



# JOINT MANAGEMENT OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES

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# Finland - the land of waters:

- 187 888 lakes
- 314 000 km of shoreline
- 178 947 islands
- 22 085 springs
- 647 rivers
- Water resources:
  - 21 000 m<sup>3</sup>/a capita



# LONG TRADITION IN TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT

- Active involvement in drawing up global rules for management of transboundary waters
- The Finnish-Russian agreement dates back to 1964, the joint commission has been working for more than forty years
- The Finnish-Norwegian commission has been pioneering in transboundary IWRM with the first plan drawn up already in 1990



# According to our experience:

- A firm legal and institutional base is necessary
  - well-functioning agreements and joint bodies
- Long-term commitment of cooperating institutions
- Cooperation should be developed at all levels
  - National, regional, local







*Thank you!*

