

WFD, Common Implementation Strategy Water Scarcity and Droughts Expert Group



Helsinki, 30 September, 2010

9:00-9:30 Welcome by the chairs (IT, ES, FR,
 CE) + FI

- 9:30-10:00 Water scarcity and Droughts Indicators
 - Introduction: objectives and goals (ES, IT, FR and CE)

- 10:00-10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30-12:30 Water scarcity and Droughts Indicators: Presentations from pilot river basins.
 - Finland: Paimionjoki River basin
 - Spain: Segura River Basin
 - Italy: Po river basin, Serchio river basin, Arno river basin, Liri-Volturno Garigliano river basin
 - France: Garonne basin
 - Other pilot cases: UK...
- Follow-up of EEA works on WS&D indicators (leaders and EEA)

• 12:30-14:00 Lunch

- 14:00-14:45 European Drought Observatory advances (JRC). Drought risk maps and support to WISE (CE, EEA, JRC, all).
 - Criteria and development
 - Data integration

• 14:45-15:15 River basin management plan information exchange (all)

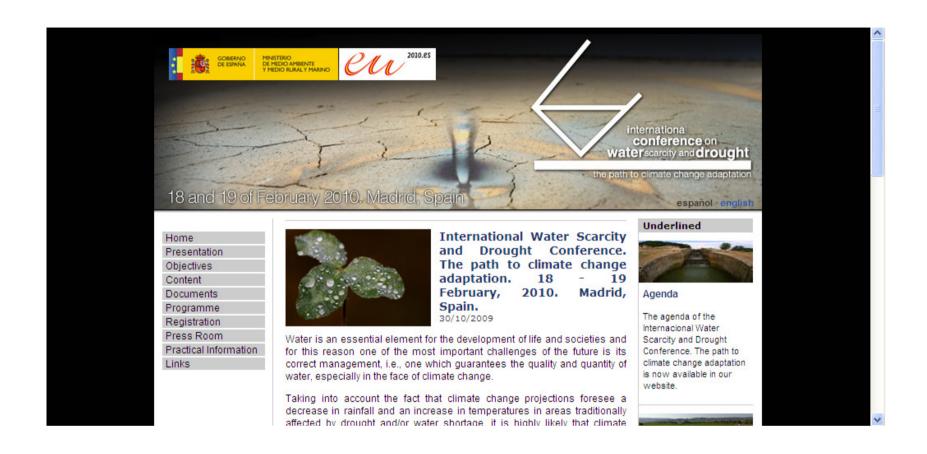
 15:15-15:30 Transfer and exchange experience with international fora/other regions (leaders and all).

Council Conclusions of the International Conference "Water Scarcity and Droughts: The path to climate change adaptation" (Madrid, 18-19, Feb. 2010)

 Under ES Presidency, Organized jointly between Spain, Portugal, France, Hungary and the EC.

Conclusions adopted by the Council, 11 June 2010

- Synthesis document merging RB indicators: state of play. 1 month, end 24 october (first draft) 1 week for comments.
- Each MS (PRB), EDO and EEA provides a list a available data, list a short description. Same deadline.
- EEA short description on indicators (document ready for a broaden picture).
- Outline for the next steps.
- WS indicators also included.
- Next meeting: New specification.NL. 15th January.



Web-site: www.conferenciasequia.es







International Conference on Water scarcity and Droughts

Conclusions







Water scarcity and drought



Severe problems in many regions in Europe and not limited to specific areas

Frequently in densely populated areas

European Strategy launched in 2007

Climate change



Magnify regional differences



The White Paper on climate change establishes a framework to reduce vulnerability







Mitigation



Environmental, social and economic impacts are inevitable

Common
Agriculture Policy
and other



Opportunity to promote more efficient and sustainable water use

Milestones of the Conference



European Strategy on WS&D

Communication on the EC on WS&D

Conclusions of the Council of the EU in 2007

Exchange of views and practices

Provide a platform for discussions







Fresh water availability is likely to decrease



One of the biggest challenges to achieve the objective of GES of water bodies

Regional sustainable development



Essential to deal with water scarcity and droughts



Integration of sectoral policies

Transboundary waters



Risks, challenges and solutions shall be shared







Reliable data



Support policy and management decisions



Support research

Enhance collaboration and coordination between research and policy

Drought Management Plans in complete harmonisation with RBMPs



Essential to guarantee the adequate and sustainable water management

Drought and water scarcity plans part of WFD plans and measures









- Review and further develop the evolving EU Strategy on water scarcity and droughts
- Review the implementation of the Water Framework Directive
- Climate Change Adaptation Strategy



An **opportunity** to take into account the new **challenges** that we are facing to **manage** water scarcity and drought

• 15:30-15:45 Research initiatives, SPI-CIS questionnaire (leaders). Other (all)

15:45-16:00 AOB and Conclusions.

Agreements achieved: