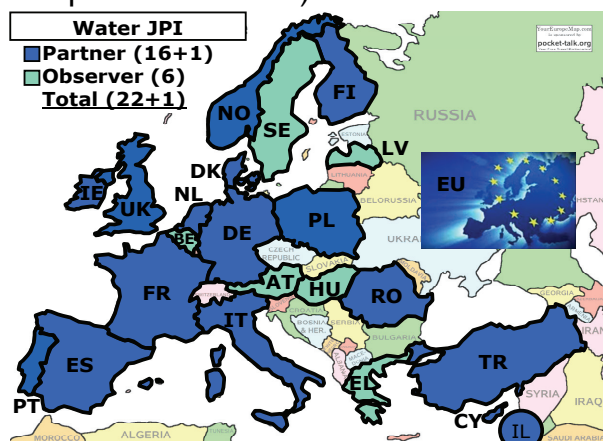


NEWSLETTER

"There are only two tragedies in life:
one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it."

EDITORIAL

This has been another busy month at the Water JPI. Our highest Governance body – The Governing Board – met for the second time and made important decisions. At the meeting, Poland announced their new status as Partner Country and Latvia teamed up as an Observer Country. This JPI is composed of 17 partners (16 countries and the European Commission) and six observers.



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The second meeting of the Governing Board (GB) was held in Dublin on May 16, 2012. This is a significant milestone in the development of the Water JPI.

Three relevant events marked the agenda of this meeting:

- I. the positive evaluation of the WatEUR proposal
- II. the invitation by the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Water to participate in its Governance; and
- III. the enlargement of the Advisory bodies.

WatEUR proposal evaluated

Our proposal for a Coordination and Support Action was evaluated in a very positive way. The Evaluation Summary Report of the WatEUR proposal and the Negotiation Mandate were discussed by the GB. A roadmap for completion of negotiation and project start was prepared. Negotiation must end by July 6th, 2012.

Representation at the EIP on Water

Following the invitation by the EIP on water, representatives were appointed: The President of the Governing Board will represent the Water JPI at the High Level Steering Group. The President of the Executive Board will represent the Water JPI at the Task Force. The Water JPI position document on this EIP was approved and released.



Enlargement of the Advisory bodies

The Governing Board decided that 17 members will compose the Scientific and Technological Board. As a consequence, seven new members were selected. The new members are:

- Prof. Eilon ADAR;
- Prof. Despo FATTA-KASSINOS;
- Prof. Bob FERRIER;
- Prof. Maria KENNEDY;
- Prof. Claudia PAHL-WOSTL;
- Dr. Susan RICHARDSON; and
- Prof. Karl-Ulrich RUDOLPH.

The enlarged STB shows improved balance in scientific and technological expertise, coverage of the research questions identified at the vision document, geographical coverage and gender.

The Governing Board agreed decided that 11 members will compose the Stakeholders Advisory Group. As a consequence, five

additional members were selected. The new members are:

- ARC, Aqua Research Collaboration;
- EMWIS, Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the Water sector;
- EURAQUA, European Network of Freshwater Research Organisations;
- EUREAU, European Federation of National Associations of Water and Wastewater Services; and
- EWA, European Water Association.

The Water JPI publicly welcomes all new member institutions and thanks all candidates for their availability.

EUROPE-INDIA WATER ACTIVITIES



The India-Europe Partnership for Research and Innovation held a session on Environmental / Water issues. This Stakeholders' [conference](#) was jointly organised by India, the European Commission, EU

Member States and countries associated to the 7th Framework Programme within the context of the [Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation](#) (SFIC). The event took place in Brussels on May 31st-June 1st. Objectives included: (i) to prepare an agenda identifying common challenges, priority areas and instruments for enhanced Europe-India cooperation; and (ii) to showcase good practices and opportunities in Europe-India cooperation both within the EU-India cooperation and the bilateral cooperation between the EU Member States and India, and the opportunities for enhanced synergies between them.

GLOBAL FLOOD FORECASTING



Last April 24th the Joint Research Centre (JRC) presented a new experimental system for better preparedness for

floods on a global scale. The Global Flood Awareness System ([GloFAS](#)), jointly developed with the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

(ECMWF), is independent of administrative and political boundaries. It couples state-of-the-art weather forecasts with a hydrological model and - with its continental scale set-up - it provides downstream countries with information on upstream river conditions as well as continental and global overviews.

UPCOMING JPI MEETINGS

Fourth meeting of the Executive Board

This meeting will be held in October 16-17, 2012 in Rome. The meeting will also serve the purpose of warming up WatEUr before the planned starting date of January 1st, 2013. Work package and Task leaders will present and discuss detailed plans.



UPCOMING EXTERNAL EVENTS

3rd SCARCE International Conference



This multidisciplinary [project](#) aims at describing and predicting the significance of the impacts of global change on water availability, quality and ecosystem services in Mediterranean basins of the Iberian Peninsula and as their impacts on human society and the economy. This International Meeting will be held in Valencia on November 26-27, 2012.

India Water Forum 2012

Following the success of this event in 2011, Teri and the Indian Ministry of Water Resources are organizing a new [India Water Forum](#) on the theme "Water Use Efficiency". The event will be held in New Delhi on October 8-10, 2012.

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