



# **Water Joint Programming Initiative**

Water Challenges for a Changing World

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## **Partners and Observers**

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Role	Funding Agency and Programme Manager
<p>The <b>Environment Agency Austria (EAA) / Umweltbundesamt</b> pursues an interdisciplinary approach to the design and development of perspectives for the environment and society. Preventive environmental protection, in the sense of sustainable development, is at the centre of our activities, which are divided into the divisions Economy &amp; Impact, Nature &amp; Usages, Substances &amp; Analysis, IT Solutions &amp; Services.</p> <p>Businesses and the public sector benefit from our know-how, both at national and international level. Our work contributes to the improvement of the environmental performance of our customers and clients.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/en/">http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/en/</a></p>	

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RPF	
Role	Funding Agency and Programme Manager
<p>The <b>Research Promotion Foundation (RPF)</b> is the only national research and innovation funding agency of Cyprus. <b>RPF</b> has developed a wide range of activities, which fall under two main categories:</p> <p>(a) Financing Research Projects through the Design and Launching of the National Competitive Programmes. This activity aims primarily at enhancing research, technological development and innovation (RTDI) in Cyprus and moreover at increasing the critical mass of researchers and research projects undertaken in Cyprus. The main instruments for achieving these goals involve the launching of competitive programmes developed and monitored by <b>RPF</b>. The related funds come from the Cyprus Government budget and, as from 2007, from the Structural Funds of the European Union.</p> <p>Since 2003, the Foundation has created an umbrella for its National Programmes, the “National Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Innovation” (DESMI in Greek).</p> <p>As a Programme Owner, the Foundation has been involved in a number of ERA-NET projects since the 6th Framework Programme and in a number of Joint Programming Initiatives.</p> <p>(b) Promoting the Participation in European Research and Innovation Programmes and other Initiatives. The Foundation is responsible for the participation of Cypriot organisations and scientists in European research and innovation programmes (Framework Programme, COST, EUREKA), the cooperation with international organisations supporting research activities and the preparation and implementation of bilateral RTD agreements / protocols between Cyprus and other countries. The RPF has the overall responsibility for the coordination of activities relating to the Horizon 2020 Programme (as it has been doing since 1999: 5th, 6th and 7th Framework Programmes). It coordinates the network of National Contact Points and representatives of Cyprus in the various Programme Committees, provides information, organises information days and provides advice and customised assistance to researchers. <b>RPF</b> has also been actively involved in a number of EC funded projects, including various NCP projects</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.research.org.cy/EN/index.html/">http://www.research.org.cy/EN/index.html/</a></p>	


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	He also chairs the Implementation Group “Monitoring JPIs” of the GPC. He represents Cyprus in the in the Governing Board of JPIs WATER, CULTURAL HERITAGE, FACCE and URBAN EUROPE.
Role in Water JPI activities	Governing Board representative / voting member Participation in Pilot Joint Call, Cofunded Call WaterWorks2014, Cofunded Call WaterWorks2015 WatEUr Partner

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Role in Water JPI activities	<p>Coordination / Leadership / Partner in the different types of activities:</p> <p>Governing Board representative / Technical Advisor</p> <p>Participation in Pilot Joint Call, Cofunded Call WaterWorks2014, Cofunded Call WaterWorks2015</p> <p>WatEUR Partner</p>	


MINECO	
Role	Funding Agency and Programme Manager
<p>The <b>Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO)</b> implements government policy for research and innovation through the Secretariat of State for Research, Development and Innovation. <b>MINECO</b> is the main governmental funding body for research and innovation, owning and managing the “State Plan for Research, Development and Innovation”. This Plan aims at promoting high-quality research in the full spectrum of scientific and technological disciplines, capacity building and career development in science and technology, supporting centres of excellence, research infrastructures, technology transfer, innovation and science dissemination.</p> <p><b>MINECO</b>’s Directorate General for Scientific and Technological Research supports basic, strategic and applied research, included Water science and technology, through annual bottom-up calls. This Directorate General also promotes the internationalization of Spanish research and participates in various ERA-NETs and JPIs. <b>MINECO</b> is representing Spain at the Water JPI Governing Board.</p> <p><b>Coordination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSA WatEUR in support of Water JPI</li> <li>• ERA-NET Cofund WaterWorks2014</li> </ul> <p><u>WatEUR:</u> MINECO coordinates WP1 and leads the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T1.1. CSA Steering and overall coherence with the EC, non-partner European countries, and policies</li> <li>• T1.2. CSA consortium coordination</li> <li>• T1.3. CSA project management</li> </ul> <p><u>WaterWorks2014:</u> MINECO coordinates WP1 (Coordination and Management) and leads the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T1.1 ERA-NET Steering and overall coherence with the Water JPI</li> <li>• T1.2 Consortium coordination and project management</li> <li>• T1.3 Financial management</li> <li>• T1.4 Project reporting to the EC</li> </ul> <p>MINECO coordinates WP6 (Additional Activities on Implementation) and leads the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T6.1 Thematic meetings: sharing good practices on funding and management</li> <li>• T6.3 Alignment of on-going R&amp;D projects</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.mineco.gob.es">www.mineco.gob.es</a></p> <p><b>MINECO</b> coordinates the Coordination and Support Action “Tackling European Water Challenges” (CSA WatEUR) and ERA-NET Cofund WaterWorks2014, both in support to the Joint Programming, in close cooperation with <b>Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT)</b>, which acts as a Third Party associated to the coordinator.</p> <p><b>FECYT</b> is a public foundation under the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, whose objective is to foster and promote science, technology and innovation in Spain.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.fecyt.es/es">http://www.fecyt.es/es</a></p>	




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Role in Water JPI activities	Governing Board representative / voting member Management Board representative Participation in Pilot Joint Call, Co-funded Call WaterWorks2014 Member of the Task Force on “Alignment” and “International Cooperation”	


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Role in Water JPI activities	Governing Board delegate’s Technical advisor Management Board representative Participation in Pilot Joint Call, Co-funded Call WaterWorks2014 Member of the Task Force on “Alignment” and “International Cooperation”	

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Role in Water JPI activities	WatEur and WaterWorks2014 Secretariat	


AKA	
Role	Funding Agency and Programme Manager
<p>The <b>Academy of Finland (AKA)</b> is Finland's leading source of funding for scientific research, operating within the administrative sector of the Ministry of Education and Culture and funded through the state budget. It is an umbrella organisation of the four Finnish Research Councils. The <b>Academy of Finland</b> is an active and major force in the Finnish science and innovation system and a strong voice in influencing international science policy. Its operation covers the full spectrum of scientific disciplines.</p> <p>The <b>Academy of Finland</b> is committed to promoting high-quality and ethically sustainable research; supporting the renewal of research, multi-disciplinarity, new approaches and potential scientific breakthroughs; and reinforcing the role of science in resolving the grand challenges faced by society. The Academy has funding opportunities that provide support for the different stages of the research career as well as for research projects, research programmes, Centres of Excellence in research, foreign visiting professors' work in Finland, international networking. Our funding for research amounts to 310 million Euros in 2014. Each year, our funding contributes to some 8,000 people's work at universities and research institutes in Finland.</p> <p>The <b>Academy of Finland</b> is committed to promoting the internationalisation of Finnish science and research. We work closely with key funding agencies in Europe and elsewhere with a view to ensuring that researchers in Finland are in the best possible position to carry out high-quality cooperation with colleagues abroad.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en">www.aka.fi/en</a></p>	


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Role in Water JPI activities	<p>Assisting Finnish Governing Board delegate</p> <p>National contact point for WatEUr, WaterWorks2014 and WaterWorks2015</p> <p>Leading Pilot Joint Activities: Pilot Call modalities and process development, call launch and coordination, project follow-up and review as the Pilot Call Secretary</p> <p>Participating in SRIA development: leading Public consultation development</p> <p>Participating in Mapping exercise</p>	


ANR	
Role	Funding Agency
<p>The <b>French National Research Agency (ANR)</b> was established by the French government in 2005 to fund research projects, based on competitive schemes giving researchers the best opportunities to carry out their projects and paving the way for ground-breaking new knowledge. The main mission of ANR is to fund the best basic research, but also targeted and applied research in particular through partnerships between companies and public sector laboratories. Its action is thus intended to support French research excellence at both academic and technological levels by means of a rigorous selection process based on evaluation by peer review. Finally, it is also the <b>ANR's</b> mission to strengthen international cooperation by contributing in particular to the funding of international consortia in partnership with other funding agencies in Europe and beyond.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr">www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr</a></p>	

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IRSTEA	
Role	Programme Manager
<p>The <b>National Research Institute of Science and Technology for Environment and Agriculture (Irstea)</b> is a public institute under the aegis of the French Ministries of Agriculture and Research. As stated in its decree of association, the main mission of <b>Irstea</b> is to initiate, implement, coordinate and support, on its own initiative or at the request of the government, scientific and technological research in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable land management, especially agricultural and natural land</li> <li>• Water resources</li> <li>• Ecotechnologies: development of procedures and technologies linked to waste treatment, agricultural, forest and food sector activities, and land use management</li> </ul> <p><b>Irstea</b> counts 1650 members of staff (800 engineers and researchers, 390 technicians and administrative staff, 220 interns, 200 doctoral students and 40 post-doctoral students) spread over 9 centres in France: Antony, Nogent-sur-Vernison, Rennes, Clermont-Ferrand, Bordeaux, Lyon, Grenoble, Aix-en-Provence and Montpellier. Some key figures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% of research deals with global change issues, particularly the loss of biodiversity and climate change;</li> <li>• <b>Irstea</b> publishes around 400 articles per year between peer-reviewed papers, conference papers, etc.;</li> <li>• Since its foundation in 1981, <b>Irstea</b> has participated in more than 300 research projects, 130 of which involved the participation of industrial companies;</li> <li>• <b>Irstea</b> is involved in 11 competitive clusters, including 2 at the worldwide scale;</li> <li>• <b>Irstea</b> is as well an incubator for innovative companies. On average, 2 companies are created per year;</li> <li>• <b>Irstea</b> is a member of several European research networks, such as: PEER (Partnership for European Environmental Research, <a href="http://www.peer.eu">www.peer.eu</a>), Euraqua (European Network of Freshwater Research Organisations, <a href="http://www.euraqua.org">www.euraqua.org</a>) and Alternet (A Long-Term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network, <a href="http://www.alter-net.info/">http://www.alter-net.info/</a>);</li> <li>• Last but not least, <b>Irstea</b> plays a major role in AllEnvi (<a href="http://www.allenvi.fr">www.allenvi.fr</a>), the French alliance of national institutions working in the areas of water, climate, food and energy. It plays a fundamental role in the coordination of national research programmes.</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.irstea.fr">www.irstea.fr</a></p>	


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Role in Water JPI activities	<p>I am a member of the WP3, aimed at the development and update of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the Water JPI. In collaboration with other WP3 members, my main tasks within the WP3 include the identification and review of relevant information sources, the identification of water-related RDI gaps and needs, and writing-up of the SRIA.</p> <p>Since June 2014, I am a member of the Water JPI’s Task Force on “Interaction with Horizon 2020”. As part of the activities of this Task Force, I contribute to the writing-up of position papers and to maintaining a permanent communication with the European Commission.</p> <p>Finally, and on behalf of the alliance AllEnvi, I provide technical support to the current coordinator of the Water JPI (Dominique Darmendrail). In this context, I take part in the Management Board of the Water JPI.</p>	


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EPA	
Role	Funding Agency and Programme Manager
<p>The <b>Environmental Protection Agency of Ireland (EPA)</b> is an independent public body. <b>EPA's</b> mission is to promote and implement the highest practicable standards of environmental protection and management that embrace the principles of sustainable and balanced development. The main responsibilities of the <b>EPA</b> currently include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring and reporting on quality of environment;</li> <li>- License and regulation of industries, waste disposal operations and large fuel storage installations;</li> <li>- Implementation and enforcement of regulations on the use and release of genetically modified organisms; and</li> <li>- Funding and coordination of environmental research.</li> </ul> <p>Effective management of the environment is increasingly science-driven. Through its research and development programme, the Environmental Protection Agency is generating the knowledge and expertise needed to protect and manage Ireland's environment. Over the period 2007-2013, the <b>EPA's</b> research programme STRIVE has provided approximately 100 M€ funding for environmental research and development to colleges, research organisations and private companies. The STRIVE programme is managed by the EPA on behalf of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. The <b>EPA</b> Research Programme (2014-2020) will aim at maintaining a vibrant and relevant environmental research programme to influence policy, identify pressures and develop solutions to environmental challenges. The Research Programme will be focused on addressing the major environmental challenges of Climate Change, Water and Sustainable Environment. The <b>EPA</b> currently runs a national programme supporting applied and/or basic research on water sciences and technologies, and has participated/participates in water related networks and projects in the Framework Programme. Among them, SKEP (FP6), ENVHEALTH ERA-NET (FP7), CIRCLE2 (FP7) and CIRCLE (FP6), WatEUr CSA (FP7) and WaterWorks2014 (H2020). The <b>EPA</b> is involved in the Water JPI (co-chairing the JPI since November 2014) and also in the JPI Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (CliK'EU).</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.epa.ie">www.epa.ie</a></p>	

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Role in Water JPI activities	Governing Board representative - voting member

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Role in Water JPI activities	WatEUr CSA partner WaterWorks2014 ERA-NET Cofund partner WaterWorks2015 ERA-NET Cofund partner	

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Role in Water JPI activities	National Contact Point for the Water JPI Technical Advisor Governing Board Management Board member Task Force on Alignment (Co-Leader) Task Force on Interactions with Horizon 2020 (Leader) WatEUr CSA partner WaterWorks2014 ERA-NET Cofund partner WaterWorks2015 ERA-NET Cofund partner	


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MoE-IL	
Role	Funding Agency
<p>The <b>Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources of Israel (MoE-IL)</b>, is responsible for the supply and management of energy and the natural resources of the country: electricity, fuels, natural gas, energy conservation, water, sewage, oil &amp; gas exploration, minerals and ores excavation.</p> <p>The Chief Scientist Office in the Ministry provides the scientific and technological support and support the Ministry policymaking. The Chief Scientist Office encourages the development of knowledge and expertise in relevant fields by promoting R&amp;D activities in the Israeli academia and industry through multiple R&amp;D support programs, as described below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basic Research: The <b>MoE-IL</b> supports research programs in the Academy and Governmental Research Institutes, in predefined research fields. These research programs demonstrate new concepts and ideas, with applicable horizon.</li> <li>2. STARTERGY- Start-Up fund: The Ministry has established this funding scheme in order to support entrepreneurs in reaching proof of concept/prototype stage, so that they can raise private funding. The fund grants up to 62.5% of a project budget, with support of maximum 125K€.</li> <li>3. Pilot and Demonstration Fund: It supports companies in scaling their innovative products to full production deployment. The fund grants up to 50% of a project budget, with support of maximum 300K€.</li> </ol> <p>Website: <a href="http://energy.gov.il/Pages/Default.aspx">http://energy.gov.il/Pages/Default.aspx</a></p>	

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ISPRA	
Role	Programme Manager
<p><b>ISPRA</b> is the <b>National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research</b> under the vigilance of the Italian Ministry of the Environment, Territory and Sea. It is a research public body with legal capacity and autonomous budget, composed of 1,400 units of permanent staff (researchers, technologists, administrative employees). <b>ISPRA</b> was established in 2008 from the integration of three national technical-scientific entities, namely APAT, the Agency for Environment and Technical Services; ICRAM, the Institute for Marine Environmental Research; and INFS, the Institute for Wild Fauna. <b>ISPRA</b> operates within the Environmental Agencies System, presently composed of 20 Regional and 2 Provincial Agencies (named ARPAs and APPAs, respectively) according to a federative system combining direct knowledge and experience of local environmental issues with national and European policies for environmental prevention and protection.</p> <p><b>ISPRA's</b> main areas of intervention encompass: data collection and validation of the National Environmental Information System (SINA); cooperation with international organizations, such as the European Commission, the European Environment Agency; promotion of research and diffusion of environment friendly technologies, products and systems; verification of the technical consistency and effectiveness of environmental norms and support to the Italian Ministry of the Environment, Territory and Sea; participation to thematic working groups on environmental topics at national, European and international levels for defining, sharing and adopting standards, procedures and best practices; realization of tools, websites and information systems (INSPIRE compliant), technical handbooks and guidelines on environmental issues for fostering a better involvement of stakeholders and general public; control of physical, chemical and biological factors of acoustic, air, water and soil pollution; support to public bodies charged with the evaluation and prevention of industrial risks; studies and activities in support to environmental impact assessment; control of activities concerning the use of nuclear energy; signing of framework agreements with Regions, Provinces, Universities, Public Research Institutions and other bodies.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.isprambiente.gov.it">www.isprambiente.gov.it</a></p>	




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Role in Water JPI activities	<p>Governing Board: representative, Technical Advisor</p> <p>Joint Calls: Partner of WP4 in WatEur CSA; Leader partner of WP4 and Partner of WP1, WP5, WP6 in WaterWorks2014 ERA-NET Cofund</p> <p>Task force on "Alignment"</p> <p>SRIA: Partner of WP3 in WatEur CSA</p> <p>Co-leader of the Task Force on "International Cooperation"</p> <p>Communication: Leader partner of WP6 "Communication and dissemination" in WatEur CSA; Leader partner of WP4 "Impact assessment and dissemination" in WaterWorks2014 ERA-NET Cofund</p>	

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Role in Water JPI activities	<p>Joint Calls: Partner of WP4 in WatEUR CSA; Leader partner of WP4 and Partner of WP1, WP5, WP6 in WaterWorks2014 ERA-NET Cofund</p> <p>Communication: Leader partner of WP6 “Communication and dissemination” in WatEUR CSA; Leader partner of WP4 “Impact assessment and dissemination” in WaterWorks2014 ERA-NET Cofund</p>

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Role in Water JPI activities	<p>International Cooperation: link to the Piano project supported by the China-Europe Water Platform</p> <p>Communication: responsible of WP6 of the CSA WatEUR dedicated to the communication and dissemination activities of the Water JPI, author of the communication strategy of the programme</p>	

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ASM	
Role	Funding Agency
<p>The <b>Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM)</b>, in its role of the highest scientific forum of the country, represents the only public institution of national interest in the sphere of science and innovation, is a plenipotentiary coordinator of scientific and innovation activity, scientific consultant of the public authorities of the Republic of Moldova, has an autonomous statute and acts on the basis of self-administration principles.</p> <p>The <b>Center of International Projects (CIP)</b> was assigned by the <b>ASM</b> to manage the bilateral programs announced on the base of bilateral agreements of cooperation with the corresponding R&amp;D structures from other countries and manage multilateral projects supported within ERA-NETS opportunities.</p> <p><b>CIP</b> provides management, technical, financial and legal assistance for members of the scientific community in Moldova throughout the period of the research and innovation projects.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.asm.md">www.asm.md</a> / <a href="http://www.cpi.asm.md">www.cpi.asm.md</a></p>	

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RCN	
Role	Funding Agency
<p>The <b>Research Council</b> is Norway's official body for development and implementation of the National research strategy. The Council is responsible for enhancing Norway's knowledge base and for promoting basic and applied research and innovation in order to help meet research needs within society. It actively promotes international research cooperation. The <b>RCN</b> has three areas of focus: 1) it serves as an advisory body on research policy issues; 2) it identifies research needs; and 3) it recommends national priorities. Through the establishment and implementation of targeted funding schemes the <b>RCN</b> facilitates the translation of National research policy objectives into action. The <b>RCN</b> serves as a meeting place for researchers, funders and users of research findings, as well as for the different sectors and subject fields that are affiliated with the world of research.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.forskningradet.no">www.forskningradet.no</a></p>	

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Role in Water JPI activities	<p>Governing Board representative / voting member</p> <p>Joint Calls: participates in WatEUr pilot call, WaterWorks2014</p> <p>SRIA: team member</p>	

FORMAS	
Role	Funding Agency
<p><b>FORMAS</b> is a governmental research funding agency under the Ministry of Environment; it is also related to other ministries, especially the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications. FORMAS encourages and supports scientifically excellent and societally relevant research of importance for sustainable development within its areas of responsibility. These are environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning. Funded research covers a wide range of approaches from basic research to more applied efforts. <b>FORMAS</b> research funding is primarily bottom-up, and inter- and transdisciplinary research is encouraged. The council also provides mechanisms for communication of research results and stimulates the public debate on issues of concern, originating from or related to research for sustainable development.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.formas.se">www.formas.se</a></p>	

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SWAM	
Role	Funding Agency
<p><b>Swedish Agency for marine and water management, SWAM</b>, is the national entity responsible for marine, and surface water and fisheries management in Sweden. We are responsible for measures programmes, guidance and assessments of these management areas. The agency is responsible for the implementation of the Water framework and the Marine directives, as well as for the implementation of the Common fisheries policy. The main <b>SWAM</b> office is situated in Göteborg, Sweden.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.havochvatten.se/en">www.havochvatten.se/en</a></p>	


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TUBITAK	
Role	Funding Agency and Programme Manager
<p>Founded in 1963, <b>the Scientific and Technological Research Council TUBITAK</b> is the leading agency in charge of management, funding and coordinating scientific and technological research in Turkey. <b>TUBITAK</b> functions under the fold of the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology with adequate administrative and financial autonomy. <b>TUBITAK</b> is also the national coordinating body for the EU Framework Programme Horizon 2020 in Turkey.</p> <p><b>TUBITAK's</b> main tasks are to determine Turkey's science and technology policies; to support, encourage and coordinate scientific research; to establish and operate special institutes to conduct research and development activities geared towards the priorities set by the Science Board. It provides scholarships and support to researchers and organizing contests to discover and train future scientists; develops support programs for R&amp;D activities and innovations in public and private sectors; promotes university-industry collaborations; publishes scientific journals, popular science magazines and books that make science accessible to the public and supports researchers with awards. <b>TUBITAK</b> is the executing agency in deployment of international scientific and technological agreements.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://tubitak.gov.tr/">http://tubitak.gov.tr/</a></p>	

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Role in Water JPI activities	Coordination / Leadership / Partner in the different types of activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Governing Board representative / voting member</li><li>- Joint Calls: WaterWorks2015</li></ul>	


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Role in Water JPI activities	Partner in the different types of activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Joint Calls: WaterWorks2015</li><li>- International Cooperation</li></ul>	

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Role in Water JPI activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SRIA: Partner</li><li>- International Cooperation: Partner</li></ul>	

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Role in Water JPI activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SRIA: Partner</li><li>- International Cooperation: Partner</li></ul>	


NERC	
Role	Funding Agency
<p><b>Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)</b>'s remit includes terrestrial, marine, freshwater, science-based archaeology, atmospheric and polar sciences, and Earth observation. Our scientists study and monitor the physical, chemical and biological processes on which our planet and life itself depends.</p> <p>Our research is increasingly multi- and interdisciplinary; designed, supported and delivered in partnership with other research funders and research users.</p> <p>Working with our partners, we fund strategic research that addresses key societal challenges, helping business, government and society benefit from natural resources, build resilience to environmental hazards and manage environmental change.</p> <p><b>NERC</b>'s discovery science helps us understand how the Earth works, past, present and future. Whether pure, applied or policy-driven, discovery science addresses clearly-defined environmental science questions.</p> <p>Our translation and innovation activities deliver impact and help business, government and society use our science knowledge.</p> <p>The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is the the UK government department responsible for policy and regulations on environmental, food and rural issues</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/">www.nerc.ac.uk/</a></p>	

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<b>HU, Hungary</b>	National Research, Development and Innovation Office
<b>LV, Latvia</b>	University of Latvia

NTUA	
Role	OBSERVER
<p>The <b>National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)</b> is the oldest and most prestigious educational institution of Greece in the field of technology, and has contributed unceasingly to the country's scientific, technical and economic development since its foundation in 1836. The Laboratory of Hydrology and Water Resources Management was founded in 1998 as one of the four Laboratories of the Department of Water Resources, Hydraulic &amp; Maritime Engineering, which belongs to the School of Civil Engineering of the <b>NTUA</b>. The research team of the Laboratory of Hydrology &amp; Water Resources Management, headed by Prof. Maria Mimikou, is actively involved in the study of water resources and related hydraulic works, and the study of the aquatic environment in general.</p> <p>It is a leading laboratory in the field of inland waters' management on national scale, maintaining its own regional monitoring network, analysing hydrometeorological data, building and managing databases, conducting basic research, providing consulting services, and being actively involved in the implementation of the WFD. The Laboratory of Hydrology and Water Resources Management has participated in numerous EU funded projects as partners or as coordinator. Selective mentions: ETC/ICM (EEA), EPI-WATER, FLADAR (FP7), i-adapt (DG ENV), OpenMI-LIFE (LIFE), SPI-WATER (FP6), HarmonIT, Harmoniqua, Euroharp (FP5), CADSEALAND, HYDROCARE, FLOODMED (INTERREG III), ENRICH, CHES, EUROTAS (DG XII), EU Networks: EurAqua, ERA.NET – IWRM.NET, FLAPP, EXCIFF. It is worth mentioning that it has many times served as the key consultant of the Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning &amp; Public Works in the area of integrated water resources management, linking the scientific knowledge to the development of related policies, helping bridge gaps in the implementation, and developing training activities and workshops. It is also called by the Ministry to provide comments and suggestions on the Water Framework and Flood Directives. Finally, the Laboratory has already established relations with many EU countries and non-EU through past activities and collaborations in projects in the field of water resources and can facilitate transferring of principals and sharing of common knowledge.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ntua.gr/index_en.html">www.ntua.gr/index_en.html</a> / <a href="http://www.chi.civil.ntua.gr">www.chi.civil.ntua.gr</a></p>	

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UL	
Role	OBSERVER
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