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Background

- 2002: EUWI launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Targets are:**
- **Global approach for improving water access and sanitation.**
 - **Support for sustainable management of water supplies**
 - **Support for a basin-wide approach (IWRM)**
- 2003: Transitional year. Prodi statement towards EU heads of states: Increase funding of support to EUWI in ACP region**
- 2004: Commission Communication on the ACP-EU Water Facility endorsed by EU Council and ACP-EC Ministers Council (first tranche of 250 M€)**
- 2004: ACP-EU Water Facility Group established to prepare modalities and financing proposals**
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Two specific objectives

- Improved governance in water and sanitation and improved *and integrated* management of water resources at regional and transboundary, national and local levels
- Increased access to safe, affordable and sustainable water and sanitation services for the rural and urban poor



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Key Operating Principles

- Ownership:** Facility is fully demand driven.
Priorities derived from EUWI and from AFRICAN-EU partnership
- Innovation:** Catalysing
Creating leverage, being a clearing house, a capacity builder
- Integration:** Sustainability: Social, economic *and environmental* viability
Integrated – all level – approach:
- IWRM/river basin approach
 - focus on sustainable development
 - conflict prevention
 - liaising with relevant components of the EU Water Initiative
- Transparency:** Access to funding on an equal, open basis
Same rules for all, equality of chances

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To realise our objectives we launch a

Call for Proposals with **3** components

- Co-financing of improvement of Water Management and Governance
- Co-financing Investments in Water and Sanitation
- Co-financing of Civil Society Initiatives



Types of Activities Supported (1)

Initiatives at transboundary, regional, country or local levels:

- Improve national policies, legal framework and strategies for the water sector, supporting existing Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper processes
- Strengthen capacity of key stakeholders, enhance network building, improve local coordination and participation
- Enhance integrated water resource management towards WSSD targets. Support good practices in basin management (rivers, lakes, drinking water, agriculture ..)
- Education programmes focusing on importance of clean water and conservation ecosystems
- Enhance management of transboundary basins
- Support to improved national ACP monitoring capacity



Types of Activities Supported (2)

Co-financing of investment projects/programmes for access to water

- Focused on the improvement of the livelihoods of the rural and urban poor, including rehabilitation of existing services
- Increased and better targeted expenditure for water and sanitation services
- Encourage twinning agreements on North-South level for water companies and on ACP level for water-related authorities and bodies
- Attention for protection of resources, ecosystems, biodiversity and environmental costs, in particular relating to wastewater
- Non exhaustive list Read the modalities and the Call for Proposals for details

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Call for Proposals

Type of proposal	Total Project Cost (TPC)	% grant from WF
Improving water management and governance	€200,000 To €5 M	<75% of TPC (<i>total project cost</i>) Higher in exceptional, duly justified cases (max 3 years duration)
Co-financing water and sanitation infrastructure	Minimum €5 M	In principle <50% of TPC. Up to 75% for elements for project preparation (max 5 years)
Civil society initiatives for smaller scale operations in poor urban and rural areas	€200,000 To €5 M	<75% of TPC (max 5 years)



Specific Needs Outside Call for Proposals

- **Nile Basin Initiative:**

support the implementation of components of the Nile Basin's 'Shared Vision Programme'
see <http://www.nilebasin.org>

 - Confidence building and stakeholder involvement
 - Socio-economic development and benefit sharing
 - Water resources management

- **The African Water Facility (AWF):**

support initiatives from African civil society < 200.000 M€

- **TA Activities Managed by Commission:**
 - Re-address potential geographical imbalances, to facilitate proposals by ACP States or Regional Bodies for improving water governance
 - Opportunities for support identified through the work of the EU Water Initiative

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Eligibility of Applicants

For Grant Contracts/Contribution Agreements:

- national, local and regional, public bodies with a distinct juridical personality from States
- non-state actors (as in Cotonou Agreement Art. 6), e.g. private sector, NGOs,...
- international organisations

For Financing Agreements:

- ACP State or a Ministry or other State central administrative bodies.

**Applicants are encouraged to associate with co-donors and partners
(see eligibility matrix)**

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The two-phase selection/award criteriaand the evaluation committee

- **Selection phase criteria:**

- Relevance
- Financial and operational capacity

- **Awards phase criteria:**

- Sustainability
- Methodology
- Economic and financial feasibility

- **5 voting members with extensive experience:**

- from EC
- from ACP secretariat

- **1 non-voting chairman and 1 secretary from EC**

- **The Committee is assisted by experts and by EC Delegations**

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Dissimination activities through 6 communication channels

- A Big Brussels Dissemination Seminar on 15 November 2004
- Dissemination seminars in ACP Countries
- Participation in planned international meetings and conferences (like INBO)
- Information dissemination networks of ACP, NGOs, EU Member States, ...
- Exchange of info with EC Delegations and with travelling officials
- Cyberspace



The Big Brussels Dissemination Seminar

- Aiming at a broad audience
- Acting as a catalyser: generating further dissemination
- Dissemination of ACP-EU WF brochure, CD ROM, folders, posters
- Planned on 15 November 2004 (provisionally)



Seminars in ACP Countries

- Co-organised by EC WF team, EC Delegations, stakeholder networks
 - Aiming at:
 - dissemination of the base-line ideas
 - promote the Call for Proposals
 - assist applicants in order to improve quality of proposals
 - Public is ACP authorities and all involved stakeholders
 - Generate further dissemination
 - Dissemination of ACP-EU WF brochure, CD ROM, folders, posters
 - Planned in November/December/January 2004/2005
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Participation in international meetings and conferences

- **Assist and make advantage of upcoming events, like:**
 - AMCOW, Kampala, November 2004
 - WASH Forum, Dakar, November 2004
 - Ministerial ACP Council, BXL, November 2004
 - NIOB Dakar, 4 November 2004
 - **Aiming at:**
 - dissemination of modalities
 - Contact with stakeholders and partners
 - promote the Call for Proposals
 - **Public is ACP authorities and stakeholders**
 - **Dissemination of promotional material**
 - **Planned in October/November/December/January 2004/2005**
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Exchange of info with EC Delegations and travelling officials

- **Assist delegations in organising seminars:**
 - Training of staff in delegations – *Hot Channel* set up
 - Posters, brochures, folders, CD ROM,
 - Assistance from Brussels (Help desk, Hot line,)

 - **Brief-Train EC Officials (AIDCO, DEV, RELEX, DEV....):**
 - Travelling from Brussels to ACP countries for a mission
 - Based in ACP Countries and coming to Brussels

 - **Aim: get a multiplier effect on dissemination**

 - **Planned in October up to December 2004**
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Cyberspace !

- **Water facility website: on the air today**
 - For the public and stakeholders
 - http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/general/index_en.htm
 - Will contain a FAQ list
 - Links with other reference sites (Water Initiative, DGs ENV DEV, UN, ..)
 - E-mail contact: europaaid-water-facility@cec.eu.int
- **Sharing the website of the Initiative** <http://www.euwi.net>
 - Contains all legal and background documents
 - Links with other reference sites (Water Initiative, DGs ENV DEV, UN, ..)
 - E-mail contact: europaaid-water-facility@cec.eu.int

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Key dates 2004-2005

- **November: launch of Call for Proposals (with suspensive clause)**
- **October-November-December 2004: Dissimination activities on the call**
- **End of November 2004: EDF Committee confirms call for proposals**
- **January 2005: closing date of preliminary proposal**
- **January/February 2005: 1st Financing agreement (direct agreements)**
- **July/Sept. 2005 –and onwards: Financing Decision on Grant/Contribution Awards (State Actors/ Non-state Actors/Int'l Organisations)**



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Your involvement NOW

Now: Speak, explain, liaise, inform, brief, convince
your colleagues in your networks

Inform them on the upcoming call,
Give them our documentation, e-mail address, web address

Remember:

The Brussels Seminar mid November (registration here)
The seminars in ACP Countries
The Water Facility Website



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Dissemination activities

Water facility in cyberspace !

http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/general/index_en.htm

E-mail europaaid-water-facility@cec.eu.int

Also via the EU Water initiative : <http://www.euwi.net>

For info on the Nile Basin: <http://www.nilebasin.org>