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were organized in order to find common solutions and to establish prevention and mitigation measures. The good practices of WATER CoRe partners were essential in the development of the mentioned workshops, as they were used as examples on how to tackle the specific water scarcity and drought issues in Covasna. Finally, the EPA of Covasna has gathered all these results in the Covasna Environmental Action Plan. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Covasna will host the WATER CoRe partners' workshop/training session in Covasna (Romania) on 13th – 15th June 2012.

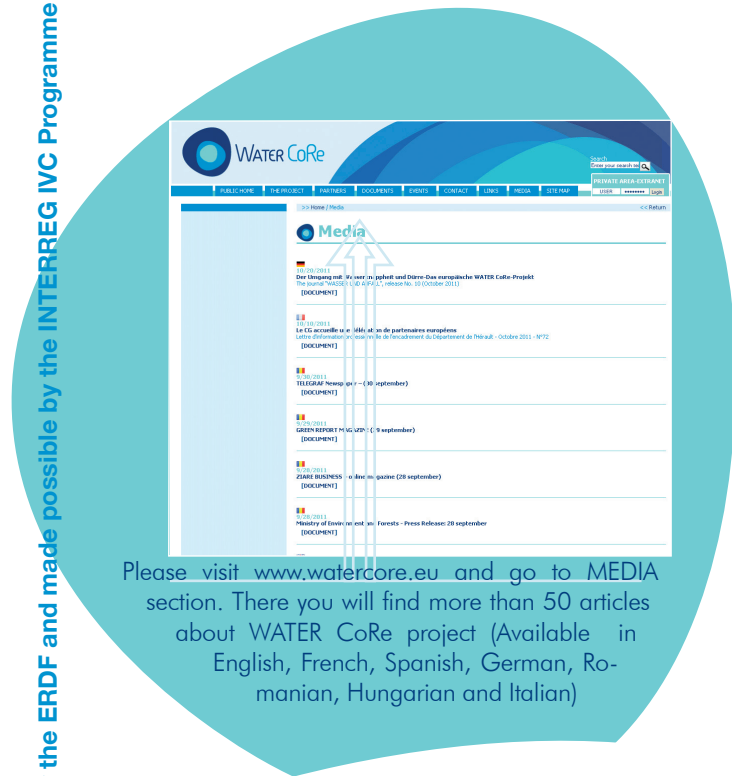
Project

WATER CoRe leads to improve water scarcity and drought management policies and instruments in all partner regions. The duration of the project is three years and it counts with a budget of EUR 2.5 million, financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). WATER CoRe focuses on the exchange of experiences addressed to the identification of problems and the development of best practices for drought management. The 14 partners from 7 EU Member States are committed to exchanging good practices and adapting these to their local or regional conditions. The overall outcome will be a platform of European wide water management strategies available for everybody.



What's New !

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Escasez de agua y sequía; acciones coordinadas en las regiones europeas.

Proyecto de iniciativa regional para proteger el Medio Ambiente, en el que participan las siguientes regiones: Hessen (Alemania), Aragón (España), Emilia-Romagna (Italia), Lower-Tisza (Hungría), Covasna (Romania), Noord-Brabant (Países Bajos), Hérault (Francia).

SMAGUA

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Study Visit and Presidium meeting in North-Brabant, the Netherlands

The latest WATER CoRe meeting took place in s` Hertogenbosch (the Netherlands) on 28-30 March 2012. The meeting consisted of some study visits and meetings as well as a Presidium meeting. The visits dealt with the good practices that the province North-Brabant has developed and that have been included in the WATER CoRe Good Practices Handbook. The projects presented are related to water scarcity, water conservation, treatment of brackish groundwater, restoration of brook systems and sustainable water use.

The Presidium meeting discussed the Regional Action Plans and the development of e-learning modules.

The Regional Action Plans consist of the implementation of the exchanged practices within the project. These plans will need "Strategic Documents", which will design the specific procedure to implement a concrete "good practice". This way, as many good practices as possible will be effectively implemented in other partner regions, which will profit from the know-how of the regions that originally developed those practices.

The e-learning modules compile experiences that the WATER CoRe project has gathered. This information is classified into 7 modules, each one studying the key aspects of water scarcity and drought.

It is foreseen that the WATER CoRe e-learning modules will be available by the beginning of summer at the official website www.watercore.eu. Initially, e-modules will be available in English language, and later on they will also be available in the project partner's languages – German, French, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian and Romanian.

WATER CoRe Project's message to SMAGUA the International Fair

The Aragon Water Institute summed up its 10 years of life at SMAGUA Fair an international water and irrigation exhibition, that took place in Zaragoza from 6 to 9 March 2012. At this SMAGUA edition, the Aragon Water Institute had a 50 squared metres stand, where its main activities could be learnt.

The INTERREG IVC WATER CoRe project was presented within the Aragon Water Institute international activities as a project that aims to share pioneer experiences on water saving and water scarcity situations in European regions.

During the 4 days fair, the Aragon Water Institute's stand worked as an information point for the WATER CoRe project. Promotional leaflets were handed out and briefings about the project were given to interested visitors by Aragon representatives in the project.

Zaragoza Fair is the seat for SMAGUA biannual International Fair, an exhibition hall gathering professionals, technical experts and administration employees involved in water industry. SMAGUA enables the exchange of information among the mentioned actors, as well as the discussion on water resources and water treatment management last achievements.

SMAGUA's 20th edition main characteristic was its internationality, as it gathered over 35.000 visitors from 57 different countries as well as over 1.000 exhibitors from 40 countries.

The WATER CoRe Survey on water scarcity and droughts activities in Europe

As experience and good practices from the project partners cover a broad spectrum of water scarcity and drought issues, a huge amount of interesting projects, documents and examples dealing with this issue exist across Europe. Since the aims of WATER CoRe are likewise to share (own) experiences and to provide an information platform on water scarcity and drought in Europe, the WATER CoRe project partners carry out a complementary "Survey on water scarcity and drought activities in Europe".

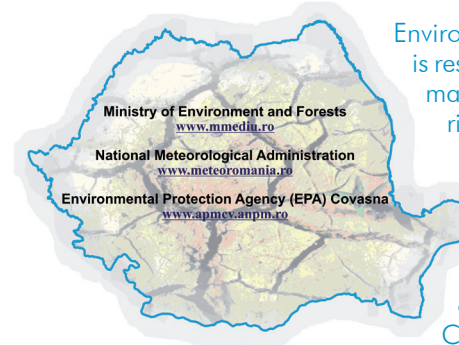
It provides an overview on

- EU policy strategy on water scarcity and drought,
- Networks and projects dealing with the issue,
- Technical and scientific state-of-the-art.

Each partner contributes to the Survey by reporting references. Aims are to generate next to a list of references, also a commented bibliography on water scarcity and droughts. As information source for everyone, the WATER CoRe Survey is available on our website. It will be updated regularly during the project period.

The current 5th version, issued March 2012, contains 132 documents, 75 projects, 43 institutions and Networks and 28 web resources (databases, map server and online-bibliographies). Despite this is only a small extract of all available information within the EU, the content of the references provides an overview on water scarcity and drought issues in Europe. The WATER CoRe Survey is available on our project website via www.watercore.eu.

The experiences of Romania in water scarcity and drought



The Ministry of Environment and Forests is responsible for water management and risk management in Romania.

Moreover, the Ministry coordinates the implementation of the Climate Change Mitigation Strategy as well as

the Climate Change Adaptation National Plan – including the prevention of negative effects caused by severe meteorological phenomena, such as water scarcity and drought.

The National Meteorological Administration monitors the severe meteorological phenomena that have impacts on natural habitats. This monitoring includes drought warnings, forecasts and case studies on water supply evolution regarding soil and crops.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Covasna is the Public Authority responsible for environment protection and preservation in Covasna County. The EPA of Covasna plays a key role in the development of Covasna Environmental Action Plan, which is a policy-making tool that enables social participation in the design of environmental problems solution.

Both the Ministry and the EPA are active partners in WATER CoRe project. They participate at the Working Groups activities and they comply their project commitments. Furthermore, Romanian partners are willing to share experiences and good practices with other project partners. Both Romanian partners have joint their efforts to develop a Regional Action Plan in which stakeholders have participated by sharing their experiences on water scarcity and drought prevention. This was possible thanks to a main workshop where key stakeholders had the opportunity to express their points of view and major concerns related to climate change effects. Further stakeholders meetings