European Water Partnership

Independent, non-profit organisation helping to coordinate initiatives and activities in international water issues and undertaking worldwide promotion of European expertise related to water

- Aquawareness

- European Regional Coordination fifth World Water Forum Istanbul
EWP history and mission

The **European Water Partnership** is an open forum for
- Private sector,
- Government bodies (regional, national and local),
- Knowledge institutes,
- Financial sector and,
- NGOs

aiming to find innovative solutions for the water challenges in wider Europe and the rest of the World and to stimulate innovative partnerships.

**History:**
- Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform
- European Regional Process for the 4th World Water Forum
Objectives (1)

- Putting water on the *mainstream political and business agenda’s*
- **Increasing and developing co-operation** between all stakeholders
- **Promoting:**
  - Innovation
  - European expertise
  - Achievement of MDG’s and Horizon 2020
  - New procurement approaches
Objectives (2)

- Mobilise funding for innovative water solutions
- Supporting effective implementation of European legislation
- Building a reference base of projects with tangible examples, and visible user impact
Membership

- Broad representation: currently over 50 members

**Benefits** of Membership of the European Water Partnership:

- Network and knowledge
- Involvement in policymaking and legislation
- Participation in European initiatives and projects
- Demonstration of commitment to addressing the water crisis
- Broadening of sector boundaries
Activities 2008

In 2008 a major part of the work of the EWP will be dedicated to two main strands of activities: **Aquawareness** and the European regional coordination for the fifth **World Water Forum**.

Other activities include:

- Water for Energy, Energy for Water
- Cooperation with European Institutions (EC, EP)
- Establishing project initiatives (Fp7, Interreg, Life+)
- Life+ proposal: BarEaUmeter
- European Policy Summit on water
- Media: European Water News and Blue Gold
- Etc.
World Water Forum

- Political, thematic and regional processes
  - thematic process: 100 key questions
  - political process: “Water management adaptation strategies for global changes, including climate variability and change”
- EWP appointed European Regional Coordinator
Themes World Water Forum

Providing Water for Sustainable Development

- Global Changes and Risk Management
- Advancing Human Development and the MDG’s
- Managing and Protecting Water Resources and their Supply Systems

Enabling Mechanisms for Development

- Governance and Management
- Finance
- Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building
European Regional Process

Goals regional process:

- **Developing themes** in a regional context, follow up on themes fourth World Water Forum, focusing also on Eastern Europe.
- Bringing together an inclusive **European consortium**, including business
- Connecting **European Politicians** to the Forum.
- Organising the **European session** and the “**European Water House**”
First meeting European Regional Process, 27 February

- Identification of themes, relevant for Europe
- Identification of organisations willing to work on these themes

Themes:
- Future of Water
- Climate Change and Adaptation
- Water for Energy, Energy for Water
- Finance
- Sanitation
- Water Scarcity and Droughts
- Water Science and Technologies
- Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation
Regional thematic consortia

- For each of the themes a thematic consortium has been set up
  - Current status, challenges and recommendations to address these challenges
  - Political resolutions
  - Focusing discussions in Europe, bringing together initiatives and stakeholders

- Outputs Regional Process
  - European Regional Document
  - European Regional Session
  - Thematic Sessions
    - Launch of call for contributions expected 15 June
European Regional Process

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Important dates

- **Launch call for contributions**: 15 June
- **Second meeting European Regional Process**: 8 July, Zaragoza (tbc)
- **High-level European Summit (EP, Brussel)**: 15 October (tbc)