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Twin2Go:
Coordinating **Twinning partnerships**
towards more adaptive **Governance in**
river basins*

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Background and aim of Twin2Go

- EU funded projects on IWRM issues carried out on twinned river basins in Europe and in non-European countries
- Aim: to underpin the implementation of IWRM in line with the targets of the EU Water Initiative and the Millennium Development Goals

Main aim Twin2Go:

- To review, assess, synthesize and consolidate outcomes of these projects
- To make outcomes transferable and applicable to other basins
- To disseminate their results to authorities, stakeholders and end-users

⇒ **Focus: adaptive water governance in the context of climate change and climate variability**

Why Twin2Go?

- Need for an improved science – policy interface
 - Effective communication of research results and constructive engagement with stakeholders from all levels
- Impacts of climate change and variability on water resources management
 - Transformation processes in institutional resource regimes and management style are required
- Adaptive and integrated water resources management
 - Coordinated cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary dialogue
 - Adaptive management as a concept to realize IWRM goals
- Adaptive water governance
 - Including access and distribution of information, public participation, sectoral integration, openness for experimentation.

Twin2Go's objectives

- 1: Elaborate a diagnostic approach
- 2: Draw appropriate context-sensitive approaches for improving adaptive water resources management
- 3: Formulate best practices and tools for implementing adaptive water governance and for improving the up-take of research results
- 4: Disseminate consolidated results to stakeholders at multiple levels

Projects involved in Twin2Go

- The projects directly participating:
 - **WETwin** (EU, Africa and South-America)
 - **TWINLATIN** (EU and South-America)
 - **TwinBas** (EU, Africa, South-America)
 - **BRAHMATWINN** (Europe and South Asia)
 - **NeWater** (Europe, Africa and Asia)
 - **ASEMWaterNet** (Europe and Asia)
 - **CABRI** (European part of Russia – Volga basin)
 - Other twinning projects will be invited to take part in the synthesis activities of Twin2Go
- ⇒ Mutual benefits of access to an increased knowledge base and expert exchange on water governance

Knowledge exchange and Dissemination (I)

- **Synthesis workshop**
 - To review analyses and consolidate results
 - Discuss results and lessons learned to allow transfer of insights
- **Regional workshops**
 - to consolidate results and exchange lessons learned from the twinning projects with the experts in the targeted regions
- **Policy review workshops**
 - Targeted policy dialogue interventions between research and the relevant policy level in target regions
 - Organized as side events of relevant water conferences and meetings

Knowledge exchange and Dissemination (II)

- Stakeholder Board to support the dissemination and networking efforts of consortium:
 - Global Water System Project, International Project Office
 - Global Water Partnership
 - UN Decade Programme on Capacity Development
 - UNESCO International Hydrological Programme
 - German Federal Ministry for Development Cooperation
 - Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi
- Assessment of relevance of WISE-RTD for dissemination strategy
- Internet platform: linked with the GWSP internet platform

Outlook

- Current status: first round of negotiation
- Planned start: Spring 2009
- Planned activities in first six months:
 - Kick-off meeting
 - Twin2Go web-site launched
 - Set up of stakeholder group
 - Review of existing approaches for comparative analyses of water governance and river basin management (Methodology workshop in month 6)

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