Halting desertification in Europe

2nd Coordination Meeting

25-26 October 2011

Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT) 48, Paseo Alfonso XIII Cartagena, Spain

Draft Agenda

25 October - Day 1

	1. Introduction Objective: To make welcome addresses and ensure that participants briefly present themselves
09.30- 09.45	Mr Alain Baille, UPCT - Welcome address
09.43	Ms Andrea Nam, DG ENV - Welcome address
	All - Brief presentation (name, position, institution, role in project)
	2. RECENT POLICY DEVELOPMENTS
	OBJECTIVE: TO BRIEF PARTICIPANTS ON THE RECENT POLICY DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE BLUEPRINT TO SAFEQUARD EUROPEAN WATERS
O9.45- 10.00	Ms Andrea Nam, DG ENV - Recent policy developments - Blueprint to safeguard European Waters
	Questions
	2. Overview of progress made Objective: To provide an overview of the progress made since the 1st coordination meeting on 9 March 2011 in Athens, Greece, highlighting reports submitted, communication material produced and meetings held-and also to make an assessment of the quality of the reports submitted.
10.00- 10.30	Dr Jesper Karup Pedersen, COWI – Progress made within the four pilot initiatives - An overview and an assessment

	Comments and discussion
	Background document:"Overview of progress made within the four pilot initiatives".
	3. FOUR PILOT INITIATIVES - RESULTS AND KEY FINDINGS TILL DATE OBJECTIVE: TO INFORM ABOUT RESULTS AND KEY FINDINGS TILL DATE WITH REGARD TO EACH OF THE FOUR PILOT INITIATIVES - AND TO DISCUSS RELEVANCE OF KEY FINDINGS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS WITHIN THE EU
10.30- 10.45	Dr Palle Lindgaard-Joergensen, DHI - Focus on results and key findings - why and how?
	Background document:"Overview of progress made within the four pilot initiatives".
	COFFEE BREAK
10.45- 11.00	Coffee and - informal discussions
	3. FOUR PILOT INITIATIVES - RESULTS AND KEY FINDINGS TILL DATE (CONTINUED)
11.00- 12.30	Dr Christos Makropoulos, National Technical University of Athens, Greece - Innovative approach to halt desertification in Pinios (i-ADAPT), Greece - Results and key findings
	Mr Harro Riedstra, European Water Partnership, Belgium - Addressing desertification by efficient irrigation in Agriculture (DESIRAS), Spain and Cyprus - Results and key findings
	Comments and discussion
	 Background documents: "i-ADAPT - Results and key findings"; "DESIRAS - Results and key findings".
	LUNCH
12.30- 14.00	Lunch and - informal discussions
	3. FOUR PILOT INITIATIVES - RESULTS AND KEY FINDINGS TILL DATE (CONTINUED)
14.00- 15.30	Mr Gheorghe Stancalie, National Meteorological Administration, Romania - Mitigation Drought in Vulnerable Area of the Mures Basin (MIDMURES), Romania - Results and key findings
	Mr Alain Baille, UPCT, Spain - Remote-sensing based DSS for Sustainable drought-

adapted Irrigation (REDSIM), Spain - Results and key findings

Comments and discussion

Background documents:

- "MIDMURES Results and key findings";
- "REDSIM Results and key findings".

4. RESULTS, KEY FINDINGS AND, ESPECIALLY, EXPECTED FINAL OUTCOMES IN THE LIGHT OF THE EUROPEAN WATER SCARCITY AND DROUGHTS POLICY

OBJECTIVE: TO PRODUCE AN UPDATED OVERVIEW OF EXPECTED OUTCOMES THAT MAY PROVIDE AN INPUT TO THE EUROPEAN WATER SCARCITY AND DROUGHTS POLICY, FOREMOST THE FORTHCOMING 2012 POLICY REVIEW HIGHLIGHTED AT THE 1ST COORDINATION MEETING. FOCUS IS ON PRACTICAL EXAMPLES, TESTING INDICATORS AND SUPPORTING POLICY CONCLUSIONS.

15.30- Dr Jesper Karup Pedersen, COWI, and Dr Palle Lindgaard-Joergensen, DHI -

16.30 Relevance of expected final outcomes for the 2012 Policy Review - A background for discussion

Comments and discussion

Background document:

• "Four pilot initiatives and 2012 Policy Review".

5. CONCLUSIONS

Objective: To discuss and agree upon possible further actions by the Commission, external contractors and/or beneficiaries to improve pilot initiatives' implementation with a view to progress made till date, expected final outcomes and the 2012 Policy Review - and to define and agree upon Next steps to be taken.

16.30-17.00 Ms Andrea Nam, DG ENV

Comments and discussion

26 October - Day 2

Field visits

9.00-10.00 . Presentation of the CRCC (Campo de Cartagena Irrigation Community) at the CRCC head office (Cartagena city)

10.00 -12.00. CRCC field trip (hydraulic infrastructures, control equipments and visit of a REDSIM pilot farm in the CRCC)

12.00 -14.30 - Travelling to Ricote Valley and Lunch

14.30-17.00 Tour through the Ricote Valley (visiting ancient/traditional irrigation networks and recent infrastructures, Tagus-Segura water transfer)

17-18 - Travelling back to Cartagena