

the EUWI-water for life in a few drops

What is the European Union Water Initiative?

An international political initiative promoting partnership on water issues between governments, aid donors, industry, NGOs and other bodies. EUWI is not a source of funding.

What is the EUWI mission?

"To create the conditions for mobilising all available EU resources (human & financial), and to coordinate them to achieve the water-related Millennium Development Goals in partner countries." EUWI members have detailed this mission in five objectives.

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What are the 5 specific EUWI objectives?

Objective n°1: supporting political commitment

"It takes a village to raise a child."

True to this saying, success requires commitment by all parties. Thus the EUWI 1st objective: "to reinforce political commitment towards action and innovation oriented partnership."

Objective n°2: promoting water governance

"No one tests the depth of a river with both feet." So, better assessments lead to better achievements. Thus the EUWI 2nd objective: "to promote better water governance, capacity building and awareness."

Objective n°3: improving water management

"A fool and water will go wherever you divert them." This implies thinking before acting. Thus the EUWI 3rd objective: "to improve efficiency and effectiveness of water management through dialogue and coordination."

Objective n°4: strengthening river basin approaches

"Mutual gifts cement friendship."

Joint management promotes peaceful relations between countries. Thus the EUWI 4th objective: "to strengthen cooperation through promoting river basin approaches in national & transboundary waters."

Objective n°5: catalysing financial resources

"Thunder is not yet rain."

Dialogues and policies must produce tangible results. Thus the EUWI 5th objective: "to identify additional financial resources and mechanisms to ensure sustainable financing."

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Latin America (LA) training programmes

“An ocean is made of small streams”

In 2007, EUWI-LA meetings were held as part of the Ibero-American Conference of Water Directors (CODIA). Agreements were reached on training programmes, sharing information and management experience, and technology transfer.

In 2008 in El Salvador, the Iberoamerican Water Programme was adopted at the XVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government. The programme includes a research testing and training centre for non-conventional water treatment in Uruguay (www.codiastp.org).

SPLASH – coordinating European water research for poverty reduction

SPLASH is the EUWI Research Area Network (www.splash-era.net) – a consortium of 16 ministries, funding agencies, national research bodies and technology authorities from 11 European countries. SPLASH focuses on Africa, the Mediterranean countries, and Asia's Mekong region.

SPLASH aims to improve water research to reduce poverty and contribute to the Millennium Development Goals. In 2009, a body of European donors approved 5 SPLASH joint research activities for funding:

1. development of open-source training materials on research management
2. workshop to improve research coordination in Ethiopia
3. support for the Africa Groundwater Network
4. tool to improve evaluation and impact assessment for research activities
5. joint call for new research in sanitation services.

Mapping aid effectiveness to Africa

During 2007-8, the **Africa Working Group (AWG)** and other stakeholders conducted a study to map EU aid effectiveness in the water sector. The mapping exercise:

- ✓ makes EU aid more transparent
- ✓ increases coordination among donors
- ✓ helps implement the EU code of conduct on complementarity.