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Draft Programme

The future of science policy connections

19-20 April 2012

UNESCO building Palazzo Zorzi, Venice, Italy



Venice Office

Working language: English

Training workshop: Thursday, 19 April 2012

Who will benefit from participating?

Scientists, policy makers, water managers, and NGO's in the field of water management and climate change who are looking for new ways of strengthening the relationships between science, policy and society.

What will participants learn about?

The training workshop is designed to develop an understanding of how knowledge brokering processes can facilitate water management and how it can strengthen the links with society. The training will highlight:

- ✓ how knowledge brokering can support the bridging of the policy-science gap
- ✓ how specific knowledge brokering tools can link science, policy and societal actors

The training workshop will give much room for interaction, reflection and experiencing the process of knowledge brokering.

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9.00-9.30	Venue open	
9.30-9.45	Welcome and introduction to PSI-connect Water management from a system perspective	<i>Adriaan Slob (TNO)</i>
9.45-11.00	Introduction to knowledge brokering Presentation and interactive session (coffee available around 10:30)	<i>Piotr Magnuszewski (CRS)</i>
11.00-11.30	Climate change issues related to water management	<i>Beata Pataki (VITUKI)</i>
11.30-13.00	Role playing games (ecosystem services and water safety)	<i>Adriaan Slob (TNO)</i>
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Scenarios to share scientific knowledge	<i>Geiske Bouma (TNO)</i>
15.30-16.00	Break	
16.00-16.45	How to better connect policy and science in my own work? Group Model Building Exercise	<i>Piotr Magnuszewski (CRS)</i>
16.45-17.25	How to better connect policy and science in my own work? What are the challenges and the opportunities? Facilitated discussion	<i>Paul Jeffrey and Catarina Henriques (Cranfield University) and Piotr Magnuszewski (CRS)</i>
17.25-17.30	Closure	<i>Adriaan Slob (TNO)</i>

The number of participants is limited – book early to avoid disappointment



PSI-connect final conference: Friday, 20 April 2012

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9.00-9.30	Venue opening	
9.30-9.40	Welcome and the goals of today and the agenda	<i>UNESCO Venice and Adriaan Slob (TNO)</i>
9.40-9.55	The challenges of linking science to policy for UNESCO	<i>Mrs. Lidia Brito (Director of the Division of Science Policy and Capacity-Building, UNESCO)</i>
9.55-10.10	Linking science to River Basin Management Introduction to the challenges to connect science and stakeholder knowledge to water management	<i>Dejan Komatina (Secretary International Sava River Basin Commission)</i>
10.10-10.30	PSI-connect: the project, the philosophy and the results	<i>Adriaan Slob (TNO)</i>
10.30-11.00	Break	
11.00-11.15	The future of science and policy interfacing for water management Experience with scenarios for linking science in the frame of the WFD	<i>Waterboard Rivierenland, the Netherlands (speaker to be confirmed)</i>
11.15-11.30	Exercise with the four scenarios followed by a plenary discussion	<i>TNO</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.30	Parallel sessions on new themes for water management and science-policy in general	
	<div> Cross-level communication Group Model Building exercise describing the barriers and stimuli for a cross-level communication for the WFD. <i>(USF, CRS, TNO)</i> </div> <div> Ecosystem services and water management Ecosystem services is upcoming in water management. Discussion focused on need for knowledge brokering by water managers. <i>(Deltares, TNO)</i> </div> <div> Perspectives on science and policy interfacing Session with UNESCO in cooperation with other EU-projects on the important challenges of linking science, policy and stakeholder knowledge. <i>(TNO, Cranfield University, PIK)</i> </div>	
15.30-16.00	Break	
16.00-16.30	Reporters with main conclusions from parallel sessions	
16.30-17.15	Round-up: plenary with panel discussion What did we learn today? How will water management benefit from science policy interfacing in future?	<i>Facilitated by Adriaan Slob (TNO)</i>
17.15-17.30	The PSI-connect science-policy briefing products	<i>Paul Jeffrey, Catarina Henriques (Cranfield University)</i>
17.30-19.30	Reception Drinks and snacks	



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The PSI-connect project

Water resources managers are faced with challenges posed by uncertain climate and socio-economic changes. Action needs to be taken now and adaptation requires increased information exchange and cooperation at all scales, particularly between policy-makers and scientific communities. New management approaches and instruments are needed to support dialogue between these communities. **The PSI-connect, EC FP7 funded project, works to develop, test and disseminate knowledge brokering practices offering opportunities to facilitate interaction between policy-makers and researchers in the field of water management and climate change.**

PSI-connect study has a distinct focus on providing tangible, practical outcomes in the shape of easy-to-use tools and techniques for creating two-way conversations between policy makers and the research community. Four types of **Knowledge Brokering Instruments** (KBIs) have been experimented: role-playing games, group model building, scenario planning and communities of practice. In order to develop and test innovative KBIs, case studies were central to the project. PSI-connect brought together scientists, policy makers and stakeholders on seven case studies to experiment in 'real life situations' with different types of instruments at three levels of governance: European, national (Netherlands and Germany) and regional (Netherlands, Germany, Poland). After working closely with the case study partners to articulate the knowledge needs in the specific policy trajectory, KBIs were tailored to and tested in the individual policy situations in the case study sites. An evaluation strategy was designed and the functioning and performance of the KBIs were evaluated to determine the effectiveness of KBIs for supporting policy-science interactions in the field of water management and climate change as well as the conditions for their successful application.

Project website: www.psiconnect.eu

About PSI-connect

PSI-connect is a three-year collaborative project funded under EC FP7. Through experimentation with and development of innovative knowledge brokering instruments, PSI-connect aims to improve the quality and value of interactions between the science base and river basin managers and policy makers in the field of climate change impacts on river systems.

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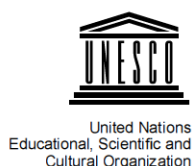
The PSI-connect partners



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