



State of Play Task Force Water Governance in cross border regions

Final Conference FLOOD-WISE
meeting 24 October, Maastricht, NL
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Life after FLOOD-WISE?

Apart from the need for cross border projects like a RB commission for the BUG, flood defense projects across borders, sharing data and models,

(technical cooperation)

Most important is to meet your neighbours, and shorten lines of communication, maintain network, extend your intellectual property...



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Policy and management hand in hand

Join the pool of experts

Role



TASK FORCE WATER GOVERNANCE

with special focus on border regions



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Proposal Task Force (distributed)

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Task Force Water Governance



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Assessment

- **Recommendations and link to Future Work on Climate Change under UNECE Water Convention**
- - Promote the experiences and lessons learnt in different fora
- - Continue the cooperation at the transboundary level and implement some of the recommendations, scale up and integrate with other levels
- Continue cooperation with our activities which include:
 - - Transformation of pilot projects programme into global network of basins working on water and climate
 - - Collection of good practices and lessons learnt
 - - Continuation of platform for exchanging experience, next Water and Climate Change workshop in June 2013



Political Expert Forum Conclusions

- Enquiry results
- Mantain intellectual property
- Support and extend existing network



1. Should the institutional cross-border fuss be reduced?
2. What level is redundant in cross border flood management?
1 local, 2 regional, 3 national, 4 European.
3. Do you advocate cross-border water authorities?
4. Are you willing to delegate or mandate responsibilities to a cross-border water authority?
5. Can an international river basin commission be transformed into a cross border water-authority?
6. should there be a water service tax for flood protection?
7. should this be a solidarity tax or a regionally differentiated one?
8. Should a cross-border water authority have the responsibility for taxation of beneficiaries from cross-border flood risk management services?
9. There is insufficient guidance by the EU how to integrate objectives from nature-, agriculture- and water quality policies in flood risk management
10. Are you willing to continue the FLOOD-WISE network in the future, at your own expense?



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Within the cross border field
the interests are threefold in the water field

- 1) **Help desk** for the problems listed in the action plans
- 2) **Scouting, tracking, monitoring** of cooperation within EU and UN, desk research
- 3) **New initiatives** and proposals related to cross border, water management and climate change matching goals of Horizon 2020, INTERREG 5 c, LIFE Plus, EURISY, UNECE

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Regional dissemination events:

Bug: 22 November 2012

Elbe: 8 November 2012

Meuse: 18 December 2012

Rur: 29 November 2012

Sotla: 25 October 2012

Somes: 21 November 2012



How to finance a Taskforce?

Donations of:

- ✓ Euregio Meuse Rhine
- ✓ Province of Limburg
- ✓ Roer and Overmaas Regional Water Authority
- The 9 EU countries of FLOOD-WISE
(not spent shared costs?)
(supporting in kind?)



Agenda Task Force 2012 & 2013

- 2012
- Presentation Association European Border Regions, 8 November Berlin
- Dissemination events in the 6 river basins
- Proposals from members
- Communication to members on first findings and proposal on modus operandi (organisation, content, priorities)
- 2013
- Meeting members Task Force in first semester



„Tasforce water governance in cross border regions“

Euregio Meuse Rhine proposes to organize an annual meeting of FLOOD experts under the flag of the Association of European Border Regions.





Thank you all for your support, have a safe journey back home

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