



INTERREG IV C-Project on Water Scarcity and Drought

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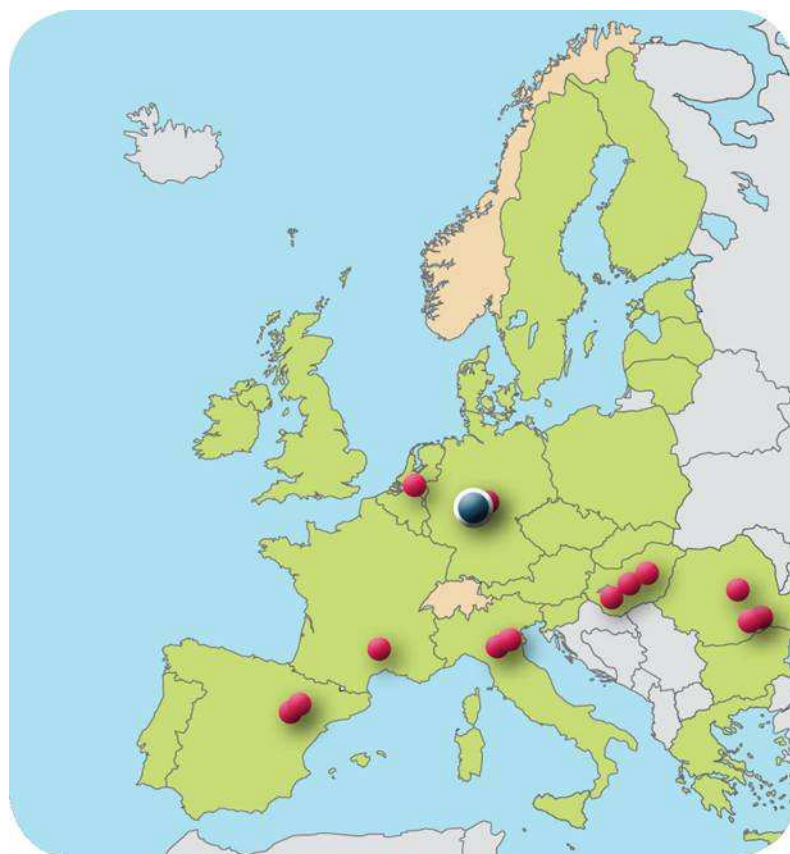
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Source: Public

7 EUROPEAN REGIONS

- Hessen (Germany)
- Aragón (Spain)
- Emilia-Romagna (Italy)
- Hérault (France)
- North-Brabant (Netherlands)
- Lower-Tisza (Hungary)
- Covasna (Romania)

14 PARTNERS



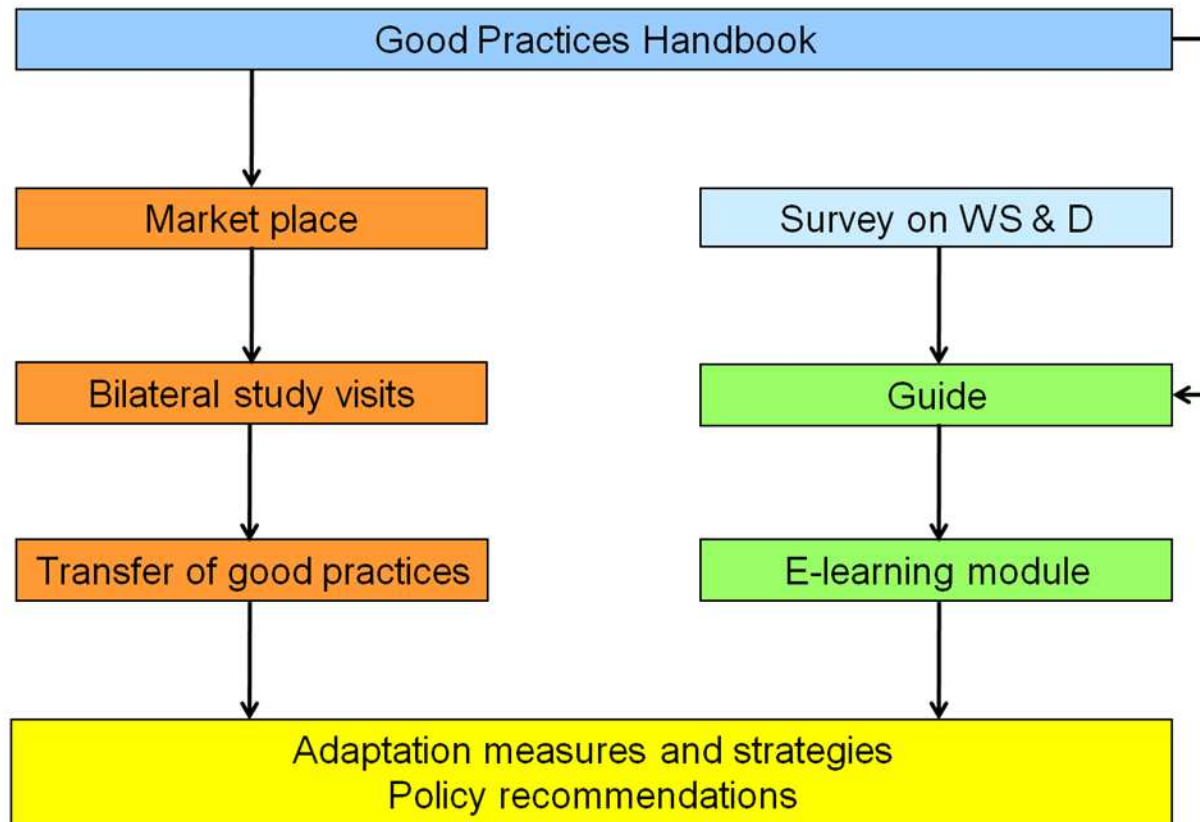
Political Platform



Organization: Thematic Working Groups

-  **Water Demand Side Management**
 - **Technical Measures**
 - **Economic Instruments**
-  **Handling Drought Periods and mitigate Drought Effects**
-  **Adaptation on Climate Change Effects on Water Management**
-  **Strengthening Public Participation and Raising Awareness**

Work flow, activities and outcomes of the project

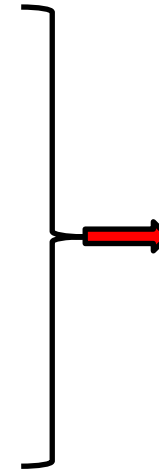


Project result: Collection of Good Practices

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A1	1	HMUELV	LP	Groundwater Management Plan Hessian Reed	8
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Providing their good practices
103 in total



Establishing bi-lateral contacts
and organising visits with
Partner Regions to transfer
good practices

Good Practices: Fact Sheets

WG	A1 – water demand side management (technological measures)	 
Partner	P13 - Provincie Noord-Brabant	
Promoter	Provincie Noord-Brabant	
Project	34 - Agricultural groundwater management	
Type	Technological	
Period	Permanent measure	
Location	Provincie Noord-Brabant	
Target	Farmers	
Level	Regional	
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Project description

To prevent a growing use of groundwater for sprinkler irrigation there has been a stop on new irrigation permits in North-Brabant. Also the relocation of waterputs is not allowed anymore. In the existing permits it is prohibited to irrigate grassland before the 1th of June and in June and July between 11.00 en 17.00 hours.

At the same time a project was started called 'Agrarisch grondwaterbeheer' (Agricultural groundwatermanagement).

Since the year 2000 the 8.400 farmers that have a permit for using groundwater for sprinkler irrigation, have to registrate how much groundwater they extract. A total of 2.850 farmers have joined the project Agricultural groundwatermanagement. The participants are supported by measures such as:

- research into crop selection
- improving natural water supply by water conservation
- information on effective, efficient and prudential watering (advice based on satellite images)

They use 40 percent less groundwater than those who do not participate.

From the revenues of the provincial groundwatercharge part of these measures are supported financially.

Results obtained

Through the combination of regulation and stimulation the use of groundwater for sprinkler irrigation has stabilised. In North-Brabant, the average amount of groundwater used for sprinkler systems has declined (2000-2007).

Success factors

Financial stimulation: the participating farmers are exempted from paying the provincial groundwater charge. Participants benefit from the advises that can be directly used.

Indicators used

Decline in the use of groundwater for sprinkler irrigation.

Total costs

On the one hand farmers pay for the services they receive. On the other hand they are exempted from paying a groundwater charge.

Further references

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Title, type, period, location, target groups, level and contact



Project description, results obtained, success factors, indicators used, repeatability & applicability, total costs and further references.

A1: Water demand-side management (technological measures)

- **Measuring of the Water-Consumption in Agricultural Irrigation (DE)**
- **IRRINET (IT)**
- **Novel Water reuse Technologies (IT)**
- **Research program on water saving in agriculture (IT)**
- **Agricultural groundwater management (NL)**
- **ADOR (Decision Support on Irrigation Organization) Irrigation Programme in High Aragon (ES)**



A2: Water demand-side management (economic and financial instruments)

- **WATMAN Project - Optimization of water allocation in case of drought and water scarcity component (RO)**
- **Economic measures addressing water scarcity and drought in Romania**
- **Water as an economic driver (NL)**
- **The Water Farm (NL)**

B: Drought management

- National Drought Monitoring Centre (ONS) (ES)
- Local Action Program to cope with drought and desertification (ES)
- Analysis of the water balance of the intensive cultivations in the mountainous basin of Senio Torrent (IT)
- Agromonitoring network – integrated system for water resources management in Romania
- Restoration of brook systems (NL)

C: Adaptation to climate change

- **Securing the agricultural production with additional water demand under altered climate conditions (DE)**
- **Impact of Climate Change for Food Production in Western Balkan region Project**
- **Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on European Agriculture: CLIVAGRI project**
- **Multifunctional Land Use (NL)**
- **Knowledge for Climate – Dry Rural Areas (NL)**

D: Communication and participation

- **Permanent Exhibition on Irrigation Technologies (IT)**
- **Ecomuseum on water (IT)**
- **ACCRETe Project / Agriculture and Climate Changes:
how to Reduce human Effects and Threats**
- **The Waterfootprint (NL)**

Project result: e-learning module



WATER CoRe Website



WATER CoRe

WATER CoRe: Water scarcity and droughts; coordinated actions in European regions. WATER CoRe intends to provide an exchange platform for water scarcity and drought issues on regional and local level for all European regions.

Water Scarcity and Drought, increasingly caused by climate change effects, will affect the European Union on ecological, on economic as well as on social issues. These impacts will affect the citizens of the European Union in particular on local and regional level. Strategies on regional policy level are required, in order to mitigate these climate change effects.



Outcomes

Survey on Water Scarcity and Droughts in Europe

2/2/2012
WATER CoRe Survey on Water Scarcity and Droughts in Europe

Although the experience and good practices from the project partners covers a broad spectrum of water scarcity and drought issues, a huge amount of interesting projects, documents and examples to deal with the issue exists all over



News

Karlsruhe - Germany

November 21-22, 2012
WATER CoRe takes part at the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Conference, Karlsruhe 2012
After the successful premiere of IWRM Karlsruhe 2010, a second edition of IWRM Conference is held at the Karlsruhe Convention Centre during 21- 22 November 2012.



21 - 22 November 2012
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Aragon - Spain

September 27-28, 2012
Aragon experiences in drought management aroused the interest of a French delegation
The French delegation interests focused on the water management activities carried out by the Aragon Water Institute and the Aragon Regional Ministry for Agriculture, Livestock and Environment. These activities include a wide range of



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Thank you for your attention!

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