



At the service of SDG6 !

DEVELOPING SOLIDARITY AND DECENTRALIZED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE WASH SECTOR



WASH services: the world is not on track !

5 people die every minute because of water-related diseases

Water services

- One out of four people (more than 1.5 billion) uses an improved source of water that is contaminated.
- 844 million people still lack even a basic drinking water service.

Sanitation services

- 2.3 billion people still lack even a basic sanitation service.
- 892 million people worldwide still practice open defecation.



SDG 6 : Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

- Target 6.1- By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- Target 6.2 - By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation
- Target 6.a - By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water and sanitation related activities and programmes

Agenda 2030



There is a great need for international aid for the WASH sector

Current level of funding is insufficient, as well as governance and capacity in the least developed countries



- **Multilateral and bilateral development aid**

States Bilateral agreements, European Union, Investment/development banks...

- **Non-state international actions**

Foundations, NGOs, ...

- **Decentralized cooperation between local authorities: cities, regions, citizens, water basin organizations,...**

We need to foster peer-to-peer exchanges between territories

Local authorities are responsible for water supply and sanitation services, but lack the resources and capacities.

There is a significant need for training and empowering local capacities in project management and to ensure the sustainability of services:

- **Governance issues, institutions, administrative organization, participatory processes**
- **Technical capacities, studies, construction work, maintenance**
- **Financing, CapEx and OpEx, water tariffs, ...**

We need to foster peer-to-peer exchanges between territories

Exchanges and skill transfers are easier between people or organizations that have the same concerns or functions

(elected officials, technicians, users ..) :

- **Local on-the-ground experiences and knowledge, which takes successes and failures into account**
- **Sustainable relationship between actors, which allows follow-up, possible adaptation, effective completion of projects**
- **Projects are often comprehensive, inclusive, multisector (agriculture, health,...)**
- **Possibility to mobilize financial support, to complement institutional and technical cooperation**

Many initiatives already exist in Europe

- **In France:** the 1% water solidarity mechanism (2017: 150 local authorities, 6 water agencies : 30M€)
- **In Italy:** local funds like “L’Aqua è di tutti” in Tuscany, “Acqua bene comune” in Venice and Treviso, and “Soldarietà a Torino” in Turin

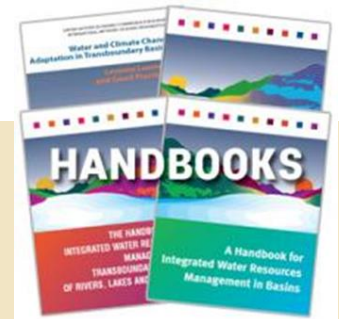
- **In The Netherlands:**  Vitens Evides international

- **In Belgium:** Flemish Partnership Water for Development
Fonds de solidarité internationale pour l'eau Wallonie

- **In Switzerland:**  solidarit'eau suisse
Gemeindesolidarität für Trinkwasser in Entwicklungsländern
Commune solidaire : l'eau, c'est la vie. Pour les pays en développement aussi !
Solidarietà comunale per l'acqua potabile nei Paesi in via di sviluppo

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Conclusion



We all know the great need for WASH services in the world

We all know that NBO = IWRM = solidarity
(upstream/downstream solidarity, River basin solidarity, Transboundary management, ...)

So it would be great if each of us and our organizations:

- bring its own experience and means, at the service of the implementation of SDG6 and greater access to water and sanitation services for all;
- promote and share the existing solidarity initiatives for water and sanitation in Europe;
- generate and support new initiatives;
- bring the Water and Sanitation solidarity cause to the European institutions, speaking with a common voice.



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