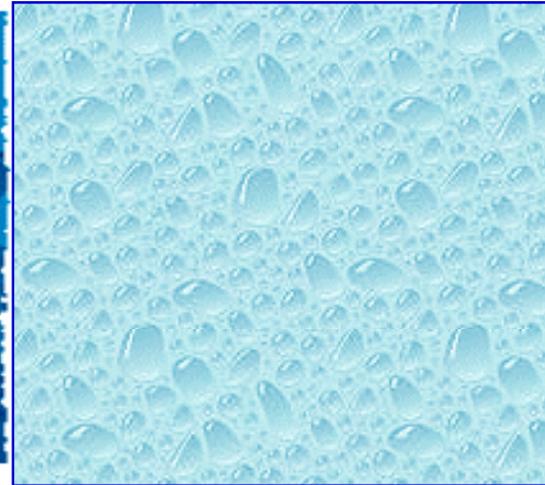




WATER for Life



The scale of the challenges means that 'business as usual' is not an option. The Initiative therefore aims to promote co-operation and partnerships between science, public, non-governmental and private actors in Europe and partner countries and regions in other parts of the world with a view to achieving the water-related objectives of the Millennium Development Goals.

European Union WATER INITIATIVE

Scientific communities worldwide are called to participate actively in identifying societal problems and addressing them through research. In order to develop a shared vision across societies, policies and their implementation instruments, this web site offers a wide range of information on results of scientific co-operation within Europe and jointly with partner countries and regions. It provides a platform for exchanging ideas from knowledge to action.

Sylvie Detoc, European Commission



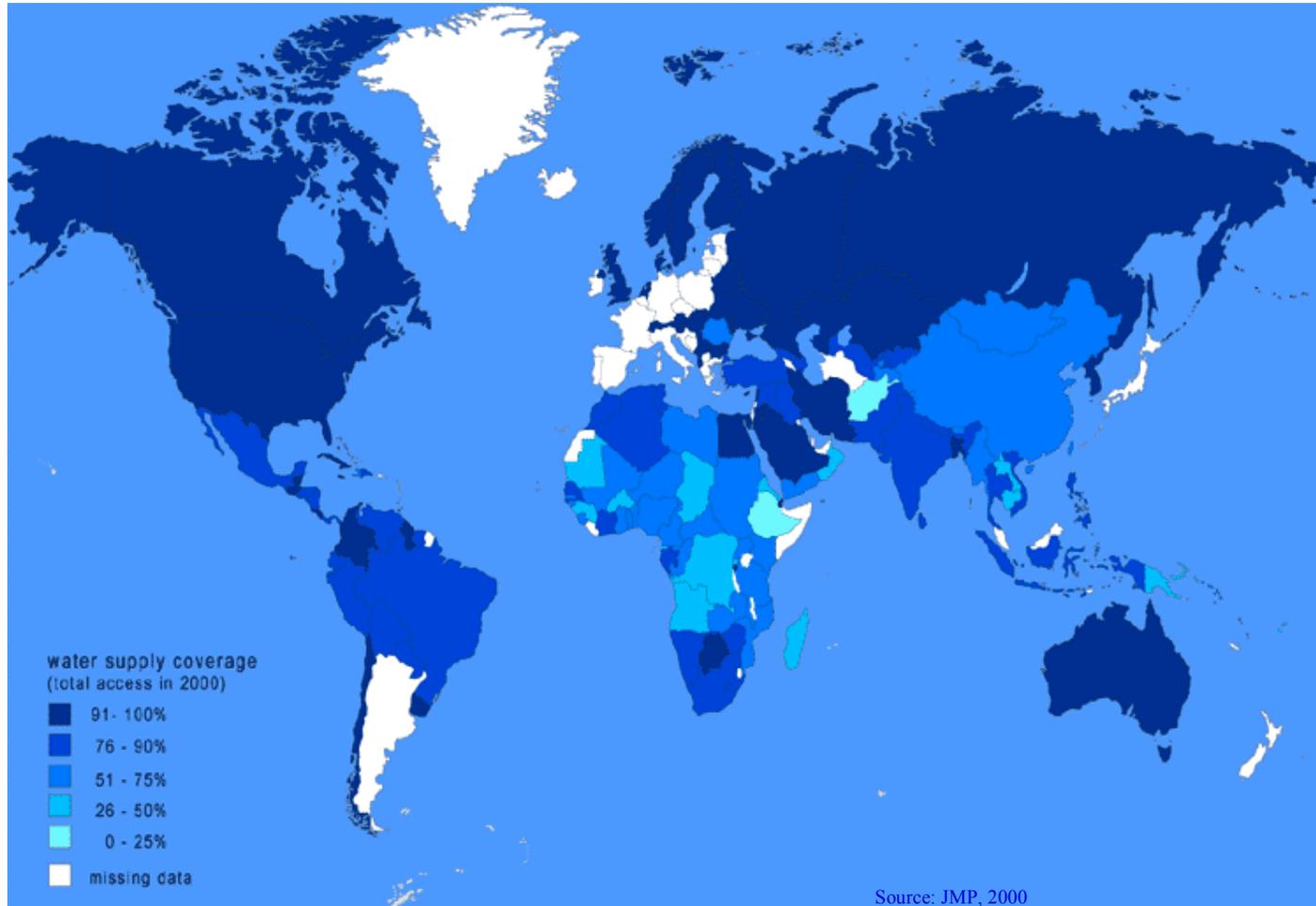
THE WATER CHALLENGES

● The Millennium Development Goals

- Reduce from 1.2 billion people with no safe water supply to 600 million by 2015
 - Every day until 2015, an extra 120 000 people should receive drinking water
- Reduce from 2.4 billion people without sanitation to 1.2 billion by 2015
 - Every day until 2015, an extra 240 000 people should be provided with sanitation

⇒ *Interaction with Health, Education, rural & urban development*

● Ensure a balance between human needs and those of Environment





EU POLICY BACKGROUND

- **Council Resolution, May 2002**
 - **“Communication on Water Management in Developing countries”**
 - Good governance, political & sectoral reforms ...
 - Partnerships between public, private & civil society
- **Launching of the EU Water Initiative at WSSD, Johannesburg, Sept. 2002**
 - Signing of a new Africa-EU Strategic partnership on waters affairs and sanitation
 - Agreement with 12 countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- **World Water Forum, Kyoto, May 2003**
 - Confirmation of political commitment to achieve MDGs
 - Emphasis on financial needs (Panel on Financing)



KEY ELEMENTS OF THE EUWI



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- Reinforce political commitment to action
 - Improved efficiency through co-ordination of existing and future activities
 - Make water governance effective, by building institutional capacity, providing expertise and knowledge, promoting new partnerships, involving all stakeholders
 - Support regional co-operation and action programs to stimulate sustainable development and conflict prevention
 - Identify additional financial resources and mechanisms and ensure sustainable financing
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PRINCIPLES OF THE EUWI

- **“Platform to co-ordinate & streamline existing and future activities”**
 - **Partnership, Multistakeholder process including MS, IFIs, NGOs, Private sector**
- **Modular approach ⇒ Regional Components**
- **Cross cutting issues**



Modular Approach - Structure

● Regional Components:

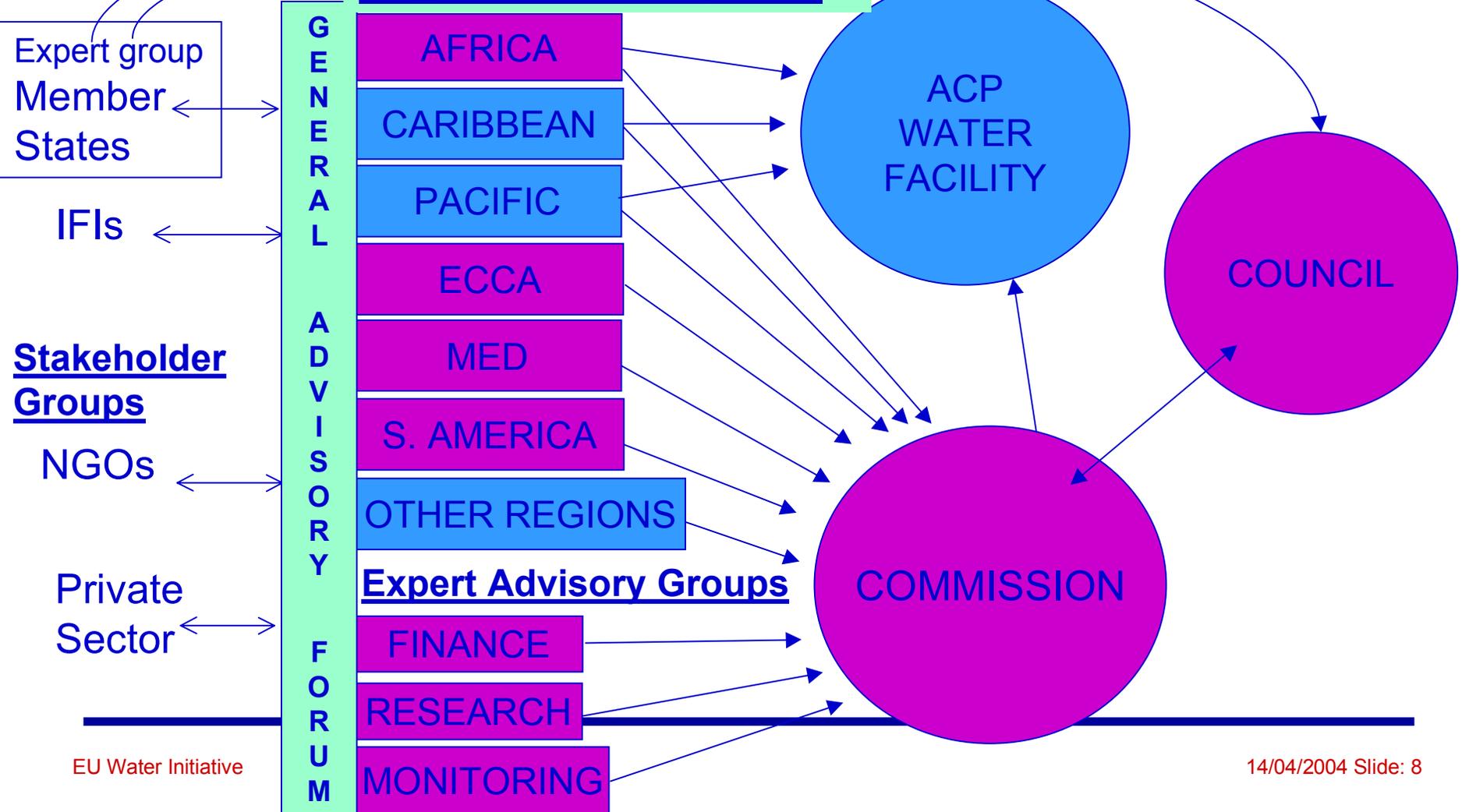
- Africa : DK, F leaders
- EECCA : DK leader
- Mediterranean : EL leader
- Latin America : E, P leaders

● Cross-cutting Components:

- Finance : UK leader
- Research : DGRTD leader
- Monitoring



Multistakeholder Regional Advisory Fora





Thematic focus

Contribute to the achievement of MDGs and WSSD targets on

- Water supply and sanitation, with a focus on access to rural and peri-urban poor
- Integrated Water Resources Management
 - establishment of national plans
 - management of transboundary river basins and other water bodies



Taking the initiative forward

- **Engagement at country/regional level, building on ownership of developing countries, to identify and initiate priority actions**
- **Promote water as a central issue of poverty reduction strategies (PRSPs)**
- **Establish/support multi-stakeholder processes to involve private sector and civil society**
- **Reinforced coordination - Move towards sector support**
- **Development of a Financial strategy**



The Financial Challenge

Many estimates of financing needs with differing assumptions and conclusions, roughly:

Spend US\$ bn / year	WS&S	All water sectors
Current spend	15	80
Cost of achieving MDGs	30	180

⇒ A doubling of expenditure is needed



Financial strategy

The EU is a major donor in water related development aid and is ready to deliver additional resources according to the Monterrey commitment

More resources are needed to achieve MDGs :

Key conclusions from report of Financial component - and from 'Panel on Financing Water Infrastructure'

- **Increase efficiency of ODA, as a catalyst**
- **Develop innovative financial mechanisms to leverage additional financial resources**



European Commission



EU Water Facility

**Proposal from European Commission to EU
Member States and ACP partners to use
significant resources**

**1 billion €
from the European Development Fund**



Key principles : Ownership

Build on

- **Political commitment : NEPAD, AMCOW, Africa/EU strategic partnership on water and sanitation,...**
 - **Water and sanitation in PRSPs**
 - **Effective water governance, involving all stakeholders**
 - **National and regional water policies**
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Key principles : Innovation



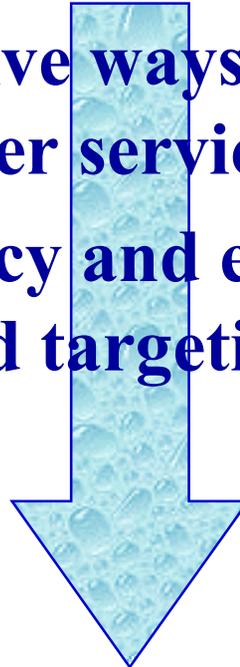
- **Leverage effect - Optimal use of ODA :**
 - **Seed capital to prepare projects and develop the enabling environment for future investment : technical assistance, capacity building, support for institutional and regulatory reform**
 - **Creative combination of grants and other sources to fund basic infrastructure**
- **New partnerships between communities, NGOs, public and private sector**



As a conclusion...

Opportunity and challenge

- develop innovative ways of delivering appropriate water services to the poor
- improve efficiency and effectiveness in coordinating and targeting assistance



Need to move forward, quickly



Thank you for your attention



Johannesburg - Kyoto

WSSD

- Adoption of a sanitation target, complementing the MDG on water
- Launch of **EU Water Initiative**
- Signing of a new **Africa - EU strategic partnership on water affairs and sanitation**

World Water Forum

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