



**1st pan-European Drought Dialogue Forum, Nicosia, Cyprus,
30-31 October 2012**
(only by invitation)

The 1st pan-European Drought Dialogue Forum (1st pan-EU DDF) will be held in the Hilton Park Hotel in Nicosia, Cyprus, 30-31 October. The Forum is under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the EU. The Cypriot Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment will give the opening address of this Forum.

The 1st pan-EU DDF will enable a live dialogue between researchers, policy makers and water actors. The dialogue will centre around drought to support further elaboration of policy options mentioned in the Blueprint to safeguard Europe's waters and the implementation of the EU Water Framework (2nd cycle of River Basin Management Plans).

After the opening session with presentations on European Policies associated with drought (DG Environment, European Commission), Europe's vulnerability on drought (European Environment Agency) and Water Scarcity and Drought in Cyprus (Cyprus Water Development Department), the Forum will discuss drought issues linked to the three main policy phases (design, implementation, review). Drought in each policy phase will be introduced by a key talk followed by a dialogue.

On the second day of the Forum, we try to arrive at targeted (pragmatic) responses for a Mediterranean drought case, often already facing water scarcity (insufficient water resources are available to satisfy long-term average requirements). These responses will come from an array of different invited projects leads of drought-related EU projects and other international projects. The DPSIR (Drivers, Pressures, State, Impacts, and Responses) framework and some specific WFD articles will be leading for the dialogue.