

EDITORIAL

In these years of intense growth at the Water JPI we have done a number of things. However, there is something we had never done before: taking a group picture. On the occasion of the fourth meeting of the Executive Board, we got together at the steps of the main entrance of the CNR headquarters in Rome... this picture will make it to the Hall of Fame of the Water JPI.



The picture has captured the energy and good vibrations that we enjoyed at the meetings. The good weather, sightseeing and local gastronomic treats greatly contributed too!

From left to right, Laura, Giuseppina, Harri, Ana, Anne, Cristina, Miguel Ángel, Rosa, Enrique, Jørn, Natalie, Sonia, Robert, Per, Maria, Jean Philippe, Kata-Riina, Hans, Elena, Stefanie, Michel, Meltem, Steinar, Graham and Katerina.

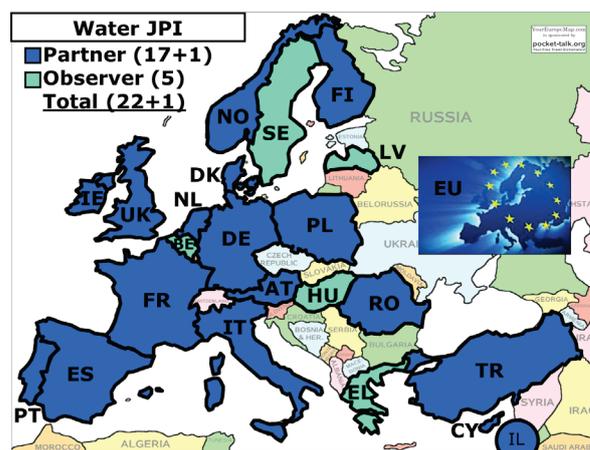
Ah, and our congratulations to STB President Damià Barceló, recipient of the 2012 Water Management [price](#) in Saudi Arabia!

AUSTRIA: NEW WATER JPI PARTNER

Last October 8th, Austria became Partner of the Water JPI. We want to express a warm welcome to our Austrian partners from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

The Water JPI is currently composed by 18 partners (17 countries plus the European Commission). Five additional countries are observing the process. In February 1st, 2011 (Newsletter #4) the Water JPI was

composed by 14 partners. This increase in critical mass is very important to achieve the goals of the Water JPI.



PROGRESS IN WATEUR

WatEUR is the FP7 Coordination and Support Action (CSA) directly contributing to the development of the Water JPI. The intense administrative process to kick WatEUR off is now in clear progress. The Grant Agreement has been signed by the Coordinator (MINECO) and the European Commission, and accession by Partners is now being completed. WatEUR will develop between January 1st, 2013 and December 31st, 2015.

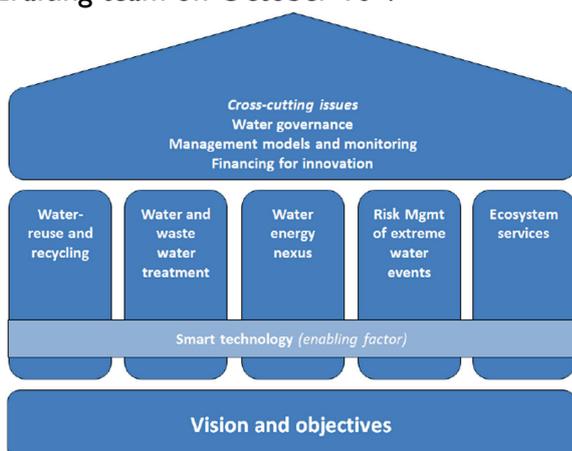


THE EIP ON WATER

This Innovation Partnership has made relevant progress during this month. The Task Force identified priorities in addition to those proposed by the High Level Steering Group. Drafting teams were created at the Task Force meeting (September 25th). The Water JPI asked its Scientific and Technological Board three questions about each EIP priority:

- Is this priority ready for innovation?
- What are the major bottlenecks limiting innovation?
- Which topics are innovation-ready?

A dossier containing summary responses to these questions was sent to each priority drafting team on October 16th.



The first working draft of the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) has now been produced by the drafting teams. The Water JPI will continue contributing to the drafting of the SIP through a critical review of the first working draft.

MEETINGS IN OCTOBER 2012

A two-day Water JPI meeting was held on October 16 and 17 in Rome. The first meeting focused on warming-up WatEUr in anticipation of its kick off early in 2013. Work package and Task leaders presented detailed plans. The second meeting gathered the Water JPI Executive Board for the fourth time.

JPIs TO CO-WORK WORKSHOPS

The second Workshop of the “JPIs to Co-work” CSA on  **JPIs TO CO WORK** Framework Conditions for Joint Programming Initiatives will be held on December 18-19th in Warsaw. The title of this workshop is “Governance and Evaluation”. Registration is already open for JPI partners, and will remain open till December 3rd. In order to participate, please register using the following [link](#). Stay tuned to the project webpage for more workshops.

UPCOMING JPI MEETINGS

Meetings in February 2013

Another two-day meeting will be held on February 5 and 6, 2013. This mega meeting will contain the second meeting of the

Scientific and Technological Board and the Stakeholders Advisory Group, the fifth meeting of the Executive Board, and the WatEUr kick-off, counting on the presence of the whole Water JPI community. The high-profile research managers and performers that will address the audience will soon be announced. In the meantime, the venue has already been confirmed: the Zurbano Palace in the heart of Madrid.



FOOD FOR THOUGHTS

This [article](#) in Nature by Subra Suresh discusses the institutional reforms needed for collaborative action among international research-funding agencies to tackle the challenges humanity faces... quite a relevant issue for the Water JPI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AquaConSoil Conference

This [conference](#) is expecting a thousand delegates from research institutes, universities, governments, consultants and industry. 16–19 April 2013, Barcelona, Spain

Third annual CIS-SPI event

This [event](#) will be held on November 14-15th, 2012 in Brussels. This year’s title is “How to streamline knowledge to address WDF challenges?”

13th European Eco-Innovation Forum

This [forum](#) will take place on November 26-27th in Lisbon. It is dedicated to Developing New Markets for Eco-Innovation with a Special Focus on Water.

3rd EU-India Cooperation Days on water related challenges

These [Cooperation days](#) will take place on November 8-9th in Hyderabad, gathering more than 200 stakeholders from science, academia, industry, SMEs and policy makers.

LINKS TO THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

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