

## Project Fact Sheet

### Title

**Initiative 4 Facilitating Integration of Research Potential from the New Member States, Associated Candidate Countries and Old Member States in the area of Water Cycle including Soil Related Issues of the FP6 Sub-Priority 1.1.6.3 and a relevant priority of FP7**

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### Project Consortium

#### Co-ordinating Unit

##### IETU

Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas, Katowice, Poland

#### Partners

##### IPPT/NCP

Institute of Fundamental Technological Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, FP National Contact Point, Warsaw, Poland

##### UFZ

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##### UMSICHT

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### Project web page

<http://www.integration4water.org>

## Who should be interested ?

### NMS/ACC research teams and organisations including SMEs interested in:

getting support to join project consortia in the 4th call of the Sub-priority "Global Change and Ecosystems"

promoting their research potential on the European level

benefiting from information exchange and dissemination information on the water-research related activities carried out in Europe and world-wide

acquiring skills in building integrated approaches to FP7 water research topics

getting in contact with European researchers interested in doing joint research on water

### Project partners from the Old Member States interested in:

finding NMS/ACC research partners with specific expertise for the 4th call needs

establishing working relationships for the FP7 project needs

promoting their activities in water research among NMS/ACC researchers

getting updates on water research initiatives carried out by or with the involvement of NMS/ACC

## Expected Results

NMS/ACC water research potential database and a partner search engine structured for the FP project development needs

internet service for information dissemination and exchange on water initiatives in the Enlarged Europe with special focus on the NMS/ACC countries

Topical Expert Groups as integrated research teams on the European level to address water research goals of FP7

NMS/ACC contribution to the Specific Programme of FP7 in the area of water research



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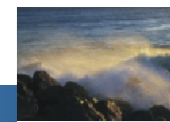
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## Background

To address the research topics concerning water and soil defined in the of the Sub-Priority **Global Change and Ecosystems** on a European level and to accomplish the ambitious goals of the present (FP6) as well as future (FP7) workprogramme, it is necessary to ensure that the critical mass is involved in terms of research capacities and geographical representation of the scientific potential and that there is an adequate geographical representation of the essential scientific potential.

Previous FP6 calls in the Sub-priority 'Global Change and Ecosystems' have shown that the progress in establishing a durably integrated European Research Area (ERA) among research partners from the Old Member States (EU 15) is much more advanced while their links with the organisations from the New Member States (NMS) and Associated Candidate Countries (ACC) are still insufficiently developed.

Research teams and organisations from the New Member States and the Accession Candidate Countries are offering valuable contributions and research expertise. This information however seems insufficiently conveyed among the EU 15 research organisations.

As a result only the key players from the NMS/ACC organisations become partners in FP project consortia while the potential and capacities of other research teams remain aside since not effectively presented and promoted in the Europe.

## What is Integration4Water?

Integration4Water is a **Specific Support Action** under the 6. Framework Programme for Research and Technology Development of the European Community (EU FP6) aimed at contributing to the creation of the European Research Area through :



**stimulating the participation of research teams from the New Member States (NMS) and Accession Candidate Countries (ACC) in the project consortia of EU FP6 addressing specific topics of Area II Water cycle including soil related issues in the 4<sup>th</sup> call of the Sub-priority 1.1.6.3 "Global Change and Ecosystems"**

**supporting the involvement of the researchers from the New Member States and the Associated Candidate Countries in the development of the upcoming 7. EU Framework Programme (FP7) alongside with increasing their proposal writing skills and promotion of research potential towards successful participation in the FP7.**

## What do we offer?

**Database of NMS/ACC organisations and research teams** including SMEs active in water research, structured for the FP project proposal development needs, especially for the Area II *Water cycle and soil related issues* of the 4<sup>th</sup> call in Sub-priority Global Change and Ecosystems, combined with a dedicated partner search engine accessible through the service web page. Upon the 4<sup>th</sup> call closing date the database will be supplemented for FP7 needs.

**Multifunctional, internet-based information service** aimed as a "one-stop-shop" for dissemination and exchange of information on water related research conducted by research organisations and teams from the New Member States, Accession Candidate Countries and the Old Member States.

**Workshops event for NMS/ACC researchers** aimed at training the NMS/ACC researchers on building integrated approaches to the research topics and joint identification and formulation of potential FP7 water research themes based on the contributions proposed by the database users. Participants of this event are the database users who will provide and describe the potential FP7 topics. There are two key outcomes from the workshops planned:

**Topical Expert Groups** international research teams, potential FP7 consortia,

**A Report on the FP7 contributions** containing descriptions of specific topics proposed for the FP7 specific programme together with instruments suggested for their realisation.