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EDITORIAL

Lisbon provided a wonderful location for the seventh Executive Board and General Assembly of the project WatEUr held at the beginning of February. Water JPI partners met to consider the pilot call, the mapping exercise and international cooperation with third party countries. As a result of thorough discussion and focused decision-making, we're now committed to progressing our intergovernmental initiative on water research and innovation in Europe and associated countries.



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Halting desertification in Europe

In December 2013, seven pilot projects ([ASSET](#), DURERO, [GuaSEEA+](#), [PAWA](#), PROTAGUS, SYWAG, and WAMCD) were selected for funding under the a [Call for proposals](#) launched by the European Commission's DG Environment and entitled "Halting desertification in Europe" for pilot initiatives aiming at complementing at the local scale the EU water resources balance elaborated in the framework of the [System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water \(SEEA-Water\)](#), [Read more](#)

New Brand and Logo for EU Projects

From January 1, 2014, the European Commission has defined new rules for the use of the Horizon 2020 brand and logo of the European Union in European projects. The previous logo of the European program is now replaced by a new [visual identity](#).

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN WATER RESEARCH

Interview with Bart Jeroen Bierens



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OPPORTUNITIES

New tool of the German NCP for environment

The German National Contact Point (NCP) for Environment has launched a partnering tool for the open topics in 2014 of the Societal Challenge 5 "Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials". The tool is provided in English in order to encourage and support European and international applicants in finding potential partners. It gives its users the possibility to post cooperation partner requests and offers. If you have a specific project idea and are searching for partners that are interested in joining you/your consortium, please "post a request". If you don't have a specific project idea but would like to offer your expertise in a certain field, please "post an offer". After a short plausibility check by the NCP Environment Germany, your entry will be published on the "List of partner offers/requests". The database can be searched by Call-topics, keywords and further information provided by its users. If you are interested, please visit the [website](#) in order to find a detailed description of the different ways to use the partnering tool and to post a cooperation partner offer/request.

ACQUEAU Spring Call

Project outline submission is open until April 8th 2014, 17:00 CET. Click [here](#) for details

Applications for Future Earth Engagement



Future Earth is a 10-year international research programme aiming at providing critical knowledge to global sustainability. An open call is open to establish the Future Earth Engagement Committee which will be appointed next June. Applications should be submitted no later than 14 March 2014. Details are provided [here](#)

NEWSLETTER

New Call of the EU-India R&I partnership

An overall funding of 2 M € is available for this action whose goals are to stimulate the setting-up of EU-India cluster-to cluster partnerships in research and innovation and support mobility of European research and innovation cooperation towards finding solutions to common societal challenges. A concept note should be submitted by 21st March 2014. Deadline for full applications on 30th May 2014. More information [here](#)

Cost Open Call

Cost programme is organized in nine broad domains (biomedicine and molecular biosciences; chemistry and molecular sciences and technologies; earth system science and environmental management; food and agriculture; forests, their products and services; individuals, societies, cultures and health; information and communication technologies; materials, physics and nanosciences; transport and urban development). Proposals should include researchers from a minimum of five COST countries and will be evaluated in two stages. The collection date for preliminary proposals is 28 March 2014 at 17.00 CET. More information [here](#)

Call of the JPI HDHL



The JPI HDHL has launched a call to establish a European Nutritional Phenotype Assessment and Data Sharing Initiative (ENPADASI). Through the call procedure a networking programme will be adopted by the JPI HDHL to build up a specific Knowledge Hub (KH). The aim is to bring together research centres and their scientists from JPI Member Countries to carry out joint trans-multi-disciplinary activities aiming at the standardisation of data collection, storage and management through the development of a common methodology and a shared ICT infrastructure. Read the call [announcement](#)

Bonus Open Call

The Baltic Sea research and development programme BONUS has announced a call for a total budget of 15 million € on sustainable ecosystem services. The call will seek proposals that encompass the six themes of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th strategic objectives of the BONUS Strategic Research Agenda. More information [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

European Innovation Convention

The 2nd [Innovation Convention](#) will take place in Brussels on March 10 and 11, 2014 and will be hosted by European Commission President José Manuel Barroso. Already established as Europe's leading innovation event, the Convention will bring together a unique gathering of world-class visionaries and innovators, including CEOs from some of Europe's top companies, young innovators and net-entrepreneurs.

Vienna Catchment Science Symposium

The event will be held on 3rd May 2014 and will focus on historical hydrology. Historical hydrology has been a bit of a niche discipline in the past with limited links to other hydrological fields of enquiry. Given the recent interest in hydrological change and longer time scales we now need to fully exploit the wealth of information from historical records in the past centuries in order to advance hydroclimatology, hydrological process understanding, stochastic hydrology and hydrological design. The aim of this symposium is to discuss these interfaces, each of them illustrating what can be learned from a historical perspective for hydrology. The programme is available [here](#).

Asemwater Workshop

The ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Centre aims to provide a platform for all ASEM members with interests in water resources to strengthen exchange and cooperation. The Seminar on New Urbanization and Sustainable Management of Water Resources. will be held from 22nd May to 23rd May 2014 in Changsha City, Hunan Province, and is sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Popular Republic of China.

Istanbul International Water Forum



Our JPI and WatEU partner SUEN (Turkish Water Institute) will host the 3rd Istanbul International Water Forum on 27-29 May 2014. The event will focus on water security and the legal aspects of water. The Forum will welcome water professionals, academics, scientists, governmental institutions, international and civil society organizations, representatives of the private business sector. The 3rd IIFW will host a special side event to promote Water JPI activities and attract the attention of the international water community. Click [here](#) for details.

International Conference on Civil Engineering

From 4 -6 August, 2014 the Faculty of Civil Engineering at the Tishreen University in Syria will host this conference on the theme "Towards Reconstruction & Sustainable Development" with the aim to give a place for experience and ideas exchange between researchers, young researchers and engineers who work in the field of design engineering construction investment and management, in order to develop and increase returns and raise the efficiency of its employees. More information [here](#).

Sdewes Conference



9th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems

September 20 - 27, 2014, Venice-Istanbul

The 9th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems will be held on a cruiser between Istanbul and Venice from 20 to 27 September 2014. The aim of the event is to take into account the economic, environmental and social pillars of economy, as well as methods for assessing and measuring sustainability of development, regarding energy, transport, water, environment and food production systems and their many combinations. For more information click [here](#)

IWA WATERIDEAS



This international conference on efficient management of losses, energy and demand in water distribution will take place in Bologna from 22- 24 October 2014 aiming at bringing together the world's experts on the most innovative water technologies. A pre-conference event titled "SWAN DAY" will also take place in the Italian city on 22nd October, about the "Smart Water Network", a structure of data-driven components which helps operate the "dumb" or data-less physical layer of pipes, pumps, reservoirs, and valves. Details available [here](#)