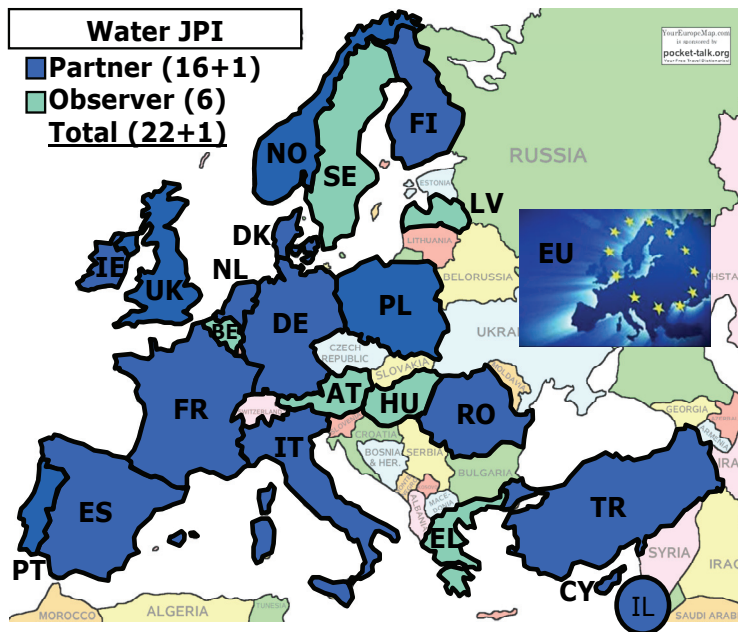


Water Challenges for a Changing World

Fact Sheet

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Partnership

The Initiative (the Water JPI) is led by Spain, as coordinator, and by The Netherlands, as co-coordinator.

A total of sixteen countries and the European Commission are partners of this initiative, while six additional countries play the role of observers.

Partner and Observer countries are distributed across the EU. Two Associated Countries are Partners of this JPI.

Reference Documents

The basic reference document to the JPI is the Vision document. This document presents the challenge, and describes economic, ecological, societal and technological challenges. Objectives address the need for increased coordination in European research, development and innovation (RDI), and address issues such as user participation, attaining targets in the coordinated use of funds and progress in the integration of RDI agendas and activities. The research questions are cast in five axes: the bio-based economy, sustainable ecosystems, healthier water systems for a healthier society, improving water use in the industry, and closing the water cycle gap.

Governance

A governance structure, based on the recommendations of the GPC, has been adopted and implemented. The structure is based on a Governing Board, an Executive Board, two Advisory Boards and a Secretariat. The JPI held its kick off meeting on September 19, 2010 in Brussels. The first meetings of the Executive and Governing Boards were held in Brussels in January 29 and April 14, 2011.

Endorsement by the European Commission

In May 4th 2011 we were informed by Commission Services that the EC had completed the maturity assessment of our JPI. The communication read: *“the Water JPI proposal has been found sufficiently mature against the criteria adopted by the Council. Accordingly, the EC has decided to start preparing a Commission Recommendation concerning this JPI for EC*

adoption no later than the fourth quarter of 2011". A call for a Coordination and Support Action on the Water JPI was published on January 2012. The WatEUr proposal, prepared by the Water JPI, responded to this call. This proposal is currently under negotiation.

Newsletters

Eighteen monthly newsletters have been published to energise internal communication. You can download the last [issue](#) (using the FTP protocol). Each issue contains links to all earlier issues.

Public Repository

Water JPI documents can be obtained in ZIP format from: <http://155.210.150.22/jpi/>, using the HTTP protocol. The repository contains:

- The Vision Document
- All Newsletters
- This Fact Sheet
- A Who is Who
- A Water JPI dossier and a Maturity template

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