COOPERATION - ADDITIONAL POWER

example: East Aegean River Basin Directorate (Bulgaria) and Artois – Picardie Water Agency (France)

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The Context

2000: start of the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (Water Act)

2001/2003: start river basin management and establishment of River Basin Directorats in Bulgaria (French/Bulgarian twinning project BG99 EN-93 with IOW)
The Context

2004: Study visit of a bulgarian delegation at the water Agency Artois-Picardie (TAIEX programme)

2006: first cooperation agreement between EARBD and AEAP (with support from EU Twinbasin fund)

Focus on: experience sharing on WFD implementation, role of basin committee, water management and economics, public consultation and stakeholders involvement.

TWINBASIN fund used for supporting cost of missions (Douai => Plovdiv or Plovdiv=>Douai)
2006/2009: facing together the WFD challenges!

- development of *programes of measures*
- *Communicate on WFD*: Stakeholders involvement and public consultation
- based on the cooperation experience was shared through meetings with other river basin authorities in Bulgaria in a workshop
The cooperation strengthened by

- a new EU twinning (2009/2010), implemented by IOW

- the renewal for 5 years of the Cooperation Agreement
  - WFD implementation
2011 – 2015: New Challenges and new Opportunities

2011: CEENBO Presidency – Director of EARBD
CEENBO International Conference INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE BALKANS AND EASTERN EUROPE & first Preparatory meeting for region Europe for the 6th World Water Forum, Marseille 2012 - Plovdiv, 21-22 Mart 2011
2011 – 2014: New Challenges and new Opportunities

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2015: FR GR RBMP – a tool to meet CC issues, Sofia, 18-19 June 2015 & Preparation for COP 21 in Paris
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Youth Water Parliament

Eco schools
Some Conclusions and Perspectives

- need of shared enthusiasm for facing together the complexity of EU Directives implementation and CC impact.
- move from cooperation to project development approach (and always have another project in the pipe).
- Decline the EU Directives at a local level in a more efficient way (make sure the programs of measures are really efficient and implemented).
- involve other partners (University, NGOs,....)
- find financing support!
- EARBD/ AEAP willingness to support improving water management Balkans and Eastern Europe Process.
Thank you for your attention!