WATER, DECENTRALIZED COOPERATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

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IWRM need solidarity...and financial means ..!
At local, basin, national, and international level

Upstream/downstream solidarity
- Solidarity between stakeholders, transparency
- Basin sub-basin long-term planning and action plan
- Financing water infrastructures and services (taxes, tariffs, transfers.),
- Solidarity/poor families
- Transboundary management

- Implementation of the WFD in Europe
- Cooperation with non-EU countries/IWRM principles

- Millenary-Goals (water, health, hunger, education, ..),
- International recognition of the right to water and sanitation by United Nations (July 26, 2010)
Access to water and sanitation: a basic human right and an international emergency

- 1 billion people don’t have access to safe drinking water
- 3 billion don’t have basic sanitation
- 5000 People a day die from diseases related to unclean water or lack of sanitation
Donors..

**World Bank**: $4 billion / year

**European Commission**: 270M € / year

**European Investment Bank**

**African Development Bank (160 M€ / year)**

States Bilateral agreements

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And non-state action…

**NGOs**

**FOUNDATIONS**

**DECENTRALISED COOPERATION**
Decentralised cooperation

between local authorities (Regions, departments, cities, river basin organizations, NGOs, associations, ....)

- particularly suitable (local knowledge, political responsibilities and practical management of water services: investment, pricing, relationships with users, involvement in IWRM, ..)

- areas of partnership:
  - Technical
  - governance
  - financial
Innovative means for financing:

In France the 1% « solidarity for water »

- Since 2005, local authorities and basin organisations are permitted to dedicate up to 1% of their water and sanitation budget to international development actions in this sector.
- Voluntary choice known by citizens, and supported by local representatives.
- In 2010: 19 Millions €
  - 30 cities, 30 organisations of water management, all the water basin agencies,
  - several hundreds operations financed in many poor countries.
Innovative means for financing ....

Switzerland (solidarit’Eau)
Netherlands (aqua for all)
Belgium
....
Advancing the idea of innovative financing for solidarity .... Worldwide

1) World Water Forum in Marseilles:
   • thematic process: Financing water for all is one out of 12 priorities for action
   • political process: "Local and regional authorities" includes the theme of innovative financing
   • Europe Regional Process contains a theme on cooperation with third countries

2) initiative of the Office of Innovative Partnerships Program of the United Nations, relayed by an european committee
Advancing the idea of innovative financing for solidarity .... At the European level ..

Wished initiatives of the European Parliament, Committee and Council of Europe, for:

- Encouraging member states to authorize and encourage managers of water services and sanitation to dedicate a share of revenues in solidarity actions (national, community, and international)

- Supporting this measure as a symbol of the implementation of the right for all to water and sanitation.
Advancing the idea of innovative financing for solidarity ....
Thank you for Joining this initiative
Thank you for acting, in your country, in your city, in your organization..

Merci pour votre attention!