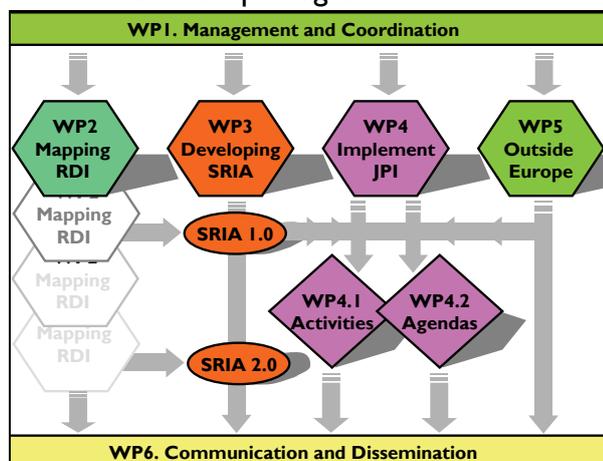


EDITORIAL

Completion of our Coordination and Support Action proposal WatEUr took most of the Water JPI energy this month. Early start of proposal preparation and rigorous planning led to reasonable stress in the final weeks. By preparing WatEUr we have done much more than writing a grant proposal: we have planned three crucial years of Joint Programming activity. In addition to the intense work in proposal preparation, a number of events require the attention of this Newsletter...

WATEUR PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

Last March 20th marked the deadline for the submission of the WatEUr proposal. The proposal has finally included 17 partners from 14 JPI partner countries. The following figure presents the information flow between the six WatEUr workpackages.



WatEUr contains the planning for Water JPI activities in 2013, 14 and 15. Six work packages will concentrate on setting up effective joint programming for Europe and beyond. WatEUr and the Water JPI will show seamless integration in order to effectively address European water challenges.

ECHOES FROM

THE WORLD WATER FORUM

The event gathered together a large selection of world actors in water. The Water JPI participated in the session co-organized by [ONEMA](#) and the [Office International de l'eau](#)



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on the Science-Policy Interface. Two preliminary conclusions were drawn: 1) the need for evidence-based water policy; and 2) the fact that dialogue between science and policy is not obvious. The need for additional connections – particularly in Research and Innovation activities – was identified.

UPCOMING JPI MEETINGS

The second meeting of the Water JPI Governing Board will take place in Dublin on May 16. Among other issues, the meeting will review the WatEUr proposal, decide on the enlargement of the Advisory Boards, and discuss a position on the European Innovation Partnership on Water. A strategic planning for the following year will be discussed and approved. The meeting will be held in coincidence with the IWA congress.

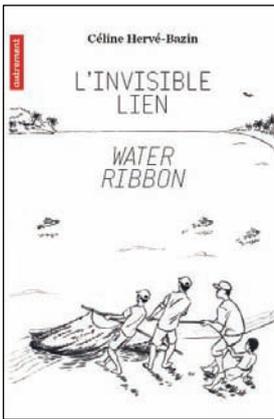
BOOK REVIEW: WATER RIBBON

Take a step back, look at water from a communication perspective... Is there enough water for megacities? Is agriculture the largest consumer of water? Should water run for president?



The [two books](#) "Water Ribbon: 170 testimonies from around the world" and "Water stories: Tell me about water" draw bounds between the different stakeholders working in the water sector through stories and testimonies. Water professionals and

citizens, all of them in their own way, propose various concrete solutions to the challenges related to water, such as urban areas, climate change, energy, women's role in water management, raising awareness on water... They also question how to better



communicate on key issues related to water management, knowledge transfer, bridging research and policy...

These two books labelled by the World Water Forum have been written by [Céline Hervé-Bazin](#), former Liaison Officer of

WssTP and currently working as consultant specialised on water communication.

WORLD WATER DAY

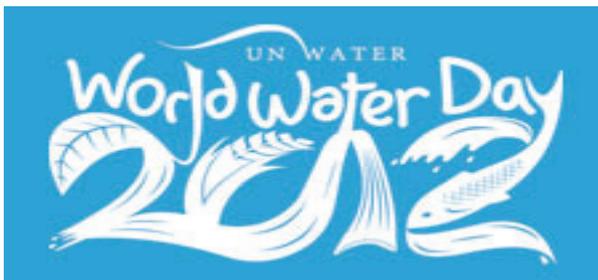
There is a world day for everything: water was not to be excluded. While celebrating March 22, we found some interesting web links on Water day...

The European Commission

The [Joint Research Centre](#) has prepared this [page](#) on Commission activities related to water. Follow the links and you will find the Water JPI surrounded by other European initiatives and Framework Programme projects.

WaterAid

In their UK [site](#), this international Non Governmental Organization reminds us of the importance of safe water. There are still 783 million people worldwide without access to clean drinking water.



COST: Water and Food Security

In their [page](#), COST highlights the crucial link between global food consumption and its demands on our water supply. A number of water-related COST actions and workshops are discussed.

CIRCLE2 WORKSHOP

Our colleagues from ERA-NET CIRCLE2 are organizing a [workshop](#) on uncertainty and climate change adaptation.

They are calling for the [submission](#) of abstracts responding to the following question: How do decision-making processes on climate change adaptation, at the multi-decadal timescale, envision the future and deal with related uncertainties? The workshop will be held in Lisbon, on November 8-9.



UPCOMING EXTERNAL EVENTS

Green Week 2012

This annual [event](#) organized by [DG Environment](#) of the European Commission will be organized on May 22-25 in Brussels. This year's theme is water. About forty sessions will be devoted to exchanges of experience and best practice.

World Congress on Water, Climate and Energy

This [IWA congress](#) will be held in Dublin on May 13-18. Don't miss the opportunity of addressing these interlinked challenges with a view on sustainability.

Water Innovation Europe

[WssTP](#) and [ACQUEAU](#) are organizing this [event](#) in Brussels, on 15th & 16th May 2012. The event will cover issues such as industry innovation leadership, the European Innovation Partnership on water, or the IWA [Project Innovation Awards](#).



AquaConSoil 2013 conference

This major water event has just opened their [Web page](#). The congress will be held in Barcelona on April 16-19, 2013. This is the 12th International [UFZ-Deltares](#) conference on groundwater-soil-systems and water resource management.

LINKS TO THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

[First season](#) (issues #1-9), [#10](#), [#11](#), [#12](#), [#13](#) and [#14](#) and [#15](#). More info at our [public repository](#)!