



WATER, DECENTRALIZED COOPERATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY



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IWRM need solidarity...and financial means ..! At local,basin,national,and international level

Upstream/downstream solidarity

- **Solidarity between stakeholders ,transparency**
- **Basin sub- basin long-term planning and action plan**
- **Financing water infrastuctures and services (taxes,tariffs,transfers.),**
- **Solidarity /poor families**
- **Transboundary management**

- **Implementation of the WFD in Europe**
- **Cooperation with non-EU countries /IWRM principles**

- **-Millenary-Goals (water, health, hunger, education, ..),**
-International recognition of the right to water and sanitation by United Nations (July 26, 2010)

Access to water and sanitation : a basic human right and an international emergency

- **1 billion people don't have access to safe drinking water**
- **-3billion don't have basic sanitation**
- **-5000 People a day die from diseases related to unclean water or lack of sanitation**

Donors..

World Bank: \$ 4 billion / year

European Commission: 270M €/ year

European Investment Bank

African Development Bank (160 M€/ year)

States Bilateral agreements

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And non-state action...

NGOs

FOUNDATIONS

DECENTRALISED COOPERATION



Decentralised coopération

between local authorities (Regions, departments, cities, river basin organizations, NGOs, associations,)

-particularly suitable (local knowledge , political responsibilities and practical management of water services: investment, pricing, relationships with users, involvement in IWRM, ..)

-areas of partnership:

-Technical

-governance

-financial

Innovative means for financing:

In France the 1% « solidarity for water »

- **Since 2005, local authorities and basin organisations are permitted to dedicate up to 1% of their water and sanitation budget to international development actions in this sector**
- **Voluntary choice known by citizens, and supported by local representatives ,**
- **In 2010 : 19 Millions €
 30 cities, 30 organisations of water management , all the water basin agencies
 several hundreds operations
financed in many poor countries**

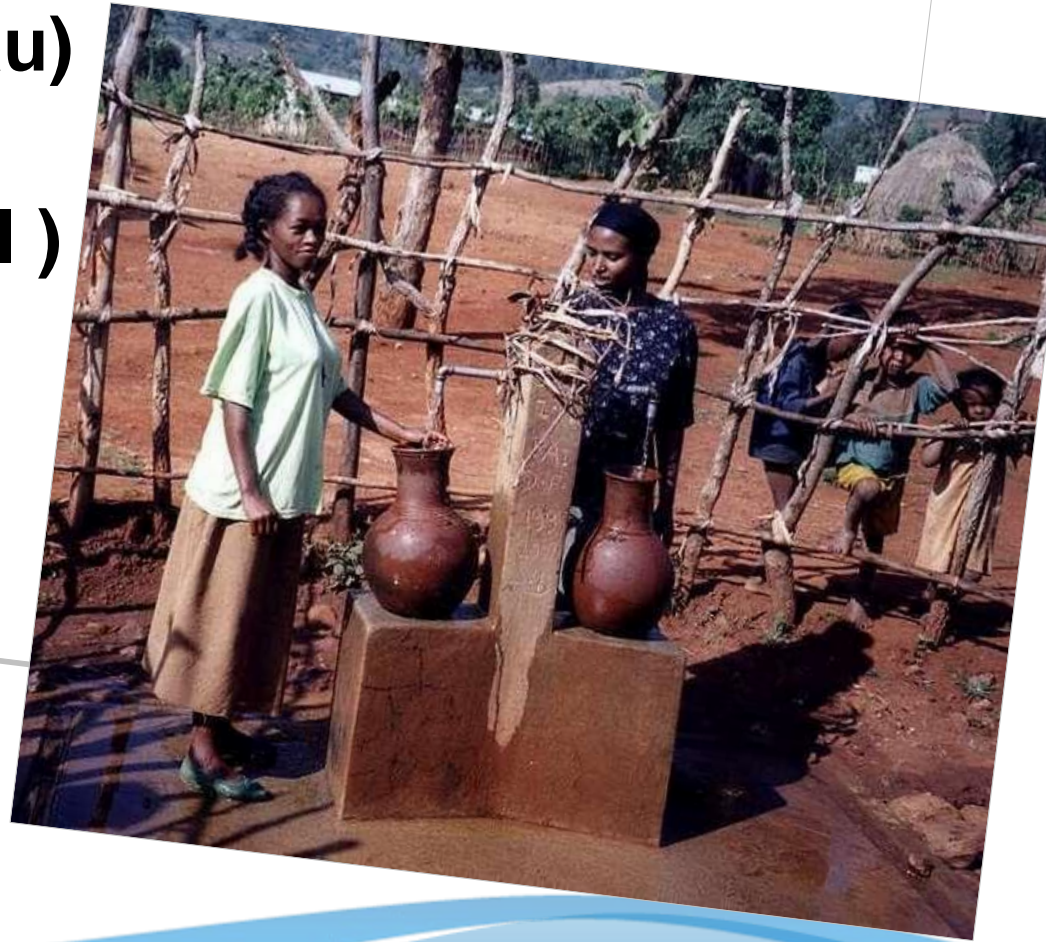
Innovative means for financing

Switzerland(solidarit'Eau)

Netherlands(aqua for all)

Belgium

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Advancing the idea of innovative financing for solidarity Worldwide

1) World Water Forum in Marseilles:

- thematic process : Financing water for all is one out of 12 priorities for action
- political process: "Local and regional authorities" includes the theme of innovative financing
- Europe Regional Process contains a theme on cooperation with third countries

2) initiative of the Office of Innovative Partnerships Program of the United Nations , relayed by an european committee



Advancing the idea of innovative financing for solidarity ... At the European level ..

Wished initiatives of the European Parliament, Committee and Council of Europe, for:

- Encouraging member states to authorize and encourage managers of water services and sanitation to dedicate a share of revenues in solidarity actions (national, community, and international)
- supporting this measure as a symbol of the implementation of the right for all to water and sanitation.

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Thank you for Joining this initiative

Thank you for acting , in your country , in
your city, in your organization..

Merci pour votre attention!



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