

STATUS IN VOLUNTARY COUNTRIES

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INTRODUCTION

- **An Observation Mechanism for the Mediterranean. Why?**
 - Organise and systematise information
 - Wider perspective of inland water issues
 - Efficient management
 - Standardise formats and units: compare data
 - Exchange experiences and know-how

SPANISH SITUATION (I)

- **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- Wide variety of institutions that collect water information
- Complex distribution of water competencies:
 - Difficult to know where to look for the information
- Most information available on the internet
- HISPAGUA: an attempt to centralise information

SPANISH SITUATION (II)

- **INFORMATION**

- Wide variety of formats, even in one same institution
- Many topics on water distributed in many organisations
- New information Systems SAIH and SAICA have boosted the production of information and facilitated its availability

CONCLUSIONS

- Biggest problems:
 - Great number of water authorities
 - Organisational problems
 - Lack of harmonised formats
- Experts opinion on the Observation Mechanism
 - Important to organise information
 - Forum for stake holder's participation