

Partner search form

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Project idea

Project title:	Civil society participation (with a focus on dialogue) in support of co-operative water resource sharing and management.
Acronym:	Civil society dialogue in IWRM.
Project type:	Environment
Short description of project idea:	<p>Water resources allocation, sharing and the associated development of rules for operation and compliance is complex in a context in which devolved management is required by law. The project forms part of a strategic research framework of the Water Resource Governance Systems Group of the CSIR. The project seeks to study the structures and rules of engagement for promoting dialogue that connects civil society with government and other players to promote equitable, sustainable and efficient management of river resources at the catchment scale. The project is envisaged as a programme-level, collaborative research initiative incorporating sub-themes such as: (1) structures and rules for dialogue that support social learning and self-regulation; (2) constructing and using knowledge in this context; (3) communicating and the development for systems of communication (4) reinforcing feedbacks and accountabilities and the impact of empowerment differentials on these; and (5) the development of lessons and models for wider application. This project is based on the assumption that devolved management of water resources requires dialogue that effectively aligns the efforts of partners – civil society (including private sector), government and research. It is envisaged that at least some of the research approach will involve an action orientation within the ambit of civic science. A European partner project is sought to twin with this initiative, with the aim of developing models for applicability across diverse water resource sharing contexts (for example across countries) and promoting comparative analysis between such contexts and countries.</p>
Expertise:	Water resources (with focus on rivers) management and governance systems; social-ecological systems; knowledge

and information management; action research.

Profile of partner sought

Type of partner:	EU participant
Role to cover in the project:	Coordinator
Country / Region:	EU
Start of collaboration:	
Expertise required:	Water resource governance and management with focus on connecting civil society and other players in the governance context.

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