







# **EU WATER INITIATIVE**

International cooperation

– from knowledge to action

## WATER FOR LIFE

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## Outline

## Integrated water resource management

- Concept and it implementation
- EU Water Framework Directive
- EU Water Initiative
  - Transfer of knowledge
  - Experiences form EU research projects
- Human dimension and mobility in EU research and development – Marie Curie Actions



# Integrated Water Resource Management in Europe



## Water in crisis

- 2 billion people are affected by water shortages in over forty countries
- Minimum annual per capita water requirement of 1,700 cubic metres (m 3) of drinking water necessary for active and healthy life
- 1.1 billion do not have sufficient drinking water
- **2.4 billion** have no provision for sanitation
- by 2050 at least one in four people is likely to live in countries affected by chronic or recurring shortages of freshwater
- 2 million tons a day disposed of in water courses





## How fresh water is being used





Adapted from http://www.fao.org/ag/agl/aglw/WaterTour/index-t\_en.htm

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# The concept of IWRM

- **WRM** is a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources, in order to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems (Global Water Partnership, 2002),
- Sustainable development (Brundtland Commission, 1987) "development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs



- Freshwater is a finite and vulnerable resource, essential to sustain life, development and the environment;
- Water development and management should be based on a participatory approach, involving users, planners and policy-makers at all levels;
- Water has an economic value in all its competing uses, and should be recognised as an economic good;



# **Magical word "Integration"**

- different objectives, not mutually exclusive, such as economic efficiency and social acceptability;
- all water resources (surface water and groundwater; inland, estuaries and coastal waters) in holistic water management;
- water- and land-related issues;
- different types of water use (e.g. domestic, industrial, agricultural);
- all water users as well as others affected by water uses; and
- social, economic and ecological impacts of water policies alongside relevant legal and political factors at various spatial scales



## Cycle of the transition





Based on GWP Handbook http://www.gwpforum.org/gwp/library/Handbook.pdf

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## Institutionalisation of the concept

- United Nations Conference on the Human environment, Stockholm 1972
- United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata 1977
- International Conference on Water and the Environment, Dublin 1992
- United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro 1992
- World Water Council, 1996
- World Water Forum, 1997, 2000, 2003
- Global Water Partnership, 1996
- Stockholm Water Symposium, since 1992
- Wold Commission for Water in the 21th century
- United Nations Millennium Summit, New York 2000
- World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg 2002



## **Rising criticisms**

- Not definable and operational
- Evolving concept
- Imposes institutional changes, often accompanied by uncertainties and conflicts (institutional overplay)
- "The currency of pledges from the international community is by now so debased by non-delivery that it is widely perceived as worthless" (UN report, 2005),
- "The growth of disciplinary scientific methods and bodies of knowledge results in an increasing disunity that translates into a multitude of different yet equally legitimate scientific lenses for understanding and interpreting nature" (Sarewitz, 2004).



## Water Framework Directive (WFD)

- Directive EC 2000/60 establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy
- The Directive harmonises other EU environmental legislative
- Implementation schedule 2000 2015
- http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/waterframework/index en himi



# Eu transboundary catchments





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# Implementation obligation

- Legal transposition into national legislation
- Reporting of river basin districts and competent authorities
- Reporting of characterization and analysis on pressure, impacts and water uses
- Reporting of monitoring programmes
- Reporting of River Basin Management Plan including programme of measures



- River basin management and institutions
- Qualitative targets (ecological and chemical status)
- Measures to adopt to achieve the targets
- Public participation
- Economic tools such as cost recovery, pollutant pays principle, economic analysis of water uses
- Transboundary river management



# Planning cycle



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# EU WATER INITIATIVE (EUWI)

http://www.euwi.net/ http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/waterinitiative/index\_en.html



# Background

- Partnership and coordinated action among all actors in EU Member States and developing countries
- Launched during the World Summit on Sustainable Development to address the MDG:
  - Halving by 2015 the proportion of people without access to clean water and basic sanitation;
  - National integrated water resources management plans with due attention to river basin management and transboundary catchments, using 2005 as a landmark for reviewing progress



## **Research Component of the EUWI**

- The FP5 (1998-2002) 250 million Euro invested in 186 water related projects.
- The FP6 (2002-2006) more emphasis on whole water/sediment/soil systems and a number of human impacts on them, including erosion, loss of organic matter, contamination, sealing, compaction, salinisation, loss of biodiversity, vulnerability to floods and landslides.
- Transfer of knowledge is supported by twinning European/third countries river basins





## **Evolution of the research topics**

- 2001 — 2002 — 2003 — 2004 — 2005 — 2006 — 2007 ►

Generic DSS for the WFD implementation MULINO-DSS

**TRANSCAT-DSS** DSS for transboundary water management

**NOSTRUM-DSS** DSS in Mediterranean countries

**DSS GUIDE** Success and Failure of DSS

**NEWATER** Adaptive DSS



# **Steps of decision analysis**



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# **Traditional DSS areas**



## **Focus of recent developments**



## **MULINO-DSS**





## Framework for participatory model building - NetSyMod





# Variety of methodological approach





# **Coupling the DSS with other systems**



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# Human dimension and mobility in EU research and development MARIE CURIE ACTIONS

http://cordis.europa.eu.int/fp6/mobility.htm



## **Marie Curie Actions**

- Part of the Specific Programme for "Structuring the European Research Area"
- A coherent set of actions, largely based on the financing of structured mobility schemes for researchers.





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# A set of actions

## Marie Curie Host-driven Actions

- Research Training Networks
- Host Fellowships for Early Stage Research Training
- Host Fellowships for the Transfer of Knowledge
- Conferences and Training Courses
- Marie Curie Individual-driven Actions
  - Intra-European Fellowships
  - Outgoing International Fellowships
  - Incoming International Fellowships



## A set of actions

## Marie Curie Excellence Promotion and Recognition

- Excellence Grants
- Excellence Awards
- Chairs

## Marie Curie Return and Reintegration Mechanisms



## Number of applications and success rate

### Marie Curie Actions in 2003

Marie Curie Action		Proposals submitted	Eligible	Selected	Success rate
Early stage training					
Early stage training sites	EST	741	706	47	6,7%
Training networks	RTN	336	326	41	12,6%
Scientific conferences	SCF/LCF	347	316	31	9,8%
Transfer of knowledge (Host fellowship)	TOK IAP	33	30	13	43,3%
	TOK DEV	218	190	73	38,4%
Advanced training (Individual fellowships)					
Intra-european	EIF	1877	1672	394	23,6%
International outgoing	OIF	287	239	42	17,6%
International incoming	IIF	437	363	56	15,4%
Excellence measures					
Excellence teams	EXT	210	195	18	9,2%
Chairs	EXC	43	36	11	30,6%
Awards	EXA	87	84	5	6,0%
Re-integration measures					
European	ERG	126	120	113	94,2%
International	IRG	42	40	35	87,5%
Total Marie Curie Actions	Total	4784	4301	874	20,30%



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## For more information see ...

http://europa.eu.int/comm/r esearch/fp6/mariecuriections/indexhtm en.html

Marie Curie **Actions Website** 



This website provides an overview of the training, mobility and career development opportunities covered under the EU's Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) for R&D. These opportunities are open to researchers of all ages and levels of experience regardless of nationality, and are one of the most visible means of developing and enhancing human resources in the European Research Area (ERA).

### Events

Marie Curie Awards 2005 09 December 2005 - Dublin, the 9 by December 2003 - Dublin, the home of roving Irish laureates, played host to laureates of a different sort: the five winners of this year's Marie Curie Awards for mobile research excellence. Researchers 16 December 2005, Brussels -France's largest research organisation will commit itself to implementing the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for their Retruitment in a ceremony attended by Commissioner Janez Potočnik. Is there a European Urain dealing' Dotion more for 2 a European labour market 28 October 2005 - Call for proposals open until 12 December 9

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14 December 2005, Brussels - The briefing will highlight the measures put in place to support researchers in Europe and to attract researchers from last update: 12-12-2005



### Sixth Framework Programme

• Europe4Researchers, the newsletter about career development opportunities for researchers in the ERA.

 European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers.

 Consult CORDIS website for information on the progress of calls and the status of proposals, as well as guidance on how to apply, and how to manage your project.

• Visit the "Marie Curie Funding **Opportunities Search Tool**" for fellowship vacancies or funding opportunities for attending conferences and training courses.

 Other research opportunities available on the European Researcher's Mobility porta



## For more information see

http://europa.eu.int/eracare ers/index en.cfm?l1=16&C FID=1709134&CFTOKEN= 6f60ba7c2788d208-2860882C-F96F-71F3-2BF23DDD7CB256FC

**European Researcher's** Mobility portal







## **Marie Curie Fellowship Association**

## Status

- An organisation of the current and former MC Fellows
- An international, non-profit organisation under Belgian law
- A multi- and interdisciplinary network of scientists

## AIMS

- to help advance science in Europe
- to be the voice of young scientists in Europe
- to encourage contacts/collaboration
- to foster a sense of European identity



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