"Science and Water Policy Interface: When Science and Innovation Meet Water Policy"

Knowledge networking between science and practice
to bridge the gap at the Science-Policy Interface

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SCP example on research programming and management

Water Framework Directive implementation SPI challenges

Context

§ **Policy and research different time scales**

§ **How to avoid overlaps research funding throughout Europe?**

§ **Capacity building: how to store/access *all* the knowledge produced by research and get dynamic scientific state of the art?**

§ **How to get knowledge in an appropriate language/format for policy makers and implementers?**

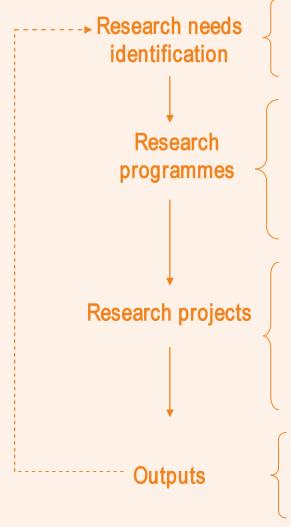§ **How to get research needs understandable for researchers?**

Research programming and management example

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§ European Research Area - 2006-2011

§ 21 partners ministries of environment/research, research agencies, coordinated by OIEau

§ 2 open calls for an overall budget of 8 millions €

§ Start of using social network – European Water Community (EWC)

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§ Follow up of the 6 projects funding by IWRM-Net

§ Scientific Expert Group

§ Meetings/workshops

§ Social networking: EWC, web-conferences

Solutions

Research needs identification → *Not all needs are scientific*
Workshops with water managers, researchers, NGOs facilitated with participatory methods

Research programmes → Changes of practices. ex: Programmers initial & final assessment also based on non-scientific criteria; ask for policy oriented papers to present scientific results and involvement of SPI partners in the consortium as well as clearly defined case studies

Research projects → §Trans-disciplinary approach / Bringing more policy into the science

§ Create links among researchers (and research managers) supported by the research programme management and dedicated networking tools

Outputs → Transfer to the end users in an appropriate format, language, user-friendly tools, etc. and exploitation/transferability to other contexts