

Identification and analysis of EC RTD and LIFE projects



In the SPI-Water project, a 'Long List' of EC funded projects with potential use for WFD implementation was prepared. This list was based on the following programmes:

- RTD projects (DG Research: mainly FP5 and FP6),
- Research demonstration projects (DG Environment: LIFE Environment, Nature & Third Countries),
- Research results from other sources (COST, INTERREG).

Based on pre-defined criteria, from this long-list relevant projects and their deliverables were identified and information was uploaded to the WISE-RTD website using its Web Portal Input System (WPIS).

In the following table the numbers are presented.

| | Long list Projects | Selected Projects | Projects entered | Documents entered | Tools entered |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| RTD | 260 | 167 | 138 | 131 | 40 |
| LIFE | 457 | 225 | 222 | 155 | 37 |
| COST | 19 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Interreg | 69 | 29 | 27 | 29 | 0 |

It is the intention that coordinators of relevant projects in the future use WPIS to upload their project information. WPIS was therefore tested, further tuned and made more user-friendly.

The project was keen to learn about the experiences of WFD stakeholders. Therefore, WISE-RTD and WPIS were tested at workshops held in the following river basins: Scheldt, Pinios, Sebou and Danube; a fifth workshop attracted participants from other river basins. Suggestions of these stakeholders further improved the usefulness of the system.

WISE-RTD is a switchboard of WFD related information, in principle using information contained in (project) websites. The experiences learned that (links to) required information is not always available through the World Wide Web. Many projects seem to fail to disseminate outcome after the project has ended. This has especially true for projects that have ended several years ago.

In the belief that research output may be useful for all WFD stakeholders, and that dissemination could be better streamlined, 'Recommendations' were drafted. These Recommendations suggest options for improvement, ranging from actions that might be implemented already now to those that may be achieved only in the near future. These recommendations are publicly available from the SPI-Water website.

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