

International Meeting: Improving water accounting at the basin scale

Draft Agenda

Date: 23-24th February 2015
Venue: Department of Civil Engineering, Meeting Room D-19, first floor,
ETSINO Building, Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena,
Paseo Alfonso XIII 52, Cartagena, Spain

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Introduction and Objectives

Policies for the sustainable management of water resources are a priority in the European and national agendas. Current goals at European level are oriented to improving knowledge about the reference situation in terms of water availability and demand. Therefore, it is especially relevant to obtain, evaluate and standardize detailed information at river basin, to analyze and demonstrate the potential of economic, technological and management measures to mitigate situations of water scarcity and drought.

One of the main tools for this purpose is the System of Environmental and Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-W) developed by experts of the United Nations. The European Commission is currently evaluating the use of this framework at the river basin scale by means of various pilot projects in Europe. The goal is to improve the information on the physical water balances, water uses and supplies and economic accounts by using local data and study their usefulness river basin planning.

The International Scientific Meeting on Water Accounting at the basin scale should become a forum for discussion on the use of these methodologies and their usefulness to support the national and European policy agendas, and should enhance international collaboration in research on integrated water resources management.

Key issues to be discussed

The following main challenges in the use and implementation of a water accounting framework at the basin scale will be discussed during the meeting:

- (i) How to identify and select the most relevant data for water availability and demands?
- (ii) Innovative methodologies to close and verify the water balance and increase accuracy.
- (iii) How to integrate water accounting in the river basin management planning, demonstrating the benefits of its use in local planning?
- (iv) The usefulness for the evaluation of measures, both management, technological and economic measures, to reduce water shortage in the basin and its vulnerability to drought, and
- (v) Water accounting to assess the vulnerability of the basin to future changes (climate, economic and demographic change).

This scientific meeting will improve the knowledge on benefits and difficulties in the application of water accounting systems at the catchment scale, and reinforce academic, scientific and professional ties. Results from five projects funded by European Commission, Directorate-General Environment (EC-DG ENV), ENVC.D.1 - Protection of Water Resources, under the Call Desertification 2012-2013. Halting Desertification in Europe, will be presented. The methodologies applied in the water accounting at basin scale in the Segura, Guadalquivir, Guadiana, Duero and Arno Rivers, will be discussed.



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Monday 23th February

Morning Session

09:30-10:00 Welcome. Introduction to the International Meeting. Round table.

Dra. Sandra G. García Galliano

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Dr. Antonio Tomás Espín

Head of Department of Civil Engineering, Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena

Moderator: Johannes Hunink, FutureWater, Cartagena, Spain

10:00-11:00 h The European guidelines for water balance and the Spanish Water Planning

Concepción Marcuello Olona

Deputy of Water Planning and Sustainable Use of Water, Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and

Environment, Spain

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 -12:30 h Water Accounting: From Data to Actions

Dr. Peter Droogers

FutureWater, Wageningen, The Netherlands

12:30-12:50 Tools for the water accounting in the Segura River Basin: The ASSET Project

Dra. Sandra G. García Galliano, Dr. Alain Baillet, Dr. Francisco Alcón Provençio, José Angel

Martínez Pérez, Patricia Olmos Giménez

Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena, Spain

12:50 -13:10 h Integration of preliminary results of ASSET into the River Basin Planning Process

Jaime L. Fraile Jiménez de Muñana

Confederación Hidrográfica del Segura, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain

13:10 - 13:30 Interactions between the physical use and supply of water using the SEAW

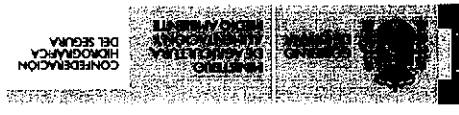
framework: Results from the Segura River Basin

Dr. Sergio Contreras

FutureWater, Cartagena, Spain



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12:30 - Closing of the International Meeting

11:30 -12:30 h Discussion and Main Conclusions

Dr. Stefano Mariani¹ and Lucia Fiumi²
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²Area Sistemi Tecnologici, Innovazione e Relazioni Internazionali, Autorità di Bacino del Fiume Arno, Italy

11:00-11:30 h SEEA-Water methodology in the Arno River basin

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Dr. Leonor Rodríguez
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

09:30 -10:30 h Application of Water Accounting Methodology to the DUERO/DOURO Basin (DURERO).

Dr. José Miguel Martínez Paz¹ and Dr. Francisco Pellicer²
¹Universidad de Murcia, IUAMA, Murcia, Spain; ²UCAM, Murcia, Spain

09:00 -09:30 h The Water Footprint in the South East of Spain

Moderator: Dr. Sandra G. García Galiano, UPCT

Morning Session

Tuesday 24th February

Closing of day: Conclusions

Dr. Julio Berbel and Mar Borrego Martín
Universidad de Córdoba, Spain
16:00 -17:00 h System of Water Accounting in Guadalquivir River Basin (SYWAG).

Dr. Salomón Montesinos
GEODIM S.L., Spain

15:00-16:00 h GUASEEAW+: System of Environmental and Economic Accounting for Water in Guadiana River Basin

Afternoon Session

13:30-15:00 h Break for lunch. Venue: Tasca del Tío Andrés, Paseo Alfonso XIII, 46.



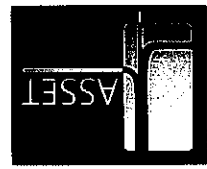
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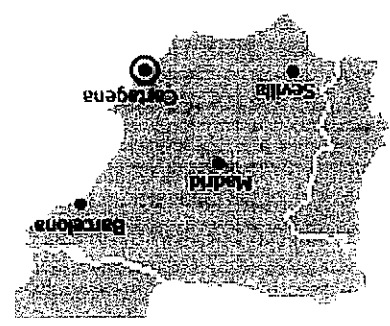
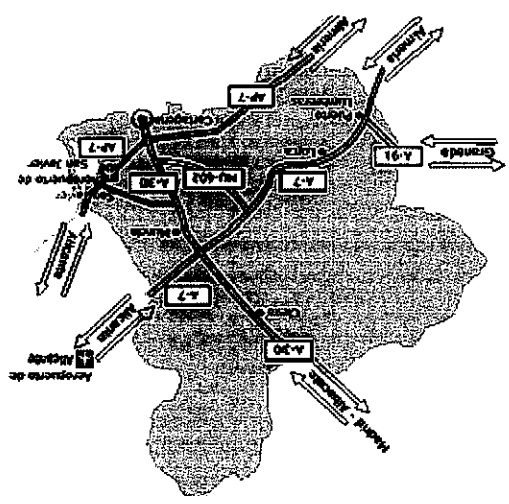
By bus: (www.alsas.es)

By car:

Starting from Madrid you have to take the road A-30 in the direction of Cartagena. Starting from the south you have to take the motorway N-340. Once you get to Almería you have to change to the highway A-7. Starting from the east you have to take the highway Mediterráneo (A-7). Starting from the west you have to take highway A-91 in the direction of Granada.

By airplane:

There are two airports close by: The **Airport of San Javier** is the closest airport. It is located approximately 32KM (20 miles) away from Cartagena. If you arrive at the **Airport of Alicante** you need approximately 1,5 hours to get to Cartagena.



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More information **Web page ASSET Project:** <http://assetwater.eu/>



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