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ROUNDTABLE 1: WATER, FOOD AND ENERGY NEXUS –

**THE DILEMMAS, EXPERIENCES, COSTS AND BENEFITS:
WFD AND HYDROPOWER – AGRO-ENVIRONMENTAL
MEASURES IN THE CAP REFORM, ETC...**

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- Common global problem of population increase and urbanization
- Close linkages between the energy sector and agriculture. Reservoirs are used for both purposes. Not only the governments, but the private sector is involved in this area.
- Common agriculture policy strategies for maximizing the energy potential and considering ecosystem services are needed.

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Key Note speech on the 10 Myths about water:

- People should be convinced that they should financially contribute to the protection of water resources and these funds are efficiently used.
- In comparison to surface waters the groundwaters are not given much attention, however they are especially important for local communities.
- Technology should go hand in hand with good governance for solving the challenging water issues.

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Outcomes:



- Nexus approach that integrates management and governance across sectors
- Consideration of both quality and quantity without neglecting the ecosystem services
- IWRM at basin scale
- Transboundary basins and the need for cooperation
- Unique mechanisms for every individual basin

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“THE HYDROPOWER POTENTIAL”

- In some regions there is a great hydropower potential (examples from Central Asia). Regional economy also depends on the hydropower sector.
- Storage capacity of the reservoirs constructed for HP is also used during drought periods.
- Maximizing the efficient use of HP contributes to significant reductions in carbon gas emissions.

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- It is necessary to incorporate alternative energy sources within this nexus (biofuels, solar, wind, recycling of agricultural products, etc.)
- Solar energy potential in some regions is very high (e.g. Mediterranean). Renewable energy utilization plans should definitely include maximizing solar power potential

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“REGIONAL DIFFERENCES”

- Energy-water relations are region specific. Water can be the source of energy, but in arid regions energy is needed for water production. This water in turn is used for irrigation.
- There are no common definitions and solutions valid for all regions.

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- Efficient irrigation technologies should be included in IWRM plans for sustainable development.

INVOLVEMENT OF NGO'S

- Participation of NGOs in governance.
- Cooperation between scientific commissions from different regions on sustainable and renewable energy production

IMPLEMENTATION OF RESEARCH OUTCOMES INTO PRACTICE

- Efforts for minimizing the time delay between the scientific research results and conveying the results into practical applications.

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FINAL COMMENTS

- Involvement of all stakeholders are necessary
→ Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment
- Mathematical models can be developed for understanding water-energy-food relations and be used as a tool for cooperation.
- Nexus between the Water-Food-Energy depends on cooperation between different institutions / authorities that deal with these 3 fields. Governmental reforms are needed to have an integrated approach for good governance of Water-Food-Energy.