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Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) - International training courses

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Water management varies in different countries and water basins because of the nature and intensity of problems involved.

An integrated water resource management approach helps provide a better response to challenges and is an important step towards sustainable development.

Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) goes hand in hand with both **modern governance** and a legal and institutional framework that is adapted to tackling issues of:

- Identifying the principle water resource issues at the basin's natural borders (i.e. river, lake or aquifer basin);
- Monitoring and information systems;
- Involving users and civil society in decision-making;
- Devising planning tools;
- Setting up durable finance mechanisms.

France has had valuable experience in this domain. The European legal system took inspiration from France in drawing up its Water Framework Directive (WFD - 2000). However, **experiences should always be fully adapted to meet local characteristics**, whether geographical, political, environmental, economic, social or cultural.

Training sessions focusing on practical and coaching aspects constitute **highly beneficial tools** for developing skills and transferring knowledge on how to implement IWRM.