EU Water Initiative

Lessons learnt and possible orientations for the future

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The EUWI EECCA experience: Lessons Learnt (I)

- Build a broad constituency: out of water, across public bodies
- Explore policy options and build capacities: water use, allocation within/between countries
- Factor-in financial sustainability in the design, explore all financial sources
- Manage the political process: political commitment, incentives, reforms
The EUWI EECCA experience: Lessons Learnt (II)

A successful NPD requires:

– National ownership – National champion, CSO

– Involvement of Ministry of Finance

– Integration into existing policy processes (budget formulation)

– Credible methodology, robust data, understandable and accessible analytical tools

– Stakeholders’ involvement, interest and trust

– Environmental performance review prior to the NPD (identify the most appropriate topics)
Provisional Framework for a 2nd Generation EUWI

- ‘Second Generation’ – a renewal of EUWI
- Niche and Comparative Advantage
- Thematic focus on Water for Growth and Development
- Accompanying measures
Second Generation – a renewal of EUWI

- Extension of original timeline beyond 2015 to 2025
- Renew the political mandate from EU/EC institutions
- Proposed renewal of objectives
- Positive communication ‘campaign’
Comparative advantage and Thematic focus

- Greater aid effectiveness – EUWI a political initiative, not a financing instrument
- EU Code of Conduct on Complementarity and Division of Labour in Development Assistance
- Alignment with evolving EU Development Policy around growth and development
- Thematic focus on Water for Growth & Development
- Regional prioritization – response to regional political agendas
Accompanying Measures (1)

i) New Funding Model
   • Multi-Donor Trust Fund (pooling mechanism)
   • ENRTP Thematic support
   • Other sources

ii) Reformed EUWI Governance
   • Governing Council composed of EU and Developing Country political representatives
   • A wider Multi-Stakeholder processes
   • Reform of geo scope of EUWI Regional WGs
   • Central Secretariat
Accompanying Measures (2)

iii) Member States Expert Task Force

- ‘Internal’ EU platform for dialogue
- Increase coherence and complementarity with Member States’ own decentralised aid architecture
- Feedback to Member States’ political representation

iv) Communication and “Flagship” programmes

- Principles, means, from Communication Strategy
- Production of core ‘flagship’ products (Regular, Annual, 3–yearly)
Thank you for your attention