

Presentation of the new portal for the WatEUR and the Water JPI within the 7th Framework Programme

WatEUR and the Water JPI will promote the harmonisation of research agendas and activities in partner countries, will support European leadership in water science and technology, will foster effective use of Europe's limited public research funds, and will pave the way for efficient sharing of best practices across national programmes. Water knows neither political nor administrative borders.

As a matter of fact, most of the European territory falls within transboundary watersheds. WatEUR will assist the Water JPI in addressing fragmentation, preventing duplication of efforts and guaranteeing sufficient critical mass.

By developing new solutions to water challenges, WatEUR and the Water JPI will benefit researchers, policy-makers, water authorities, utility operators, industry, farmers, and citizens.

Solutions will include safe supply of clean drinking water, improved protection against new emerging water pollutants or pathogens and water hazards like floods and droughts, and a progressive shift towards a more water-efficient economy in Europe, towards a more water sensitive urban design.

The main aim of the new site www.waterjpi.eu is to tackle European Water Challenges by managing the knowledge and therefore the Water challenges in the Changing World. The site acts as a coordination and Support virtual entity in support to the Joint Programming Initiatives.

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