

# iwrm-net

Regional and national research programmes network on  
**Integrated Water Resource Management**

**Bringing together National and Regional research programmes to develop joint activities**

- ▶ Exchanges of experiences and good practice
- ▶ Research needs assessment on Integrated Water Resources Management brought on by the WFD
- ▶ Common strategic orientations
- ▶ Joint dissemination approaches

**Common forum and platform for knowledge transfer**

- ▶ To facilitate communication between researchers, water policy makers, research programme managers and water managers
- ▶ To create new RTD/policy interfaces

**A network based on an interdisciplinary approach**

- ▶ Encompassing social sciences, economics, technical and ecological fields
- ▶ To be extended to other research programme from all member states and neighbouring countries

**Towards future transnational and transregional research programmes**

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*Coordination action running for 2006-2010 in the core period of WFD*

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## Transnational networking and coordination of national and regional research programmes: the ERA-NET scheme

Aimed at national and regional programme funders and programme managers, the ERA-NET scheme is designed to encourage the creation of close, long-term links between national research programmes with shared goals. It will contribute to the creation of the European Research Area by facilitating practical initiatives to coordinate regional, national and European research programmes in specific fields.

## IWRM-NET and the Water Framework Directive (WFD)

IWRM-NET will tackle WFD implementation by examining Integrated Water Resources Management issues and identify both short term and long term research needs through a bottom up approach.

17 partners from 14 countries have agreed a shared vision for what IWRM-NET should offer by 2010:

- ▶ A privileged source of knowledge for IWRM research in Europe, especially as it relates to the WFD.
- ▶ A forum for the future development and coordination of research needs, and a communications link between researchers, policy-makers and managers.
- ▶ A body that can bring together researchers and funders from different countries so that they can work on joint research activities.
- ▶ A place to exchange best practice.

By improving the knowledge transfer amongst stakeholders in charge of IWRM, our network enables us to work on synergies between research needs and policy, and promotes interdisciplinary activities concerning IWRM across Europe.

## Towards a European-wide exchange Network for integrating research efforts

**WP1: Knowledge Management Tools** to provide basic facts on research programmes in order to facilitate trust building and systematic exchange.

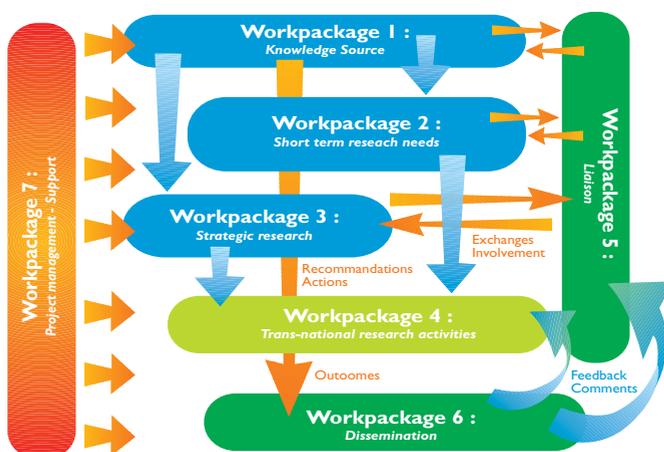
**WP2: Short Term Research Needs** to conduct joint activities based upon the identification of common needs between partner research programme managers in focused areas related to the research required for the first Water Framework Directive implementation cycle (2009-2015).

**WP3: Strategic Research** to go beyond WFD 2015 implementation requirements, and to assist programme managers in identifying long term strategic research needs for future integrated water resources management.

**WP4: Transnational Research Activities** to plan, prepare and implement sustainable transnational activities and to ensure lasting impact.

**WP5: Liaison with other initiatives** to increase the impact of IWRM-NET on the European water community by proactively liaising with relevant trans-national or European Union based policy and research initiatives (e.g. other ERA-NETs, FP projects) and potential new partners.

**WP6: Dissemination** to disseminate the objectives and results of IWRM-NET in order to bridge any gap in communication between research and water policies, and to ensure participation of stakeholders in the implementation of the network.



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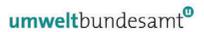
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