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The EU Water Initiative

Water for Life

**Health, Livelihoods, economic development,
peace and security**

Implementing the programme of action of WSSD



Before WSSD



● Political/policy processes

○ international cooperation

- EC Communication and EU Council Resolution on water management in development cooperation
- Priority theme for WSSD - inputs from Bonn Conference

○ within EU - Water Framework Directive

○ Partnerships with stakeholders



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Water at WSSD



- Adoption of a sanitation target, complementing the MDG on water
- Launch of EU Water Initiative
- Signing of a new Africa - EU strategic partnership on water affairs and sanitation
- Agreement with 12 countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia



Objectives



- **Raise political awareness**
 - **Reinforce political commitment to action**
 - **Contribute to the achievement of targets on water and sanitation, integrated water resources management, biodiversity**
 - **Promote new partnerships, involving all stakeholders**
 - **Improved efficiency through co-ordination**
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Activities



- **Platform for co-ordination of existing and future activities**
- **Make water governance effective, by building institutional capacity, providing expertise and knowledge, promoting stakeholder involvement**
- **Identify additional financial resources and mechanisms and ensure sustainable financing**
- **Support regional and sub-regional co-operation and action programs to stimulate sustainable development and conflict prevention**



Modular Approach

Initial regional components

- Africa
- Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Further regional components

- Mediterranean
- South America

Horizontal components

- Finance
 - Research
 - Monitoring, Reporting
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Thematic focus

- **Water supply and sanitation, with a focus on access to rural and peri-urban poor**
- **Integrated Water Resources Management**
 - establishment of national plans
 - management of transboundary river basins and other water bodies



Financial strategy

- **Increase efficiency of ODA, as a catalyst**
- **Promote sector and budget support**
- **Promote cost recovery policies which are sensitive to the poor**
- **Develop innovative and sustainable financial mechanisms and attract additional financial resources**

The EU spends 1.4 billion each year on water related development aid and is ready to deliver additional resources according to the Monterrey commitment



Research component

- Within the 6th Framework Programme International Research in Water can be funded both within the Thematic Priorities as well as the International Co-operation (INCO)
- Mapping of the EU scientific co-operation programmes on water-related aspects to implement global co-ordination and improve efficiency in the use of available resources.
- Interface with the result of the Regional Working groups.
- Identify ways to reinforce existing strategic partnerships and create new ones.
- Identify overlaps, potential synergies and the gaps, in order to better co-ordinate the European efforts and to streamline them along the main priorities of the EU Water Initiative.



Road Map (1)

- **Design phase - 2003**

- **Engagement at country/regional level, building on ownership of developing countries, to identify and initiate priority actions**
- **Establish/support multi-stakeholder processes to involve private sector and civil society**
- **Move towards sector support in countries where water is a focal area of EU development cooperation**



Road Map (2)

- Promote water as a central issue of poverty reduction strategies (PRSPs)
- Develop a financial strategy
- Research programme
- Monitoring mechanism and communication strategy
- Inputs into the 3d World Water Forum

to be followed by the Implementation phase