

CS3.1 / EU10

“Science and Water Policy Interface: When Science and  
Innovation Meet Water Policy”  
Main Outcomes



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## ***0. Targets***

***CS3-1 : To improve the delivery of research for water governance with a view to increasing capacity/strengthening leadership of decision-makers at various levels by establishing effective science-policy interfaces, and***

***EU10: To develop a leadership in science-policy interface and dialogue between researchers and water managers, technology innovation, dissemination and exploitation of research results for European growth and competitiveness by 2020.***

# ***1. Additional ideas & solutions 1/2***

***Right to water information should go in parallel with the right to water.***

***Deliver scientific information associated with uncertainties***

***Focus efforts on innovation in eco-industries and green growth and share and reduce the risks for all partners (demonstration sites/projects)***

***Innovation value chain should be inclusive from scientists to end users: important to build multi-stakeholder processes (platforms including research and policy, local authorities, businesses including SMEs, NGOs, citizens...) at all relevant scales***

***Develop an online platform where citizens can engage in the process to give them opportunity to influence policies***

# ***1. Additional ideas & solutions 2/2***

- Recognize the importance of knowledge brokers to reconcile the two sides of policy and research***
- Develop financing and incentives mechanisms for research dissemination and uptake ; find funding and people specialized facilitate the transfer***
- Transfer between different geographic locations within consistent regions***
- Facilitate mobility of people between research and policy domains***
- Train, train, train at interfacing (operational, elected bodies, technicians, researchers, ...)***
- Some tools are already existing but they need to be supported in the long term to be used and trusted by end-users***

## **2. Updates to the Target Action Plan, including follow-up actions**

- to **form a solid international scientific community** on water and to implement a process aiming to elaborate common (international/regional) research agendas - 2013
- to implement tools aiming **to identify priority research needs** to meet water policy needs – 2013
- to **elaborate and update guidance on effective research dissemination and uptake practices and instruments to support water policy, including metrics to monitor and evaluate progress** – 2014
- to **implement** those preferred practices and instruments for delivery of research for water governance and policy – end 2014

### ***3. Final list of commitments***

**European Commission DG RTD** will reinforce dissemination and exploitation of research results, including social science and involvement of citizens in research projects.

**European Commission DG RTD** will also continue to support and engage in the water framework directive common implementation strategy science-policy interface activity, pledging for a more mature/permanent activity within the WFD CIS.

**UNU-INWEH** commits to develop their “K Star” platform on knowledge brokerage

**UNESCO** commits to facilitate a task force involving UN organisations (in particular WMO) to implement SPI-related recommendations

**UNEP:** In collaboration with WHO and FAO to continue to work in dissemination of research results and support training for developing countries

**ONEMA:** active in water science-policy interface at 3 levels:

- at a global level: set up a dedicated mechanism, together with UNESCO
- at the EU level: CIS –SPI mechanism together with DG RTD
- at the national level: to promote pilot and demonstration sites involving scientists and policy makers

• **To report to the 7th WWF**

## ***4. Take away messages & unexpected results***

*It is needed to create water evidence-based policies*

*Dialogue between science and policy is not that obvious, keep on connecting them*





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