

International Commission of the Scheldt (ICS)



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The PO valley compares itself with the Scheldt district
5th WWF-Istanbul
18/03/2009



**Trust
Knowledge
Politics
Scale
Network
Service
Added value
Prospective**



TRUST

- Water and conflicts



- Water for peace

2 treaties

1994-2002



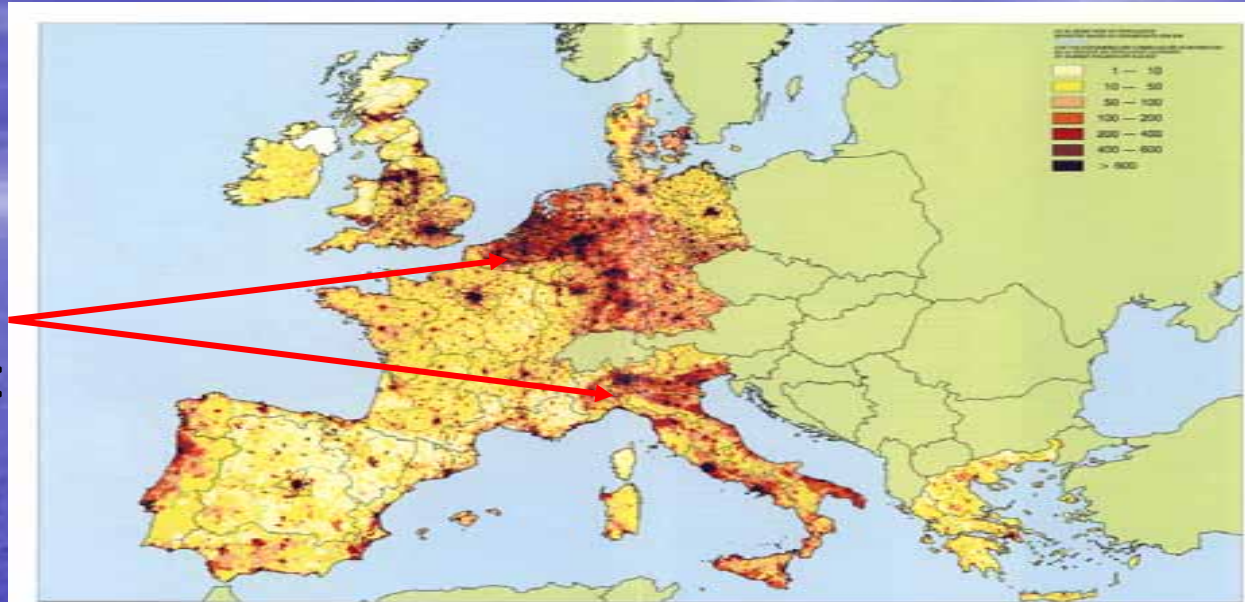


KNOWLEDGE of each other context KNOWLEDGE of stresses

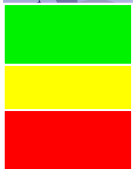
PO & SCHELDE:
highest density of
population in Europe:
>550 inhab/km²

Renewable water
ressources

Schelde: weak yet 200
days of rain!



POLITICS: local specificities



Reduced

Medium

important

FACTORS

F

B

VL

W

BXL

NL

F

F/NL

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F/NL

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LANGUAGE

% surf.scheldt/state

3

47

85

22

100

8

% pop.scheldt/state

8

75

92

39

100

3

CULTURE G:Germanic,L:latin

L

L/G

G/L

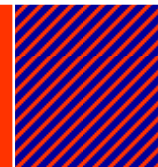
L/G

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USE /INDUSTRY

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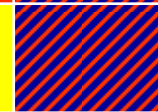
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I:important/m:medium/R: reduced

USE/ TRANSPORT

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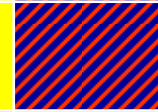
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USE/AGRICULTURE

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USE/POPULATION

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USE/ECOLOGY

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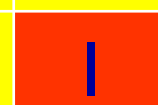
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USE/TOURISM

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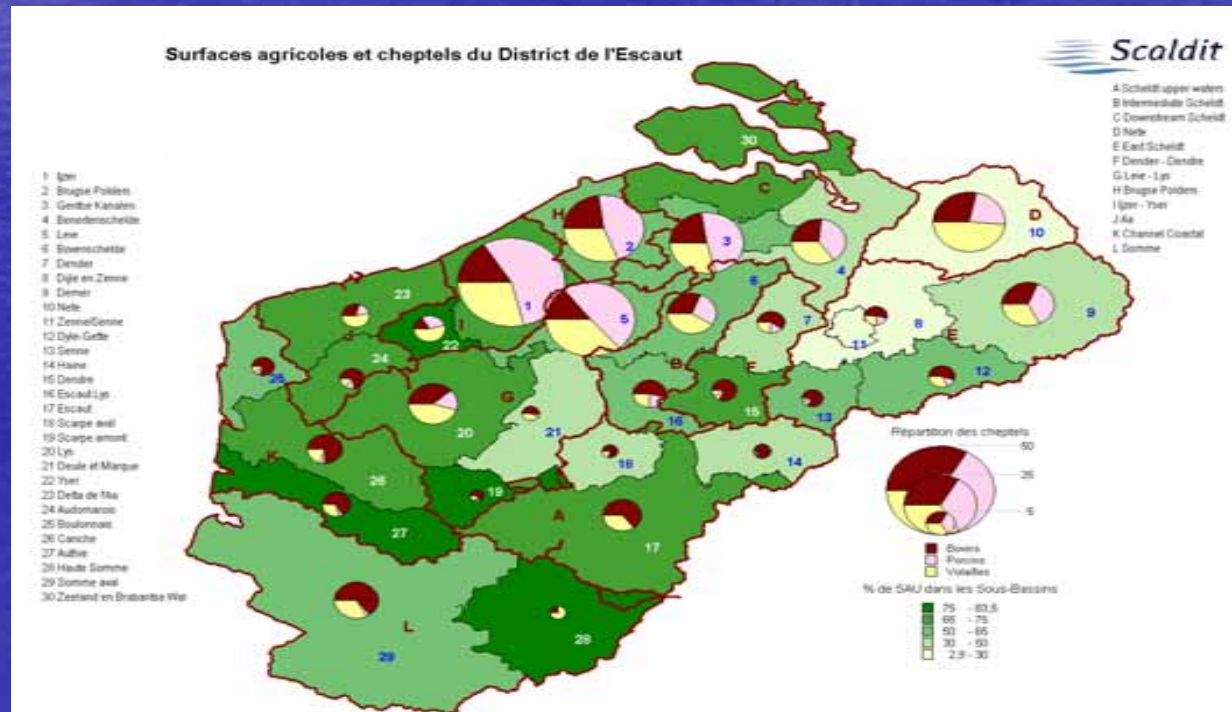
SCALE: local or global?

Kingdom of Belgium = 1 Federal state
3 regions
3 communauties



A river basin= ?

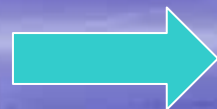
- 1 hydrographic land
- A few parties
- A few transboundary regions
- A part of national water policy



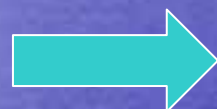


SERVICE

Coordination asks additionnal work!



Welcome the experts!



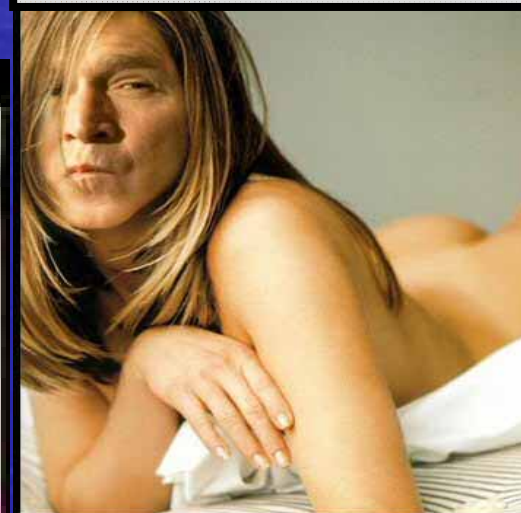
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pour séduire les Américains !**

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NETWORK of experts

Coordination is first of all a human matter



Multiply the chances to
exchange...
& to get friend!

Distribute
informations

Do not find it!





BRING ADDED VALUE!

Exchange of experiences

Exchanges of ideas

Exchange of methods

Double-check
emulation



Quick improvement
new ideas

Methods' improvement
reliability

More solutions to problems

Better national results



Some prospective

Key performance indicators

Development of indicators for a good integrated river basin governance (Académie de l'eau/mediet,DREAL, Agence de l'Eau Artois-Picardie)

Transboundary groundwater management

need for tools for sustainable transboundary management of groundwater in matter of quantity, quality and effects on surface water (BRGM, Université de Mons, symposium of Tournai 9/02/07, daughter directive, project Unesco convention);

Urban rainwater management (Brussels “plan pluie”)

Sediment reduction through sediments' traps (VMM),

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Questions ?

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