



Halting desertification in Europe- results of the first four pilot projects

Venue: European Parliament (Altiero Spinelli Building), room ASP A1E201
Brussels

Date: 5 December 2012 (13:00 – 15:00)

Objective of the meeting: *The meeting will present the results of four pilot projects in Southern and South-Eastern Europe aiming at demonstrating technologies and management practices to improve water efficiency in water scarce areas. The focus of the projects is on agricultural water management practices but also includes other water uses. While the projects are providing scientific evidence of the applicability of the water saving technologies, the implications of these findings are put in a wider basin management perspective. The dissemination workshop aims at both providing an input to the “state of the art of technologies for water efficiency” as well as an input to the discussions of how results of regional/local scale projects can be up-scaled and made sustainable for tackling water scarcity and drought in Europe.*

	1. INTRODUCTION
13:00 – 13:10	Ms Cristina GUTIERREZ-CORTINES, MEP – Member of the EPP Group and President of the European Water Forum – Welcome address Mr Peter GAMMELTOFT, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Environment – Welcome and introduction

	2. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE FOUR PILOT INITIATIVES, HIGHLIGHTING SPECIFIC KEY RESULTS
13:10 – 14:30	<p>National Meteorological Administration, Romania – Mitigation Drought in Vulnerable Area of the Mures Basin (MIDMURES) – Dr. Catalin SIMOTA</p> <p>Instituto Murciano de Investigación y Desarrollo Agraria y Alimentario (IMIDA) Combating water scarcity in the Region of Murcia: Challenges and Achievements - Dr Juan Canovas Cuenca</p> <p>European Water Partnership, Belgium – Addressing Desertification by Efficient Irrigation in Agriculture (DESIRAS), Spain and Cyprus – Ms Christa MORGENSCHWEIS</p> <p>Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena, Spain – Remote-sensing based DSS for Sustainable drought-adapted Irrigation (REDSIM), Spain – Mr Johannes HUNNIK</p> <p>Instituto Murciano de Investigación y Desarrollo Agraria y Alimentario (IMIDA) Strategies to reduce water consumption in citrus and winegrape crops in the Region of Murcia - Dr Pascual Romero Azorin</p> <p>NTUA, Greece – Innovative approach to halt desertification in Pinios (i-ADAPT), Greece – Prof. Maria MIMIKOU</p>
	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND CLOSURE OF MEETING
14:30 – 14:50	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
14.50 – 15.00	CLOSURE OF WORKSHOP