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We are looking for public authorities, semi-public organizations and private companies active in the water field including International River Basin Commissions.

If you are interested and you would like to make use of this network, please join us by becoming member of the **Task Force Water Governance**.

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Agenda

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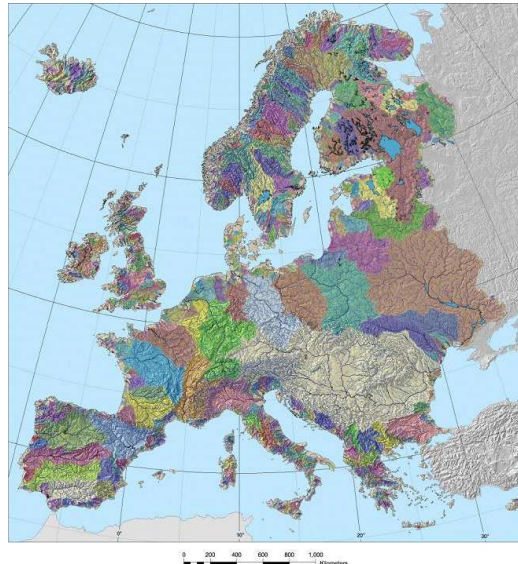
- Completion of the FLOOD-WISE project
- AEBR annual conference in Berlin, presentation TF initiative, November 2012
- Dissemination events in 6 river basins of FLOOD-WISE

Preliminary Agenda 2013

The Task Force will start tracking and monitoring programs as from 1.1.2013 on.

In addition the agenda 2013 will be shaped by workshops and conferences:

- Workshop Satellites for local cross border use, Eurisy, Paris (F) or at ESA in Noordwijk (NL)
- Workshop Multi Level Governance, Benelux, Brussels
- Workshop Climate Change Adaption in transboundary river basins, UNECE, Geneva (CH)
- AEBR annual conference, Liege (B)



TASK FORCE WATER GOVERNANCE

with special focus on border regions



February 2013



Preparing Project Proposals and Networking

The Task Force (TF) Water Governance is an initiative of the Euregio Meuse Rhine (www.euregio-mr.eu), which has been lead partner of different water-management projects, such as the current project FLOOD-WISE (www.floodwise.eu) and the past project FLAPP (www.flapp.org).

The Task Force can be considered as a vehicle to bridge the present period and the future when new programs for cross-border water management activities (INTERREG 5A, INTERREG 5B, INTERREG 5C, Horizon 2020, Life +, etc) will be available in 2014.

The aim of this Task Force (TF) is:

1. To continue the existing partnerships and enhance new ones (networking)
2. To organize meeting opportunities on a regular basis
3. To offer a breeding ground for new project ideas
4. To initiate proposals and prepare applications matching the new programs

Making use of the concept guidelines of EU programs, the Task Force is the linking pin between its potential project partners and the new programs in an early stage.

Low key and low cost organization

- The Task Force will be chaired by the regional Minister for Water of the province of Limburg (NL). At the same time, the province will host the secretariat of the Task Force
- The initiator Euregio Meuse Rhine, experienced in EU programs, will take care of the staffing of the Task Force, its size depending on the availability of expertise and finances.

Membership contribution

Membership costs for 2013 and 2014 will be mainly covered by

1. Cash contributions from FLOOD-WISE partners
2. Free donations and expertise from Task Force members.

After depletion of the budget, the contribution will depend on the wishes and needs of the FLOOD-WISE partners.

Key institutes supporting the Task Force

1. UNECE, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (www.unecce.org/env/water), already delivered a technical assessment of FLOOD-WISE during the final conference.
2. EURISY (www.eurisy.org), the non-profit association of Space Agencies in Europe, will explore the potential benefits of the use of satellite services for cross-border water management.
3. Benelux (www.benelux.int) is offering several legal instruments to create a firm basis for cross border cooperation based on the Madrid Framework Convention or the European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC).
4. AEBR (www.aebr.eu), the Association of European Border Regions, as a renowned forum for cross border cooperation will contribute in the tracking and monitoring of appropriate funding programs for Task Force members.