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- ★ AESN (France) : www.eau-seine-normandie.fr
- ★ INBO (France) : www.inbo-news.org
- ★ MENBO (Spain) : www.remoc.org
- ★ SHR/MMA (Brazil) : www.mma.gov.br
- ★ GWP (Sweden) : www.gwpforum.org
- ★ TECHWARE (Belgium/Italy) : www.techwarenet.org
- ★ AWIRU (South Africa) :
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- ★ OKTVF (Hungary) : www.ovf.hu
- ★ SIC ICWC (Uzbekistan) : www.icwc-aral.uz
- ★ JTIC (Indonesia) : www.jasatirta1.go.id
- ★ ANBO-ABN (Niger) : www.abn.ne
- ★ ABAHS (Algeria) : www.abh-ahs.com.dz
- ★ OMVS (Senegal) : www.omvs-soe.org
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www.twinbasinxn.org



SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

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**Promoting Twinning
of River Basins
for Developing Integrated
Water Resources Management
Practices**



Realised by TECHWARE



Project summary

The main goal of TWINBASIN^{xn} (TB^{xn}) is **to support research and development in the field of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) by promoting twinning of Basin Organisations (BOs).**

The main objective of the TB^{xn} participants **is to improve the effectiveness of the co-operation** between European and Third Countries river basins as stated in the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the European Water Initiative (EUWI), by **promoting twinning between Basin Organisations**, as a tool for enhancing their human resources capacities, and by collecting and disseminating the shared knowledge for the common benefit of all.

With TB^{xn}, BOs can profit from their peers' opinions regarding administrative, technical and/or institutional aspects, coming from a sister organisation managing a basin in another geographical, political or economic context.

This is particularly true for the youngest BOs, but it also makes it possible to improve those BOs that have already reached a further stage of development (benchmarking effect).

It is expected to **support 60 missions per year, each lasting about 10 days on average, over the next three years (2005-2007).**

Thus, a great number of Basin Organisations could implement twinning practices and benefit from specialist knowledge at global level.

TB^{xn} Working Structure

★ Memorandum of Understanding MoU BO partners and others

The MoU is a voluntary agreement, signed by Basin Organisations, IWRM specialists, companies, NGOs, stakeholders in water uses and individuals prepared to be both pioneers and active participants in developing consensus on issues of common interest, and who are willing to commit both human and financial resources to this purpose.

★ Steering Committee SC Project decision level

The SC guides the implementation of the MoU. The Committee consists of 17 contractors that are the core members of the initiative, headed by the International Office for Water (IOWater - France).

★ TB^{xn} Support Service TSS Project executive level

It is important to mobilise the network of BOs involved. The key to success is an efficient TSS, formed of 3 partners with great experience in the different facets of networking (IOWater, Global Water Partnership and Techware).

★ Special Interest Groups SIGs

The SIGs are the working groups within TB^{xn}, structured around the key areas for co-operation:

SIG - Twinning: this group works on the promotion of twinning agreements between BOs, and the setting of operating rules for strengthening the profitability of the exchanges.

SIG - Mobility: this group organises the support of personnel mobility between BOs, through financial support when all criteria are fulfilled.

SIG - Dissemination: the group works on dissemination, covering both knowledge management arising from research and twinning activities, and the identification / implementation of ways and means of diffusion (including e-learning).

Other SIGs are to be created in the coming months, according to participants' priorities.

How to be part of the Memorandum of Understanding

TWINBASIN^{xn} MoU is open for signature for all public and private organisations that share its aims and objectives and are willing to contribute to the work in Europe and Third Countries; it is also open for signature for individuals who are willing to contribute to this work; as above mentioned, it is a voluntary agreement, entered into by organisations, companies and individuals.

For further information please visit:
www.twinbasinxn.org
where you can also download the MoU.

If you are interested, please send the following information

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- ★ Mail Address
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