

WORKSHOP ON SCIENCE AND DATA GAPS IN EU WATER-RELATED PROJECTS

Initiated by the ACQWA Project coordination team

*Art Furrer Resort Hotel, Riederalp, Switzerland
January 12-15, 2011*



Rationale for the meeting

After recent discussions with the European Commission, it has become apparent that it would be useful to hold a workshop between the coordinators and perhaps a limited number of key scientists working within European FP6 and FP7 projects that are broadly related to water and climate. The aim of this meeting is to identify key strengths and weaknesses in the different projects, and see whether some of the weaknesses (methodologies, models, data) can be overcome through (i) collaborative action with other projects or through (ii) the suggestion of future call topics and the initiation of new projects. If this approach were to be successful, there would indeed be added value to all the projects that we collectively represent.

Workshop topics and schedule

The meeting will include "upstream" as well as "downstream" issues of water. The final list of workshop topics will be adapted based on the background and interests of participants, but should at least include: floods, droughts, water quality, adaptation in the water sector, integrated management of climate change impacts (incl. socio-economics); as well as multi-risk evaluation, prevention, and preparedness.

January 12, 2011	Arrival of participants, icebreaker
January 13, 2011	Keynote lectures, breakout sessions 1 (AM), and 2 (PM)
January 14, 2011	Keynote lectures, breakout sessions 3 (AM) and 4 (PM)
January 15, 2011	Reporting back from the breakout sessions, wrap-up, follow-up

Participants are expected to arrive at Riederalp in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 12, 2011 and will start the meeting with an early evening icebreaker. On Thursday and Friday mornings, we will have a limited number of keynotes on the topics listed above, followed by thematic breakout discussions in the late morning and late afternoon. From noon to late afternoon, there will be time for socializing on the ski or cross-country runs or on the sunny terrace of the conference hotel. On Saturday morning, breakout session leaders will report back to the plenum, we will wrap-up outcomes of the workshop and define strategies for the future (science, research directions, future calls, ...). The workshop will end on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at noon.

Registration and payment

Please register early, but no later than **July 30, 2010** using the form below. Slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The cost of participation (lump sum) at the "EU Water Science Gaps Workshop" is 600 Euros and will include the registration fee, hotel accommodation, half board, coffee breaks and non-alcoholic beverages. The registration fee **MUST** be paid before **September 30, 2010** to confirm your registration.

The European Commission will make an effort to raise funds to reimburse coordinators of EU-FP6 and 7 projects that will be finished before January 2011.



Workshop Venue

Riederalp is a car-free resort in the UNESCO World Heritage "Aletsch Glacier" Region. The resort is at equal distance (roughly three hours by train) from Geneva-Cointrin, Zurich-Kloten and Milano-Malpensa airports. Please note that you will need to change trains in Brig and take the small mountain railway as far as Mörel, and then the cable-car to Riederalp.

Riederalp is a small summer and winter village in the region of the largest glacier of the European Alps, the Aletsch Glacier. It lies on a south-facing slope with spectacular views to the high summits of the Valais Alps on the other side of the Rhone Valley. It is one of about 14 Swiss resorts that are free of all road traffic.



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