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Promoting Twinning of River Basins for Developing Integrated Water Resources Management Practices





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### Objective :

Developing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) good practices, by focusing on Human Resources Development in Basin Organisations

#### Means:

Promotion of Twinning agreements between Basin Org. and support of joint activities for HRD

# Why :

Support for implementation of Water Framework
Directive and European Water Initiative « Water for Life »



#### Activities :

▶ Think Tank for fruitful twinning between members

(Model agreements, type of activities, reporting, ...)

- Promotion of twinning North-South, S-S, N-I (Partner search facility, ...)
- Support for peer-to-peer exchanges and staff mobility (hands-on periods in sister- organisation)



#### Activities :

- Bottom-up identification and promotion of practices (hands-on reporting, community exchanges, web seminars, ...)
  - Dissemination of research outcomes (web seminars, community exchanges, ...)



# Description

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as voluntary commitment to participate to the exchanges
- Creation of working groups among participants (Special Interest Groups - SIGs) for production of guidelines, white papers and models



# Description

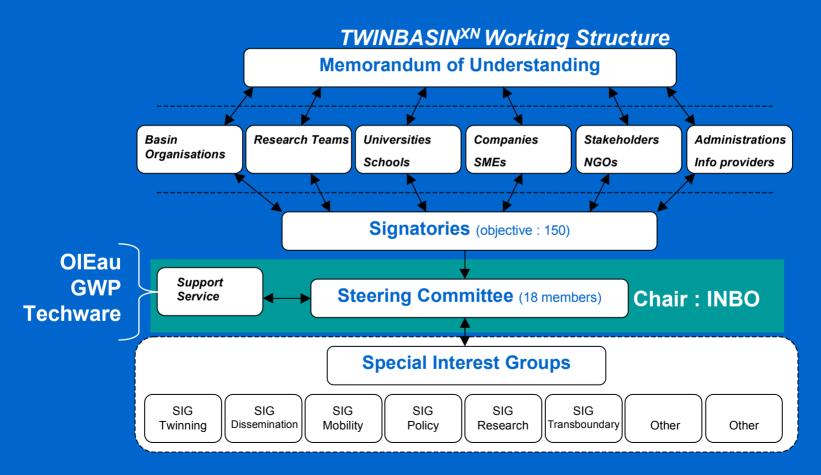
- Implementation of an IT infrastructure for communication and knowledge management
- Supply of grants for supporting staff mobility



#### Partners

- International Network of Basin Organisations
- Office International de l'Eau Agence de l'Eau Seine Normandie (France)
- Confederacion Hidrografica del Jucar MENBO (Spain)
- Global Water Partnership (Sweden)
- Techware Hydrocontrol (Italy)
- AWIRU Université de Pretoria (South Africa)
- National Water Authority OVF (Hungary)
- Interstate Coordination Water Commission Aral Sea (Uzbekistan)
- Jara Tirta I Corporation (Indonesia)
- African Network of Basin Organisations ANBO (Africa Niger)
- Basin Agency Algerois Hodna Soumman (Algeria)
- Hydraulic Basin Agency Sebou (Morocco)
- Organisation pour le Mise en Valeur du Senegal (Senegal)
- Comision Nacional del Agua (Mexico)
- Apele Romane (Romania)
- Secretaria de Recursos Hidricos Ministerio do Meio Ambiente (Brazil)







# Special Interest Groups - SIGs

- SIG Twinning
- SIG Mobility
- SIG Dissemination
- SIGs on IWRM topics: to come later to promote the exchanges on the practices identified in BO-members



# Facts and figures

- A core group of 17 participants as the Steering Committee of the project
- Participation to the SIGs : open to all MoU signatories objective = 150 members



# Facts and figures

- Boosting at least 25 to 30 agreements based on SIG recommendations during the 4-year project
- Mobility grants for at least 60 staff members during periods of 1 week - 2 months (120 man-months) open to BO - MoU signatories
- Link with other twinning-related FP6 projects (cluster)



- Duration: 4 years (2004-2007)
- Budget: EUR 900.000

From which Grants for mobility: average of EUR 1.000 for travel and EUR 70 as per diem: EUR 312.800

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#### State of work

- Finalisation of the Description of Work (DoW) and signature of the contract with EC
- Signature of the Consortium Agreement
- Election of the first SIG chairs: twinning, mobility, dissemination



#### State of work

- Writing of quality procedures and IT specifications
- Implementation of the IT infrastructure (on going)
- Inception of SIGs exchanges
- Leaflet and web site design



# First pilot twinning agreements to be supported on very coming weeks (January 2005)

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