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- MB commented the document
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- NA added the table of action list, list of events and participants
- NA added a note from the coordinator section 351b

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INTRODUCTION

Many thanks to our German Federal Ministry of Research and Education who welcomed us for the 6th IWRM-NET General Assembly in Berlin, to all of you for attending the GA and to our special guest who became a permanent observer: Marie-Perrine Miossec from the ONEMA (France).

Our GA was divided into three days as reminded on the table hereafter. In this document, you will find the key points of the first two days. The minutes of the water related ERA-Net meeting are presented in another document.

OVERVIEW OF THE AGENDA

	DAY ONE	DAY ONE	DAY TWO	DAY THREE
	Wednesday 28 May	Wednesday 28 May	Thursday 29 May	Friday 30 May
Morning	Funding decision for IWRM-NET proposals of the 1 st call		General Assembly	Water related ERA-Net meeting
Afternoon	Funding decision for IWRM-NET proposals of the 1 st call	IWRM-NET tool and training discussion	General Assembly	Water related ERA-Net meeting
Open to	Evaluators and funders	All IWRM-NET partners	All IWRM-NET partners	All IWRM-NET and water related ERA-Net partners

GLOBAL OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- IWRM-NET partners selected the research projects that will be supported inside IWRM-Net first joint call. Lessons learnt from this first experience will be provided by WP4 next October.
- IWRM-Net enters into phase two of the project. The mid-term evaluation will occur between September and November 2008. Based on its results, the next GA in December 2008 will decide, which activities are to be modified, adapted in order to reach IWRM-Net vision in 2010.
- Next call(s): the **“format and frame” of the forthcoming call(s) were discussed**: should IWRM-NET support small calls in parallel of the second main call? No decision was taken. As an intermediate solution, WP4 will further enquire the added-value of proposing templates for partners willing to implement bilateral calls, to be presented at the next GA. WP4 will provide a document on the lessons learnt from the first calls in October 2008.



- **The follow up of research project.** To show the added-value of an ERA-Net project, the possibility to implement a collective approach based on an evaluation panel has been discussed. For the first call, the call secretariat will transfer the mid-term and final reports to the funding agencies, which will apply their internal rules of assessment. The payment to the research teams will be made once all the funding agencies agree on the evaluation. WP4 will provide for the next GA a proposal to implement a single evaluation panel that could be implemented for the next call.
- The necessity to **tight up our internal communication and exchanges of information** to better shine towards the external world ! The internal newsletter aims to keep all the partners inform on the network activities. **The liaison and dissemination activities as well as the efficiency of our tools** (Database, KM Tool, and Public website) depend on the ability of all the partners to update information.
- **Our vision** has been presented again. To reach a more operational stage, partners as explained before should provide information to WP5 and vice versa WP5 will animate and support partners by complementing and updating the liaison strategy

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ACTION POINTS AND MILESTONES FOR 2008

Action points	Who	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
KM tool and database								
Comments on the KM tool	All the partners to NA					KMtool Version#2		
Integration of the Partners comments into the DB and KM tool	OIEAU							
Implementation of the forum/matrix	WP1							
IWRM-Net community implementation	OIEAU							
Provide news to update the public website	All the partners to SM and GNi							
Project management								GA
Comments on the document "procedure to welcome permanent observer"	All the partners to NA		Final version					
Quality assurance scheme					Final version			
At each GA there will be a report on QAS that will be presented by Joao Rocha but verified before presentation by the committee.	FCT and QS Com							X
Joint effort from WP leader and task manager. For each task there would be a reviewer from within the task or team.	WP leaders, Permanent task							
Changes of the QAS - Checklist will be provided on what is relevant for QAS. Indicators of success - Flowchart requested to explain at which part of the project, each actor or WP/task leader should contact who to achieve the QAS	FCT							
Comments on the processes for QAS Annexes, indicators of success	All partners to JR and NA							



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Preparation of the second call(s)								
Anne Lieutaud sends to Michiel Blind their procedure of evaluation (document in French)	AL to MB							
WP4 details in one document the procedure to implement a collective approach to follow up research projects	WP4							Presentation to the GA
At this stage, WP4 will assess the costs and benefits of small calls	WP4							Presentation to the GA
Proposition on the matrix/forum frame	WP1/WP2/WP4							
Document on lessons learnt from the first call	WP4							
IWRM-Net research agenda								
Comment the WP3 workshop outputs	All partners to AL, XL							
Dissemination								
Comments on which documents should be made available hard copy. E.g. Newsletter, Map of research programmes.	All Partners to PAW							
Comment on the location and date of the mid term event by the end of June (10-12 Feb 09 – Brussels)	All Partners to PAW							
Comment on the location and date of the final conference by the end of 2008. (7-9 Dec 10 – Brussels)	All Partners to PAW							X
Provide 100 words on update about WP	WP leaders to PAW		Release of the next Newsletter					
Provides details on the SPI Conference in Brussels – October 2008 – to anticipate IWRM-Net and/or Water Era-net participation	MB to ExB	X						



Action points	Who	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Liaison								
Comment to liaison strategy	All Partners to MB				Updated version			
Send all relevant information that could support the liaison activities	All Partners to MB							
Provides a flow chart on partners involvement into the liaison	MB to all partners				X			
Mid-term evaluation								
Mid term evaluation specifications	OIEAU							
Circulation of the mid-term evaluation specification to the ExB	OIEAU to ExB							
Mid-evaluation specifications validation by the ExB (meeting in Paris or Webconf)			Mid-July		External Mid-term evaluation			Presentation to the GA
There has been an external review of another era-net. Stefan Vetter will provide the report from this review to Natacha Amorsi.	SV to NA	X						



1. DAY ONE: FUNDING DECISION FOR IWRM-NET PROPOSALS OF THE 1ST CALL

Organised by the WP4 (PTKA & UBA-A), the session on the selection of research projects was held on the Wednesday 28 May 2008.

We would like to thank Willie Duncan (SEPA-Scotland) who animated the morning session on the presentation and discussion of scientific evaluation and ranking.

The afternoon was dedicated to the selection of projects that will be financed by IWRM-Net partners. 17 projects were submitted. Partly based on the scientific ranking, three projects were selected:

- i-Five
- RIPFLOW
- FORECASTER
- Considering the two very different evaluation of SPIRBasin project, it has been suggested to ask for another evaluation in order to decide if the project will be supported. Post meeting notes: On the 9 June, there are still discussions between the funders for HYDROMORPHECO, KNAC and SPIRBasin. Since the first of the additional SPIRBasin evaluation votes was rather negative, it seems possible that HYDROMORPHECO instead has the chance of being funded. Scotland and Spain are checking funding opportunities, German funding will be secured. In the case, that HYDROMORPHECO can't be funded by Scotland and/or Spain, KNAC might come into place instead; The Dutch partner in KNAC may be able to secure other funding than funding from MinVenW – it is beyond MinVenW responsibility as such However, Germany can only provide funding for HYDROMORPHECO or KNAC.

AP WP4 will provide a document on lessons learnt from the first call (for October 2008) The basis of the document is the first feedbacks obtained during round table, animated by Stefan Vetter, at the end of this day.



2. DAY ONE: TRAINING SESSION ON IWRM-NET TOOLS

The training session on Wednesday afternoon was open to **all IWRM-NET partners**. It aimed to present the database and KM tool and discuss how to improve the information and how to better tackle partners needs.

Participants

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Laszlo Perger

Ana Joborn

Joseph Smitz

Stephen Midgley

João Rocha

Guillermo morales

Philippe Vervier

Martin Push

Chrysoula Papathanasiou

21. TRAINING SESSION PROGRESS

211. Presentation of the different websites available for the IWRM-Net community

- Public site
- Public site : IWRM-Net community
- Collaborative site
- The research programmes and projects database (DB)
- The knowledge management tool (KM tool)

For each site, review of:

- Access address
- Login and password
- Objectives : Presentation of each site purposes in order to identify where to find and where to store information

212. The database (DB)

Reminder of the use instructions

- how to insert a research programme (RP)
- how to insert a project research

Practical works

- Working groups to get familiar with the DB:
 - insertion of a new RP or new project
 - modification of an existing RP or project



213. The KM tool

Presentation of its different functionalities:

- Search methods
- Results display (table / graphical / chronological / geographical)

Highlights of the consequences of a bad or incomplete filling of the DB on the results relevance and quality.

Practical works

- Working groups to become familiar with the KM tool

22. DISCUSSION / REMARKS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

- Be careful to make difference on RP and project!
- What kind of RP for the DB?; Is there a difference, for the DB, between pure (fundamental) research and applied research?
- Is there any difference – even hierarchy - between regional and national (international) RP?
- RP date
 - OK for running RP; but what about achieved RP?
 - Ok for “recent” IWRM RP, but what is “recent”? 1,2,3 years ? A 5 years old RP may remain interesting for the DB
 - Is it possible to establish a rule?
- What is the definition for « regional » scope? The Baltic region, the Mediterranean region exist...
 - In fact, for the IWRM-Net DB, “regional” means “part of a country”
- Do the projects issued from the EU (eg FP) need to be in the DB?
 - You can enter FP RP in the DB respecting this rule: you put **EC** before the RP title
- In the case of the IWRM-Net joint RP: who is the manager to enter the DB? The call secretariat?
- How to organize the RP collection?
 - To initiate the RP collection, 6 IWRM-Net partners were in charge of the RP from 26 countries.
 - To reinforce the collection, it's now decided each partner check it's RP in the DB and add the new one.
 - In the case of a country represented in the IWRM-Net by several organization is it necessary to choose one in charge of checking the national RP?

Technical problems:

- Some specific Greek characters are not available in the DB
- The title field for RP value must be corrected from € to K€



23. HOW TO UPDATE THE INFORMATION?


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AP Comments on the KM tool

AP Integration of the Partners comments into the DB and KM tool

AP IWRM-Net community implementation

AP Partners provide news to update the public website

 Annexe 2 shows the ppt presentations made by Natacha Amorsi to introduce the session and Didier Delage who animated the training session.



3. DAY TWO: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

31. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- 👉 The day started with a presentation on activities carried out over the last 12 months with a special attention to:
 - 👉 the reporting to the commission.
 - 👉 The policy to integrate permanent observers was presented. Although the document had been circulated among WP leaders, some important comments raised during the GA such as:
 - during the vote by the GA to validate the candidacy of a new permanent observer, the representative should leave the room;
 - one vote per organisation;
 - the budget allocated to each permanent observer, to support their travels and subsistence costs, is up to 2500€ per year, following the decision made case by case by the Executive Board.

AP¹ - The document “Procedure to welcome permanent observer” has been changed to take into account these comments. All partners are invited to send their comments before the end of June.

- 👉 Vote by the GA to welcome the ONEMA as a new permanent observer. All IWRM-Net were present expect SYKE. The GA voted at the unanimity ONEMA candidacy.

The consortium agreement has been amended by OIEAU and ONEMA on the 9 June 2008. ONEMA is officially a permanent observer.

📎 Annexe 3 : ppt presentation made Natacha Amorsi.

📎 Annexe 4: ppt presentation made by Marie-Perrine Miossec to present the ONEMA

32. STATE OF PROGRESS OF THE FIRST CALL

- 👉 WP4 presented the projects selected on the previous day and further steps, more information on the session are given in the section 1.

📎 Annexe 5: ppt presentation made Irene Huber.

¹ Action point



33. PREPARATION OF THE SECOND CALL(S)

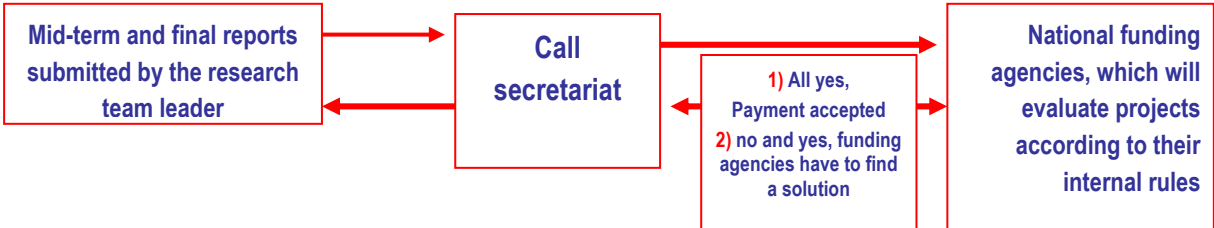
Different important issues were discussed during this session.

331. The follow up of research project funded by IWRM-Net partners

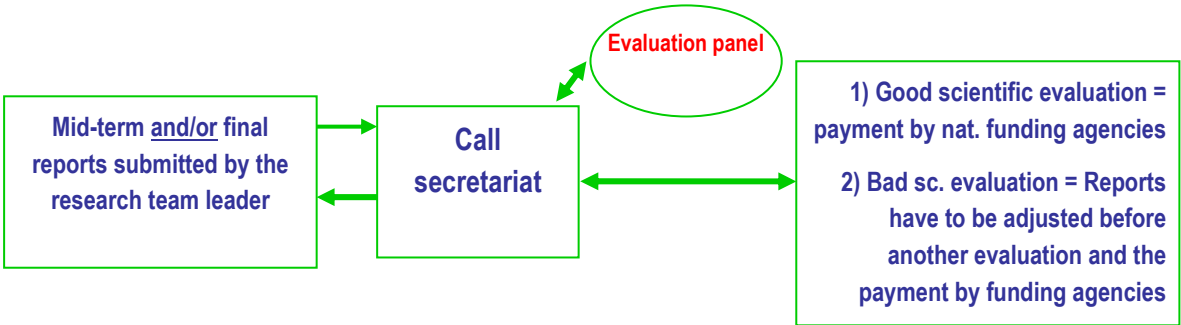
The question deals with the procedure to be implemented to follow up research projects and how their mid-term and/or final report should be assessed.

a) The context: two options

- 1) **IWRM-NET funding agencies implement their own procedures** to assess mid-term and final reports of research projects. The mid-term and final reports are submitted to the call secretariat which transfers them to the respective funding agencies. Each funding agencies launch their assessment according to their internal rules. Two possibilities at his stage: **a)** all the assessments sent back to the call secretariat are positive, the funding agencies received the confirmation from the call secretariat that the payments to the research teams can be made. **b)** If there is conflict between evaluations (i.e. the German evaluation is positive for the German part as the Austrian one is not for the Austrian part of the same project), then the call secretariat support funding agencies to find solution and all the funding agencies wait for the solution to be set before paying the research teams.



- 2) **IWRM-Net funding agencies implement a collective procedure** to follow research projects, which would consist of having a single evaluation panel. The call secretariat would remain the focus contact for the evaluation panel to which the call secretariat would send the mid-term and final reports to be assessed and for the funding agencies to which the call secretariat would send the results of the evaluation. As in the previous case, the payment to research teams should be made after the agreement of all the funding agencies.



b) Comments

- In both cases, it has been reminded that evaluation is different from decision remaining in the hands of funding agencies. Each country have to approve the reports.
- Some partners as the MEEDDAT need and base their evaluation process on a panel, which bring more credibility to the scientific results as well.

AP – Anne Lieutaud sends to Michiel Blind their procedure of evaluation (document in French)

- The evaluation should not only concern the scientific aspects of the research but should also be based on criteria dealing with the involvement of stakeholders, dissemination aspects...
- Having a single panel could delay the payment to research teams

c) Decision made by the GA

- For the first call, the solution 1 will be applied.
- For the forthcoming call(s), IWRM-Net partners agreed on implementing the case 2 that bring also an added value in terms positive image thanks to a strict and efficient process evaluation. Further details on the organisation have to be proposed by WP4.

AP – WP4 details in one document the procedure to implement a collective approach to follow up research projects (i.e. how the panel would be composed (scientific and/or stakeholders and/or funders; would the panel be the same for the entire duration of the projects follow up...).

332. Frame and format of IWRM-Net next call(s)

Another important issue of the session were the “frame and format” of IWRM-Net next calls. To set the scene, an introduction presented the reflection² so far on the possibility to implement in parallel of the second main call, some “flexible” calls. The overall idea is support IWRM-Net to launch calls based on a more regional approach joining a smaller number of funding agencies.

The terms “flexible” raised a lot of misunderstanding among partners as it is not clear to what refer the term flexible. Small calls and main calls are preferred.

a) Arguments for

- Enable the implementation of research quicker
- Respond to national “urgencies” in terms of research

² During the last ExB meeting on April 2008, the question on flexible calls was raised. The idea would be for IWRM-Net partners to launch small scale research programmes joining 2 or 3 funding agencies



b) Arguments against

- Small calls would disperse IWRM-Net partners effort to bring enough budget for the second main call
- Small calls do not answer to ERA-Net aims consisting of joining national interests in order to implement common research agenda a long time scale.
- Small calls do not support the preparation of the future, they are not related to the sustainability of IWRM-Net network.


c) Comments and decisions

- IWRM-Net partners' opinions were very divergent, no decision was made.
- The second main call is maintained.
- A consensus proposal consisted of envisaging a kind of support to partners who would like to implement bilateral calls by providing templates for the procedures to be implemented. External funding agencies willing to take part in small calls should first become IWRM-Net permanent observers.

AP –At this stage, WP4 will assess the costs and benefits of this solution and present it to the next GA

- The discussion moves from the support of small calls to the implementation of forum to identify partners' priorities in terms of research needs. The overall idea is to propose a matrix displayed on IWRM-Net community section of the public website where partners could on time express their interest in identified research needs as well as exchange with researchers, water managers...

AP –Proposition on the matrix/forum frame will be work out by WP4, WP2 and WP1. the implementation of the matrix/frame is scheduled for September 2008.

 Annexe 61 : ppt presentation on setting the scene of small calls

333. WP2 update

Stephen presented the organisation/location of the regional workshops. Three workshops are set:

- Valencia (June 10&11)
- Sibiu (October 1/4)
- Stockholm (November)
- An additional workshop might be organised in Brussels at the beginning of 2009.

The outputs of workshops in terms of research needs identified will fill the matrix/forum.

 Annexe 62 : WP2 update ppt presentation



334. WP3 update

Last April, WP3 organised a workshop on foresight. Over the next 12 months, work will be carrying on the analysis of the workshop results in order to highlight research needs.

AP All Partners are invited to comment the workshop output until September 2008

 Annexe 63 : WP3 update ppt presentation

334. IWRM-Net research agenda

In April/May 2009 a workshop will be held to present to IWRM-Net partners the research needs identified by WP2 and WP3 and set the content of the main call.

In the meantime, information will be displayed on IWRM-Net public website to gather feedback from IWRM-Net partners and more largely from IWRM-Net community through the matrix/forum to be implemented in September 2008.

34. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

According to the DoW, “a project Quality Assurance scheme is to be implemented, under the leadership of a special GA sub committee (QPCom) ; the QPCom will propose a Quality Manual, with ad’hoc procedures and indicators, to the GA within the 6 first months of the project.”

The quality manual is the reference document explaining the scheme, presenting the set of indicators and procedures to be followed by partners that will be the basis for the reports to be produced by FCT and OIEAU, submitted to QPCom and presented to the each GA by FCT.

The procedure has been changed compared to the DoW (that will be updated for the next reporting to the commission). The QPCom will be in charge of checking the report before each GA, but won’t be involved in the production of the report.

341. Quality assurance scheme

a) Context

- Request from JR – can there be some standardisation on the numbering of the action points and the title of documents e.g. QAS or Quality manual.
- Important for people to note the difference between the scheme and the manual. The scheme will be implemented by all members of IWRM and overseen by the panel. The manual is the supporting and guidance document.
- Large range of deliverables to be considered by the QAS. ISO recognised as valuable guidance but too complex.
- Tasks to be quality assured internally by project members.
- QA will be on workshop, proposals, calls, research programmes.



- If QAS is too much then it could be proposed that the Executive board should validate documents before they are published.
- BIODIVERSA and environmental and health. Examples for quality assurance panel.
- SNOWMAN example proposed as an example from a smaller consortium.

Activities and composition of the Quality assurance committee: QScom

- Committee of non-work package leaders. There is no funding available for the work to be done by the QScom. If there is funds available non wp leaders could volunteer for the work. It is not proposed to be a large workload. The role would mainly be monitoring if the work is done right. Overseeing the QAS. Validate the QAS and then to update QAS if needed.
- Committee would receive the report based on the indicators detailed in the QAS, review this before the GA. Predicted 2hrs of work before each GA.
- Committee will review the document based on indicators of success (annexes of the QAS) before the GA.
- Proposed for committee: Joseph Smitz, Anna Joborn, Maris Klavins

b) Decisions and actions points

- Point Emphasised – there is now a commitment to ensure QA of all deliverables. Changes the resource requirements for deliverables.
- Still some work to be done on the final agreement of the QAS and the procedures to be used.

AP At each GA there will be a report on QAS that will be presented by Joao Rocha but verified before presentation by the committee.

AP Joint effort from WP leader and task manager. For each task there would be a reviewer from within the task or team.

AP Checklist will be provided on what is relevant for QAS. Indicators of success;

AP Flowchart requested to explain at which part of the project, each actor or WP/task leader should contact who to achieve the QAS.

AP Comments required by end of June on the processes for QAS Annexes, indicators of success to be sent to Joao Rocha and copied to Natacha Amorsi

342. Dissemination

- DOW introduced – tasks highlighted with responsibilities. (table).
- Hard copy publication? Is there anything that would benefit from this, such as documents from the workshops. i.e. proceedings.

📄 Annexe 7 : WP6 ppt presentation

AP Before the end of June for comments on which documents should be made available hard copy. E.g. Newsletter, Map of research programmes.



343. Website, database and KM tool

- Introduction to the public website.
- 📄 Annexe 2 : training session presentation
- From now on, <http://www.iwrm-net.eu> NOT the .org version.
- This is important for the people changing and updating the website.
- Collaborative website access can be found in the website.
- KMT and database will soon be available from the community section of the website.
- Forum will be available for research issues.
- Emphasised that it is incumbent on all present to keep the database update and complete with all the programme information.
- 📄 Annexe 8: Database updates statistics
- AP The version #2 of the KM tool is scheduled in October 2008. Partners send their comments on the KM tool by mid-July.
- AP IWRM-Net community opens at the end of June 2008
- AP All partners send their news either to Stephen Midgley or Gaëlle Nion to be put on the public website

35. Vision and Phase II of the project

351. Liaison

a) Progress and current context

- **Liaison is a joint activity** of all partners of IWRM, not just a WP led by Deltares on behalf of Ministry.
- **Key points** of Michiel Blind presentation on activities undertaken by WP5 over the last year:
 - Attempt to influence 3rd Call with respect to the future of ERA-nets on water, based on the outcomes of the Brussels meeting (FP7 ENV)
 - CIS group: The activity was to support Philippe Quevauviller in drafting a paper on the need and tasks of a CIS Science-Policy group. After finalization this document should be presented to the Dutch key persons who decide on the position of the Water Director
 - Harmonica conference (N. Amorsi presented IWRM-net during the VIP day, Peter Allen-Williams organized the first Water-Era-Net session)
 - ERAWATCH
 - New Partners
 - EURAqua
- Liaison strategy is **part of a process**, not just a list of things to do. Keep the vision in mind, which has been reconfirmed by WP leaders.



🟡 **Vision briefly analysed:**

- Vision asks for tangible requirements: e.g 1st call procedures, KMT, research resulting from call
- Less tangible: Forum/facilitator
- Need to convince people
- Liaison strategy is mainly on Forum facilitator role
- Liaison strategy document provides narrative cost-benefit analysis for joining IWRM.
- Preconditions – flexibility to act upon the information coming into the project/network
- Inside out communication – disseminating generally, or targeted.

b) Needs and actions

- 🟡 Need for us to be dynamic and flexible, to adapt to other networks.
- 🟡 Request for more information on what are the tasks and stages for the delivery of the vision.
- 🟡 Problem presented from Michiel Blind. Are we heading for the vision and what do we need to do to achieve this? What we need are good products – e.g. QAS needs to be up and running ASAP to prove that we have QA products that could be sold as something of value people can benefit from being part of IWRM-Net.
- 🟡 There are more of us that could provide more information into IWRM-net. Many other groups that currently exist outside IWRM-net
- 🟡 Correlation between WP5 and WP6 is close and without more clarity on the visions for each WP its difficult to understand what is required when the WP have not got a clear strategy forward for the GA. Observed from the other side the difficulties for WP5/6 is to go forward if there is not a clear consensus on what IWRM-net is about.

Note from the Coordinator: the last GA allowed presenting the finalised vision, highlighting the difficulties encountered on both sides (WP5/WP6 and partners) to implement the vision so far. From now on, **we have a to stick to this vision**, The gap in terms of forum aspects will be partly filled thanks to the KM tool and the matrix/forum to be implemented. On one hand WP5 and WP6 have to communicate on a more regular basis being explicit on partners' involvement. On the other hand, partners have to react to WP5/WP6 expectations.

- 🟡 Support for the need to be closer to the major strategic groups in Europe.
- 🟡 Each GA should start with a reminder of the vision.

AP Michiel provides a flow chart on partner involvement into the liaison aiming to detail who could/will be involved in which activities of the liaison.

AP Partners are invited to comment to liaison strategy by next September

AP Partners send all relevant information to Michiel that could support the liaison activities (who is involved in which networks, related events...)



Michiel stresses two points:

- 1) If the focus is on joint research calls, and less on the forum role, the Liaison Strategy becomes much more simple, since the focus should than shift to funding organisations (same holds to some extend for Dissemination)
- 2) If we want to create a forum, the first step is to increase the involvement of the partners already within the IWRM-net.

352. Future dissemination activities

- The need to show everyone what we have done, moving products via the best channels.
- Mid term event: an opportunity to help process of IWRM research agenda (both WP2&3). Proposal is for Brussels 10-12 February.

AP comment on the location and date of the mid term event by the end of June.

- Final conference: Sept/Oct 2010. Location: Brussels again.

AP comment on the location and date of the final conference by the end of 2008.

- Training workshops – budget passed on to WP7 to support WP2 & 3 workshops
- Release of the next newsletter mid-July. There is an opportunity for all provide newsletter articles on national issues, not just WP leaders. Remember the target audience!

AP – Work package leaders to provide 100 words on update about WP by the end of June

- We have to put in place better organisation to reach the target audience and from this point on it is argued that we have more information available of interest produced by IWRM-net.

AP – Michiel Blind provides details on the SPI Conference in Brussels – October 2008 – to anticipate IWRM-Net and/or Water Era-net participation

353. Mid term evaluation

According to the DoW, the mid term evaluation should occur at the end of the first period to confront activities carried out during the first period with IWRM-NET aims. Vision is long term goal. The project is the means of getting there and we need to ensure we are moving in the right direction for this. The vision can be used by the mid-term evaluation team to judge us against achieving this. The outcomes of the mid-term evaluation will be proposals to re-orientated our activities in order to reach our vision in 2010.

- The mid term evaluation will be done by external experts by the end of November at the latest to be presented to the next GA in December.
- The mid-term event will be the opportunity to present (and not discuss)



AP – OIEAU writes the mid term evaluation specifications and circulate it to the ExB during the first two weeks of July. A meeting or web conference might be required. (The evaluation should start in September for 2 months and an half).

AP – There has been an external review of another era-net. Stefan Vetter will provide the report from this review to Natacha Amorsi.



4. IWRM-NET EVENTS

Year	Month	Days	Who	Topics	Location
2008	April	10/11	WP3	Workshop on long term research needs and foresight methods	Paris
	May	28/30	GA	- IWRM-Net first call - Research projects selection - GA - Water related ERA-Net	Berlin
	June	10/11	WP2	Research needs workshop	Valencia
	July	TB	ExB	Validation of the mid-term evaluation	Paris or webconf
	August	17/22	Water era-net	Water World Water Week	Stockholm
	October	1/3	WP2	Research needs workshop	Sibiu
	October		WP5 IWRM-Net presentation and/or water era-net	SPI-water conference More information requested to Michiel Blind	Brussels
	November	17/18	WP2	Research needs workshop	Stockholm
	December	TBC	GA	- Mid term evaluation results - WP4 proposal on small calls - ...	Paris - TBC
2009	February	10/12	WP6	Mid-term conference	Brussels
		TBC	WP2	Research needs workshop	Brussels
	March	19/20	WP1/WP2/WP6 Water era-net - TBC	World water forum	Istanbul
	May	TBC	WP2/WP3	Validation of research needs short and long term joined to the GA (TBC)	TBC
May	TBC	GA	Joined to the WP2/WP3 workshop - TBC		
2010	January	TBC	GA		
	June	TBC	GA		
	December	7/9	WP6 All the partners	Final conference	Brussels



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