TOWARDS WORLD WATER SOLUTIONS

Europe Region Preparatory Process

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

World Water Council

International Forum Committee - IFC

French National Committee

Political Process Commission

Regional Process Commission

Thematic Process Commission

Promotion, Events Commission

6th Forum Secretariat
Cross-continental Targets may result in additional regions (e.g. water scarcity discussed at Mediterranean level)
Proposed agenda for Regional process

Toward concrete, SMART & WISE solutions!

- Q3 2010
  - Kick-off meeting
  - Definition of Regions
  - Regional coordinator CfP publication
  - SMARTer & WISEr Targets
  - Selection of Regional coordinators

- Q4 2010
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- Q1 2011
  - Target coord. CfP
  - WISE approach for each Target
  - Consolidation of Targets by Region

- Q2 2011

- Q3 2011

- Q4 2011

- Q1 2012
  - Input into the Political Process pre-coms
  - WWF Marseille
GEOGRAPHICAL FRAMEWORK

*The European process concerns:*

- the European Union, Norway and Swiss,
- the Balkans,
- Eastern Europe,
- the Caucasus,
- Russian Federation...

*In general all countries adhering to the UNECE Convention of 1992.*

- Central Asia, when concern....
European Process,
To facilitate the European process of the WWF6, a “coordination consortium” has been created.

The key relevant European networks invited to participate and play an active role....
THEMATICAL FRAMEWORK

3 strategic directions

1. Ensure everyone's well being
   - Guarantee access to water services for all and the Right to Water
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2. Contribute to economic development
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12 key priorities for water action

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Specific Europe Region Priority Targets and Solutions Groups

12 Targets for European Region

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1. Improve transboundary cooperation in Europe

Implementation of the UNECE 1992 “Helsinki” Water Convention

Specificity of the implementation of the EUWFD in International Districts

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2. Achieve a good ecological status of European water bodies by 2015

Full implementation of the EUWFD its daughter Directives on groundwater, marine water and flood management
3. Adapt to long term Water challenges linked with Climate Change and prevent extreme phenomena

- Prevention and management of flood risk
- Prevention & management of water scarcity and drought risk
- Demand management, non conventional resources...
- Measures for adaptation to the effects of CCC, such as green infrastructures ...

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4. Reform the EU CAP and better balance policy between the goals of Food Security and Sustainable Water Management

- Irrigation demand management
- Diffuse Pollution, discharge of breeding farms
- Inland Fish farming
- Sustainable agricultural techniques
- Water Footprints, virtual Water and transfers
5. Promote better coordination between transport and water policies in relation with inland navigation in Europe
6. Develop new knowledge & know-how on river hydro-morphology, restoration and protection of ecosystems

- Integration of aquatic ecosystem conservation in Land planning and other territorial policies
- Share experience on the local implementation of restoration
- Reinforce public education on ecosystems, preservation and restoration
- Improve the link between tourism development and quality of water ecosystems
7. Improve EU drinking water & sanitation services

- Give access to drinking water and sanitation services for the European underprivileged populations
- Better manage drinking WS & sanitation utilities in Europe
- Promote “PPP”, affordable water pricing, industrial & commercial management, etc...

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8. Better coordinate Water and sustainable Energy policies

- **Hydropower**
- **Cooling of nuclear and thermal power plants, micro-power plants**
- **Energy saving in collective irrigation, in drinking water supply and sanitation networks ...**

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9. Adapt Water management to the specificities of European outermost Regions

The case of European “Islands - basins”
10. Reinforce competences of water professionals and public awareness

- Professional training in water (basic and continuing training)
- Education of youth, grand public, communication,

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11. Promote technology innovation, “Science - policy” interface and dialogue between researchers and water managers
12. Develop European cooperation with Third Countries in the water field

- Better coordinate cooperation initiative among Europe actors
- Increase human & financial means for cooperation programmes
- Reinforce EU neighbouring cooperation with Balkans, EECCA, Mediterranean

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Regional preparatory events

Regional events

- Central and Eastern Europe and Balkans: (Bulgaria - Plovdiv, (20 - 23 March 2011)
- International Istanbul Water Forum (Turkey - Istanbul, (03 -05 May 2011)
- Central Asia, jointly with the Central Asia specific sub-regional process Coordinator (Tashkent - Uzbekistan, 10-12 May 2011),
- Euro-Mediterranean countries (Porto, 27-30 September 2011)
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2 or 3 more to be identified in order to cover:

- **Caucasus**: the meeting is being under preparation, most probably in Georgia?

- **The Russian Federation** (to be confirm by the Federal Ministry of Natural Resources Water Department)

- **The European Outermost Regions** (to be confirmed by Guadeloupe or Martinique region)

- Meeting organized by the European Parliament Intergroup for Water
Regional preparatory events

Side events during several key conferences

- Conference « Futures of European Waters » - 23 - 25 March 2011 Budapest – Hungary
- Working Group on IWRM of UNECE Water Convention - 4-5 May 2011 Geneva, Switzerland
- Stockholm Water Week - 21 - 27 August 2011 Sweden
- 7th UNECE Ministerial Conference «Environment for Europe» - 21 - 23 September 2011 Astana, Kazakhstan
- Amsterdam Water Week, 29 October - 4 November 2011

- Other official meetings organized within the EU Presidency by Hungary, Poland and Denmark governments
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European process Web site:

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