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Basin fundamentals

Basins are the natural territories in which water flows – on the soil or in the sub-soil – and are independent of the national or administrative boundaries or limits crossed.

Conjunctive uses and management of water systems should be organized on the scale at which these natural systems occur – and are used for human activities - at the basin level.
What do we consider as a Basin?

For the purpose of the working group the concept includes all Surface and Groundwater.
The geographic extent of a basin will determine the mix of actors for management activities: local, national and/or international organizations.
Could we say that water resources management would be organized:

1) on the scale of local, national or transboundary basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers;

2) with a joint management of surface and groundwaters,

3) based on integrated information systems, allowing knowledge on resources and their uses, polluting pressures, ecosystems and their functioning, the follow-up of their evolutions and risk assessment,

4) with a set of indicators to follow progresses and to facilitate comparisons,
5) based on management plans or master plans that define the medium and long-term objectives to be achieved: “the share vision of the future”;

6) through the development of Programs of Measures and multiyear priority investments;

7) with the mobilization of specific financial resources, “OECD 3T”;
   If possible based on the « polluter-pays » principle and « user-pays » systems;

8) with the participation in decision-making of the concerned Governmental Administrations and local Authorities, the representatives of different categories of users and associations for environmental protection or of public interest.
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