International Commission of the Scheldt (ICS)

The PO valley compares itself with the Scheldt district
5th WWF-Istanbul
18/03/2009
TRUST

- Water and conflicts

Water for peace
2 treaties
1994-2002
KNOWLEDGE of each other context
KNOWLEDGE of stresses

PO & SCHELDE:
highest density of population in Europe:
>550 inhab/km²

Renewable water ressources
Schelde: weak yet 200 days of rain!
### POLITICS: local specificities

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SCALE: local or global?

Kingdom of Belgium

1 Federal state
3 regions
3 communauties

A river basin = ?

- 1 hydrographic land
- A few parties
- A few transboundary regions
- A part of national water policy
SERVICE

Coordination asks additional work!

Welcome the experts!

Be a forum, not another Party!

Lets be attractive
NETWORK of experts

Coordination is first of all a human matter

Multiply the chances to exchange...
& to get friend!

Distribute informations
Do not find it!
BRING ADDED VALUE!

Exchange of experiences
Exchanges of ideas
Exchange of methods
Double-check
emulation

Quick improvement
new ideas
Methods’ improvement
reliability
More solutions to problems
Better national results
Some prospective

Key performance indicators
Development of indicators for a good integrated river basin governance (Académie de l’eau/mediet,DREAL, Agence de l’Eau Artois-Picardie)

Transboundary groundwater management
need for tools for sustainable transboundary management of groundwater in matter of quantity, quality and effects on surface water (BRGM, Université de Mons, symposium of Tournai 9/02/07, daughter directive, project Unesco convention);

Urban rainwater management (Brussels “plan pluie”)
Sediment reduction through sediments’ traps (VMM),

...
Questions?

The International Commission of the Scheldt thanks you for your attention

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