

# A common vision for European Water Innovation

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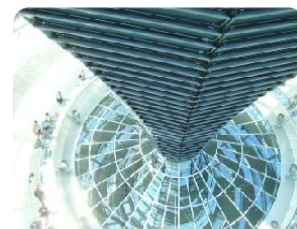


## What happened in 2009 to the WssTP?

In 2009, the WssTP pursued several activities to comply with the main objectives decided in January 2009 by the Board:

- **Confirm our expertise through:**
  - o The update of the SRA based on open consultation of all stakeholders related to the water sector.
  - o The winning of consortium PREPARED originated by the WssTP members.
  - o The release of six new reports to the European Commission ("Managed Aquifer Recharge", "Climate Change", "Mitigation of water stress in Coastal Zones", "Irrigation", "Water reuse" and "Water quality and treatment" based on the work of TECHNEAU)
  - o The public release of our first scientific publication on "Sustainable water management inside and around large urban areas".
  - o The WssTP already plans to deliver new reports by mid-year on "Sensors and Monitoring" and "Reclamation of Degraded Zones".
- **Strengthen our activities and raise visibility** among members and the European Commission:
  - o 20 official presentations in 12 countries in front of 1,547 persons.
  - o 75 people at stakeholders event in Germany.
  - o 21 workshops of WssTP members and contributors in 6 countries with 324 participants.
  - o 7 board meetings in six different countries including with four official presentations in Hungary, Denmark, Spain and Germany.
  - o 1 dedicated workshop towards the DG RTD, DG ENV, DG AGRI, etc.
- **Continue to grow** and to recruit members and contributors
  - o The WssTP counts 51 members growing from 17 in 2007 and 38 in 2008. Our network represents 450 individuals and more than 150 organisations.
  - o The creation of 3 new Task-Forces on "Climate Change", "Managed Aquifer Recharge" and "Sensors and Monitoring".

The WssTP will continue to foster collaboration through stronger links with the European Commission, funding programmes LIFE+, COST, ECO INNOVATION, Competitiveness and Innovation Programme; to raise its visibility with a new logo, press releases and events; to set up new cooperation with ETPs and to develop key recommendations on important research topics. In 2010, the WssTP has already planned to create two new task forces on "Membranes technologies" and "Water and energy".



*Wishing you all*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

*Thank you for involvement and your contribution to the WssTP.*

*Looking forward to successful and colorful year 2010!*



## MSMG

The MSMG met on December 7<sup>th</sup> in Brussels, Belgium. The meeting was chaired by Hans Zojer in presence of 14 representatives from Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain and Turkey.

The first part of the meeting consisted in presenting the main activities of the MSMG since the launch of the WsSTP. The group commented the internal rules voted by the Board in June 2009, the official functions the MSMG within the WsSTP and how to strengthen the communication with the Board and the PCC.

Afterwards, the group discussed:

- The state of the setting of the ERA NET water and the submission of the proposal to the European Commission.
- The results of the meeting in Mexico on the MDGs.

### Reminder "What is the MSMG?"

The Member-States Mirror-Group is an associated body of the WsSTP. Interested Member-States, Associated Candidate Member-States and EU Research Framework Programme Associated States participate with one delegation each in the MSMG. Each State nominates its delegation that may be composed of more than one person representing various interests, in which case however, national delegations will express only one consolidated national view at the meetings of the MSMG. The MSMG aims to contribute to the objectives of the Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform, in particular to contribute to a European R&D strategy with the aim of a more sustainable protection and utilization of water resources and provision of water services in Europe and in the world. Its members serve to provide in their country:

- **Information and communication** channel between the WsSTP Board of Directors and interested Member-States, Associated Candidate States and EU Research FP Associated States.
- **Interface for coordination** with national, regional or local initiatives and activities in the area of (research on) water supply and sanitation technologies and their related social and economic aspects
- **Interface for opinion and advice** to the WsSTP on behalf of the States represented in the MSMG
- **Interface for coordination** of the WsSTP deliverables with relevant national, regional and local policies and regulatory initiatives.

## Sensors and Monitoring

### A new proposal for a complete report in 2010

The Task-Force "Sensors and Monitoring" met on December 9-10<sup>th</sup> in Barcelona, Spain. The meeting was led by Pierre Sacareau, SUEZ Environnement. It regrouped 14 participants from 4 different countries discussed the progress made since the launch of the Task Force in Oxford and the work done this summer during the workshop held in Delft, the Netherlands. They also reviewed the pilots' requirements. They particularly considered the industrial aspects and the links with the ongoing project AQUAFIT4USE. They agreed to propose on integrated project on "**Advanced Management of Sensor Networks and Real-Time Information Systems in the Water Cycle**" with a set of work packages fitting the needs of the pilot programmes. They convened to organize a web meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> and a workshop on April 8-9<sup>th</sup> in Montpellier, France. The aim is to finalise their report and recommendations to the European Commission by July 2010.

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### On Board

The Board of December 14<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to January 14<sup>th</sup> 2010. The nominations of the two new Task-Force Leaders on "Water and Energy" and on "Membranes technologies for water applications" are also postponed.

If you are still interested by submitting candidatures, please send your curriculum **by January 5<sup>th</sup> 2010** to:

[wsstp@wsstp.eu](mailto:wsstp@wsstp.eu)

Candidates must be proposed by a corporate member of WsSTP.

### What about ACQUEAU?

The Eureka Cluster for water, ACQUEAU, is still in the preliminary phase. It consists in lobbying towards national governments and industries. The first draft of the Blue Book and the governance of the future cluster will be released for the official meeting organised by the Eureka Chairmanship on February 5-6<sup>th</sup> in Germany. You will find information and updates on the new website of ACQUEAU that will be launched early January:

[www.acqueau.eu](http://www.acqueau.eu)

**For more events:**

[www.wsstp.eu/content/default.asp?PageId=270&LanguageId=0](http://www.wsstp.eu/content/default.asp?PageId=270&LanguageId=0)

### Agenda

#### WssTP

January 5<sup>th</sup>

Joint workshop  
of the WssTP and SUSCHEM  
in Brussels, Belgium

January 6<sup>th</sup>

PCC meeting  
in Brussels, Belgium

January 14<sup>th</sup>

Board meeting  
in Brussels, Belgium

January 25-26<sup>th</sup>

Workshop on Hydro-Climatic Events  
and Climate Change  
In Barcelona, Spain

February 23<sup>th</sup>

Workshop on  
Buffer zones & Buffer strips:  
Targeting water quality  
In Brussels, Belgium

February 24<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed

Workshop on Water and Energy  
In Brussels, Belgium

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Annual General Assembly  
In Lille, France**