



European Regional Coordination fifth World Water Forum

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European Water Partnership

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Independent, non-profit organisation helping to coordinate initiatives and activities in international water issues and undertaking worldwide promotion of European expertise related to water

- **Aquawareness**

- **European Regional Coordination fifth World Water Forum Istanbul**






EWP history and mission

The **European Water Partnership** is an open forum for

- ◆ Private sector,
- ◆ Government bodies (regional, national and local),
- ◆ Knowledge institutes,
- ◆ Financial sector and,
- ◆ NGOs

aiming to find innovative solutions for the water challenges in wider Europe and the rest of the World and to stimulate innovative partnerships.

History:

- ◆ Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform
 - ◆ European Regional Process for the 4th World Water Forum
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Objectives (1)

- Putting water on the **mainstream political and business agenda's**
- **Increasing and developing co-operation** between all stakeholders
- **Promoting:**
 - Innovation
 - European expertise
 - Achievement of MDG's and Horizon 2020
 - New procurement approaches



Objectives (2)

- Mobilise **funding** for innovative water solutions
- Supporting effective implementation of European **legislation**
- Building a **reference base of projects** with tangible examples, and visible user impact



Membership


- Broad representation: currently over **50 members**
- **Benefits** of Membership of the European Water Partnership:
 - ◆ Network and knowledge
 - ◆ Involvement in policymaking and legislation
 - ◆ Participation in European initiatives and projects
 - ◆ Demonstration of commitment to addressing the water crisis
 - ◆ Broadening of sector boundaries



Activities 2008

In 2008 a major part of the work of the EWP will be dedicated to two main strands of activities: **Aquawareness** and the European regional coordination for the fifth **World Water Forum**.

Other activities include:

- Water for Energy, Energy for Water
 - Cooperation with European Institutions (EC, EP)
 - Establishing project initiatives (Fp7, Interreg, Life+)
 - Life+ proposal: BarEaUmeter
 - European Policy Summit on water
 - Media: European Water News and Blue Gold
 - Etc.
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World Water Forum



- Fifth World Water Forum, Istanbul 2009: **“Bridging divides for Water”**
- Political, thematic and regional processes
 - thematic process: 100 key questions
 - political process: “Water management adaptation strategies for global changes, including climate variability and change”
 - EWP appointed **European Regional Coordinator**





Themes World Water Forum

Providing Water for Sustainable Development

- Global Changes and Risk Management
- Advancing Human Development and the MDG's
- Managing and Protecting Water Resources and their Supply Systems

Enabling Mechanisms for Development

- Governance and Management
- Finance
- Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building

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European Regional Process

Goals regional process:

- **Developing themes** in a regional context, follow up on themes fourth World Water Forum, focusing also on Eastern Europe.
 - Bringing together an inclusive **European consortium**, including business
 - Connecting **European Politicians** to the Forum.
 - Organising the **European session** and the “**European Water House**”
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First meeting European Regional Process, 27 February

- Identification of **themes**, relevant for Europe
- Identification of **organisations** willing to work on these themes

- **Themes:**
 - ◆ Future of Water
 - ◆ Climate Change and Adaptation
 - ◆ Water for Energy, Energy for Water
 - ◆ Finance
 - ◆ Sanitation
 - ◆ Water Scarcity and Droughts
 - ◆ Water Science and Technologies
 - ◆ Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation

Regional thematic consortia

- **For each of the themes a thematic consortium has been set up**
 - ◆ Current status, challenges and recommendations to address these challenges
 - ◆ Political resolutions
 - ◆ Focusing discussions in Europe, bringing together initiatives and stakeholders
- **Outputs Regional Process**
 - ◆ European Regional Document
 - ◆ European Regional Session
 - ◆ Thematic Sessions
 - Launch of call for contributions expected 15 June



European Regional Process

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Important dates

- **Launch call for contributions:** 15 June
- **Second meeting European Regional Process:** 8 July, Zaragoza (tbc)
- **High-level European Summit (EP, Brussel):** 15 October (tbc)

