

**Improving Cooperation in  
Fresh Water Research  
across Europe**

**Short Programme**



Brussels

1 – 3 December

2010



IWRM-Net is an European Research Area Network aiming to bridging the gaps between national research programmes dealing with Integrated Water Resource Management. At our final event “**Improving Cooperation in Fresh Water Research across Europe**”, IWRM-Net partners would like to share experience acquired over the five years of the project and develop some wider reflection at the European and trans-national levels.

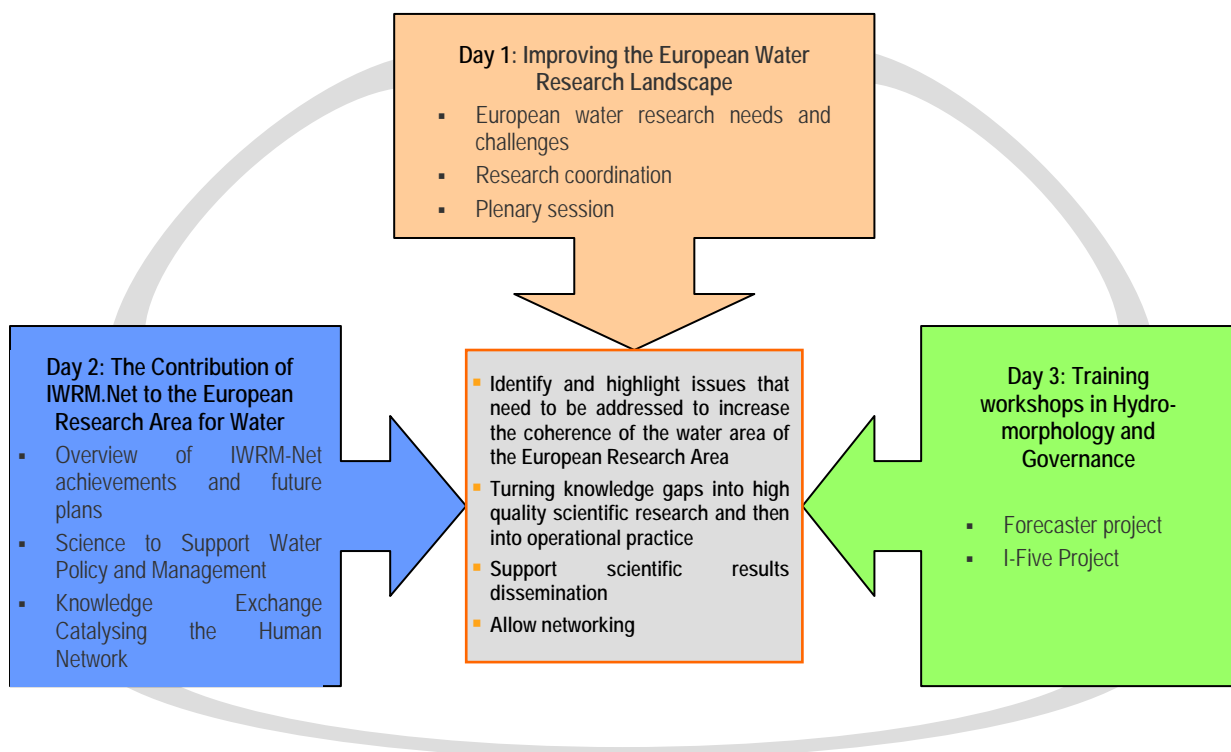
## Target audience

This conference is for European Water Policy Makers, National Research Programme Users and Managers and Water Researchers

## Aims of the event

- To improve cooperation in water research across Europe
- To meet the needs of the Water Framework Directive
- To demonstrate the contribution of IWRM-Net to the European Research Area for Water

## Expected outcomes and event organisation



## Practical information

### Steering committee

- Peter Allen-Williams, EA, United-Kingdom
- Natacha Amorsi, Stephen Midgley, OIEau, France
- Michiel Blind, Deltares, Netherlands
- Tiago Capela Lourenço, Env. Eng., Project Coordinator, CIRCLE2ERA-Net, University of Lisbon, Foundation Faculty of Sciences, Portugal
- Ivan Conesa-Alcolea, DG Research, European Commission
- Marie-Perrine Durot, ONEMA, France
- Malin Lindgren, SEPA, Sweden
- Philippe Quevauviller, DG Research, European Commission
- Stefan Vetter, Lebensministerium, Austria

### Registration

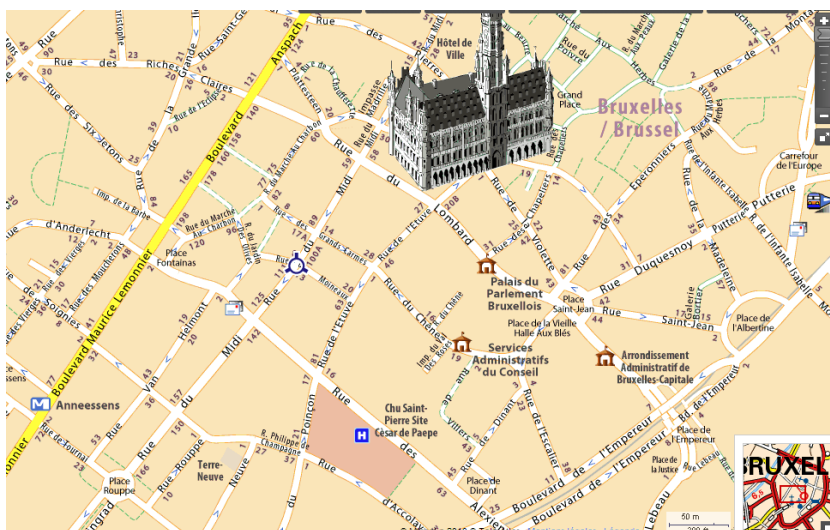
**Register** by downloading the form from [www.iwrn-net.eu](http://www.iwrn-net.eu) and sending it back to [conf\\_IWRMNet@oieau.fr](mailto:conf_IWRMNet@oieau.fr). There is no registration fee, but delegates are expected to provide their own travel and subsistence. Conference rates have been negotiated at selected hotels (link on website)

### For more information on the conference

- International Office for Water: [conf\\_IWRMNet@oieau.fr](mailto:conf_IWRMNet@oieau.fr), +33 (0)5 55 11 47 47
- On [www.iwrn-net.eu](http://www.iwrn-net.eu)
- Follow the conference organisation on the European Water Community: <http://europeanwatercommunity.eu/>

### Venue

Bedford Hotel and Congress Centre, 135-137 Rue du Midi, Brussels



## Programme

### Day 1 – Improving the European Water Research Landscape

Particularly for EU Water Policy Makers and national Research Programme Managers

This first half day is for a high level audience who will be invited to contribute a lively discussion, facilitated by a 'high profile' moderator in the final session. The first session will survey the current scene, the second looks at ongoing and future initiatives and the third is a plenary discussion between the audience, informed by the first two sessions, and the panel. The aim is to identify and highlight opportunities for actions and policy development which would increase the coherence of the water area of the European Research Area. The output should be a series of recommendations for action.

Wednesday 1 December 2010 Improving the European Water Research Landscape	
12:00	Registration
13:00	<b>Welcome and opening</b> Ian Barker, Environment Agency, Head of Water, Uk
	<b>Session 1: European water research needs and challenges</b> Chairperson: Jean-François Donzier, OIEau General Manager & INBO Permanent Technical Secretariat, Fr
	<b>The research demands of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) Common Implementation Strategy 2010 – 2012</b> Peter Gammeltoft, DG Environment, EC (tbc)
	<b>European Water Research Challenges</b> Patrick Lavarde, ONEMA, Fr
	<b>Status and perspectives for the European Research Area for Water and its link with innovation policies</b> Andrea Tilche, DG RTD, European Commission
	Pause café
15:15	<b>Session 2– Research coordination</b> <b>The Water Joint Programming Initiative</b> Enrique Playan, Environment Research, Group CISC
	<b>European Water Innovation</b> Mike Farrimond, WSSTP
	<b>Networking beyond IWRM-Net</b> Natacha Amorsi, IWRM-Net coordinator, OIEau, Fr
	<b>Research into action – a practical example</b> Jason Alexandra, Murray Darling Basin Commission, Aus (Tbc)
16:45	<b>Session 3 - Plenary Discussion</b> Professionally moderated by Tony Juniper
17:30	Close day 1
19:30	Social dinner

## Day 2 – The Contribution of IWRM.Net to the European Research Area for Water

Particularly for Researchers and Research programme managers

The second day focuses on work by IWRM-Net on research and the science policy interface. It will presents achievements of the IWRM-net project itself and then look at how the partners and other organisations can improve the process of turning knowledge gaps into high quality scientific research and then into operational practice.

Thursday 2 December 2010 Improving the European Water Research Landscape	
09:00	<b>Welcome and opening</b> Natacha Amorsi, IWRM-Net coordinator, OIEau, Fr
09:15	<b>Session 1 Overview of IWRM-Net achievements and future plans</b> <b>The trans-national water research agenda</b> Stephen Midgley, International Office for Water, Fr
09:45	<b>Short presentations of completed IWRM-Net funded projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ I-Five</li> <li>▪ KNAC</li> <li>▪ RIPFLOW</li> <li>▪ FORECASTER</li> </ul>
10:15	<b>Introduction to the Scientific Coordination Project</b> Natacha Amorsi, OIEau, Fr
10:25	<b>Short presentations of newly started IWRM-Net funded projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ESAWADI</li> <li>▪ WATER2ADAPT</li> <li>▪ Water Cap &amp; Trade</li> <li>▪ Climate Change</li> <li>▪ ICARUS</li> <li>▪ IMPACT</li> </ul>
11:10	Pause café
11:30	<b>Sustainability Plan for IWRM-net,</b> Hanna Arola, SYKE, Fi
11:45	<b>Plenary Discussion:</b> How to continue coordination of research on the theme of water management?
12:30	<b>Networking Lunch</b> View the IWRM-Net Research Project posters and meet the researchers

Thursday 2 December 2010 Improving the European Water Research Landscape	
14:00	<b>Session 2– Science to Support Water Policy and Management</b> Chair person: Philippe Quevauviller, DG Research, EC
	<b>Water System Science and Policy Interfacing</b> Karen Fabbri, DG Research, EC (Tbc)
	<b>A research funders perspective of operating through IWRM-Net</b> Anne Lieutaud, MEEDDM, Fr
	<b>A research “end-user’s” perspective of IWRM research</b> Teodoro Estrela, Jucar Basin Authority, SP
	<b>CIS –SPI initiative</b> Marie-Perrine Durot, ONEMA, Fr
15:15	Pause café
15:45	<b>Session 3: Knowledge Exchange – Catalysing the Human Network</b> Michiel Blind, Deltares, Netherlands & Stephen Midgley, OIEau, France.
16:45	<b>Concluding Comments</b>
17:00	<b>Close</b>

## Day 3 – Training workshops in Hydro-morphology and Governance

Particularly for Researchers and water managers

The third day provides an opportunity to learn in more detail about the research funded by IWRM-net partners. The first joint call was on the subjects of hydro-morphology and water governance. Two projects will run training sessions based on the research they have undertaken.

The aim is to provide an opportunity to disseminate the knowledge created during the research projects at the European level and provide a wider audience with an opportunity to comment on the findings. This is your chance to learn and share your experiences in detail with the researchers

Friday 3 December 2010 Training workshops in Hydro-morphology and Governance	
09:00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Natacha Amorsi, IWRM-net coordinator, OIEau
09:15	<b>Session 1: Hydro-geomorphology</b> <b>FORECASTER</b> - Facilitating the application of Output from Research and Case Studies on Ecological Responses to hydro-morphological degradation and rehabilitation
10:30	Break
11:00	<b>Session 2: Governance</b> <b>I-FIVE</b> – Innovative Instruments and Institutions in Implementing the Water Framework Directive
12:15	Close