



WFD, Common Implementation Strategy
Water Scarcity and Droughts Expert Group



Helsinki, 30 September, 2010

- 9:00-9:30 Welcome by the chairs (IT, ES, FR, CE) + FI
- 9:30-10:00 Water scarcity and Droughts Indicators
 - Introduction: objectives and goals (ES, IT, FR and CE)

- 10:00-10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30-12:30 Water scarcity and Droughts
Indicators: Presentations from pilot river basins.
 - Finland: Paimionjoki River basin
 - Spain: Segura River Basin
 - Italy: Po river basin, Serchio river basin, Arno river basin, Liri-Volturno Garigliano river basin
 - France: Garonne basin
 - Other pilot cases: UK...
- Follow-up of EEA works on WS&D indicators (leaders and EEA)

- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-14:45 European Drought Observatory advances (JRC). Drought risk maps and support to WISE (CE, EEA, JRC, all).
 - Criteria and development
 - Data integration

- 14:45-15:15 River basin management plan information exchange (all)

- 15:15-15:30 Transfer and exchange experience with international fora/other regions (leaders and all).

**Council Conclusions of the International Conference
“Water Scarcity and Droughts: The path to climate change adaptation” (Madrid, 18-19, Feb. 2010)**

- Under ES Presidency, Organized jointly between Spain, Portugal, France, Hungary and the EC.

Conclusions adopted by the Council , 11 June 2010

Conclusions

- Synthesis document merging RB indicators: state of play. 1 month, end 24 october (first draft) 1 week for comments.
- Each MS (PRB), EDO and EEA provides a list a available data ,list a short description. Same deadline.
- EEA short description on indicators (document ready for a broaden picture).
- Outline for the next steps.
- WS indicators also included.
- Next meeting: New specification.NL. 15th January.

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 **International Water Scarcity and Drought Conference. The path to climate change adaptation. 18 - 19 February, 2010. Madrid, Spain.**
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Water is an essential element for the development of life and societies and for this reason one of the most important challenges of the future is its correct management, i.e., one which guarantees the quality and quantity of water, especially in the face of climate change.

Taking into account the fact that climate change projections foresee a decrease in rainfall and an increase in temperatures in areas traditionally affected by drought and/or water shortage it is highly likely that climate

Underlined



Agenda

The agenda of the Internacional Water Scarcity and Drought Conference. The path to climate change adaptation is now available in our website.

Web-site: www.conferenciasequia.es

International Conference on Water scarcity and Droughts

Conclusions

Conclusions

Water scarcity
and drought



Severe problems in many regions in Europe
and not limited to specific areas

Frequently in densely populated areas

European Strategy launched in 2007

Climate change



Magnify regional differences



The White Paper on climate change
establishes a framework to reduce
vulnerability

Conclusions

Mitigation



Environmental, social and economic impacts are inevitable

Common
Agriculture Policy
and other



Opportunity to promote more efficient and sustainable water use

Milestones of the
Conference



European Strategy on WS&D

Communication on the EC on WS&D

Conclusions of the Council of the EU in 2007

Exchange of views and practices

Provide a platform for discussions

Conclusions

Fresh water
availability is likely
to decrease



One of the biggest challenges to achieve
the objective of GES of water bodies

Regional sustainable
development



Essential to deal with water scarcity
and droughts



Integration of sectoral policies

Transboundary
waters



Risks, challenges and solutions shall
be shared

Conclusions

Reliable data → Support policy and management decisions



Support research

Enhance collaboration and coordination between
research and policy

Drought Management Plans
in complete harmonisation
with RBMPs



Essential to guarantee the
adequate and sustainable water
management

Drought and water scarcity
plans part of WFD plans and
measures

2012



- Review and further develop the evolving EU Strategy on water scarcity and droughts
- Review the implementation of the Water Framework Directive
- Climate Change Adaptation Strategy



An **opportunity** to take into account the new **challenges** that we are facing to **manage** water scarcity and drought

- 15:30-15:45 Research initiatives, SPI-CIS questionnaire (leaders). Other (all)
- 15:45-16:00 AOB and Conclusions.

Agreements achieved: