalwaterbehandeling	RIZA	the Netherlands
4	Red Mediterranea de Organismos de Cuenca	MENBO	Spain
5	Environment Agency of England and Wales	UKEA	UK
6	XPRO Consulting Ltd	XPRO	Cyprus
8	National Technical University of Athens	NTUA	Greece
9	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	KUL	Belgium
10	Potsdam Institut fuer Klimafolgenforschung	PIK	Germany
11	Office International de l'EAU	OIEAU	France
12	2Mpact N.V.	2MPACT	Belgium
13	Aristotelio Panepistimio Thessalonikis	AUTh	Greece
14	WWF European Policy Programme	WWF	Italy
15	Litani River Authority	LRA	Lebanon
16	Agence de Bassin Hydraulique du Sebou	ABHS	Morocco

Partners



Objectives



- Analysis and evaluations of project that are of potential use for the WFD implementation (WP1)
- Making the information accessible through the Web Portal (WP2)
- Develop activities for facilitating the implementation of IWRM in non-EU countries (WP3, led by MENBO)
- Dissemination of the information in workshops by using of the Web Portal (WP4)

Project steps



1. Collection and selection of relevant projects for WFD
2. Evaluation of these projects
3. Enhancing the Harmoni-CA Web Portal with respect to information input and management
4. Selection and evaluation of basin specific information for the first case (Scheldt)
5. Uploading information in the Web Portal with respect to the first case
6. First workshop (Scheldt) for the evaluation of the concept
7. This process will be repeated for three more cases (Pinios, Sebou+Litani, Danube) and evaluated in workshops : in this way the Web Portal will iteratively grow in content and applicability

Project steps



8. This will lead at the end of the project to a Web Portal will all information on the evaluated projects
9. Procedures for sustainability will be worked out (e.g. document repository)
10. Parallel the needs for non-EU countries will be investigated
11. Using the Web Portal needs and solutions will be matched for non-EU countries
12. Further dissemination to other EU basins and non-EU countries will be carried out

Recap - project components



- Working Package 1 (WP1):
 - Collection and selection of projects
- Working Package 2 (WP2):
 - Improvement of WISE-RTD Web Portal and uploading of projects
- Working Package 3 (WP3):
 - Transferring knowledge to non EU countries
- Working Package 4 (WP4)
 - Dissemination of results
- Working Package 5 (WP5)
 - Administration

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Welcome to the WISE-RTD web portal

[Click here for explanation of the scheme below.](#)

Info type Geography Domain

News

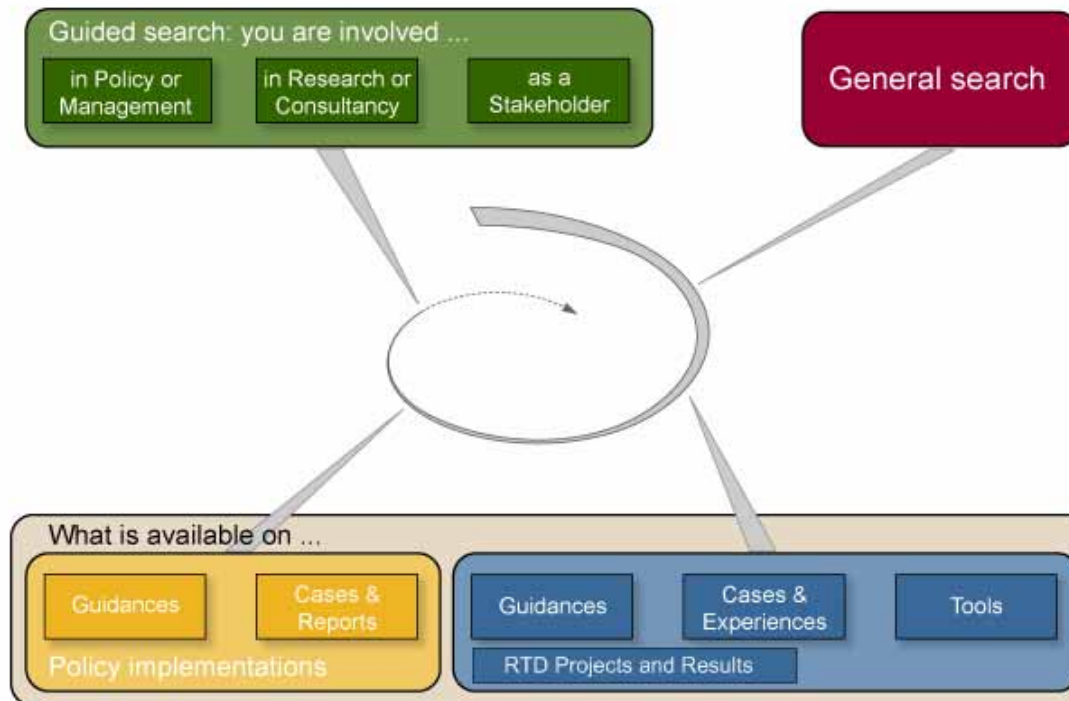
On March 22, during the European Water Conference in Brussels, WISE-RTD is launched as a branch of WISE. The SPI-Water Project has held a successful workshop on testing and dissemination of the WISE-RTD web-portal in the Scheldt riverbasin at May 23 in Brussels. For information [click here](#)

Upcoming

During the Harmoni-CA final Conference 25-27 September in Brussels, experiences with the WISE-RTD system will be presented in plenary sessions. During open workshops, all conference attendants may evaluate and experience the system.

The SPI-Water project will hold a WISE-RTD dissemination workshop in the Pinios basin Greece on Monday 22 of October. [Click here for more information.](#)

WPIS





Activities related to non-EU countries (WP3).....

Objectives WP3



- **Development of EU Water Initiative/WFD joint process activities for facilitating the implementation of IWRM principles focused on non-EU countries.**
 - To **review** water policy experiences in non-EU countries and to **compare** with the current WFD practices; to **perform** a need assessment of 2 Mediterranean river basins
 - To **study** the applicability of WFD practices to non-EU countries and to **identify** activities for facilitating its implementation in non-EU countries
 - To **disseminate** the obtained results to non-EU countries

What we did till now 1/2



- **Task 3.1: Bridging inputs and needs for non-EU countries**
 - Analysis of previous practices and initiatives for transferring knowledge on EU water management principles towards non-EU countries was carried out.
 - Report (D19)
 - Report to be further discussed and developed during task 3.3

What we did till now 2/2



- **Task 3.2: Detailed description of the selected river basins and identification of weaknesses**
 - Reports about the physical, climatic, biotic and administrative framework of the river basins and the status of IWRM implementation are prepared by Sebou (Morocco) and Litani (Lebanon) river basins
 - Special emphasis on weaknesses

Next steps ^{1/3}



- **Task 3.3: Matching with WFD RTD solutions to the river basins needs**
 - Do the link to those RTD projects that propose specific solutions to the identified problems of the river basins
 - Facilitating access to already available information of technical projects and identification of solutions which fit the needs
 - Workshop with non-EU countries

Next steps ^{2/3}



- **Task 3.4: Development of recommendations**
 - Creation of guidelines and recommendations for IWRM practices, based on the WFD implementation transfer process.

Next steps ^{3/3}



- **Additionally:**

The information exchange will be completed with a technical visit to EU countries

Project events



First workshops are held :

- Scheldt (May 2007), Pinios (October 2007), open workshop at Harmoni-CA conference (September 2007)

Next workshops :

- Sebou (February 2008), Danube (May 2008, in cooperation with ICPDR), non-EU countries (July 2008, Spain)

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