



Initiative for facilitating integration of research potential from the New Member States (NMS) and Associated Candidate Countries and the Old Member States in the Area of Water Cycle including Soil-related Issues of the FP6 sub-priority 1.6.3 and a relevant priority of FP7

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Integration4Water Workshop Event Info No. 1

2- 4 June 2006, Warsaw, Poland

What is the Integration4Water Workshop Event?

The workshops designed as a three-day activity are the key event of the ongoing EU FP6 SSA project Integration4Water that is aimed at stimulating the participation of the research teams from the New Member States (NMS) and Accession Candidate Countries (ACC) in the projects of the RTD Framework Programmes of the European Commission in the research area of "Water cycle including soil -related aspects "

The objectives for the workshops event are to:

- help identifying new areas of joint research as a starting point for co-operation in FP7 (contribution to the development of FP7 specific topics), especially these topics in which the NMS/ACC researchers could be project leaders
- train the NMS/ACC researchers in building integrated, interactive and multidisciplinary approaches as a strategy for proposal development
- support integration of NMS/ACC and researchers from the Old Member States in joint European Topical Expert Groups as potential subconsortia to respond in particular to the FP7 specific topics.
- serve as a forum to disseminate and exchange information on water-related research activities conducted in national, regional and European scale by NMS/ACC organizations and the EU 15 States to be incorporated into the above mentioned approaches

The scientific focus

The scientific focus of the workshops will address especially the following areas of the **water research including soil aspects to be addressed in FP7:**

- **Area 1 Climate Change and Water Resources**
- **Area 2 Water Resources Management**
- **Area 3 Environmental Technologies Related to Water and Soil**

Who should participate?

We welcome leaders of research teams from organizations from **the New Member States (NMS) and Associated Candidate Countries (ACC)** who perform research in the area of water and soil related issues and are interested in:

- gaining skills in the development of integrated multidisciplinary approaches to the research topics related to water cycle including soil related issues,
- and contributing to the development and implementation of the 7. Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) in the area of water and soil related research,
- interested in establishing project consortia for the FP7.

The targeted group of NMS/ACC countries comprises the present New Member States: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Cyprus, Malta, and Associate Candidate Countries: Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria.

We invite up to 9 research leaders per each New Member State and Associated Candidate Country (3 per scientific focus area, the researchers from one country should however origin from different research organizations or their departments). We assume a total of 117 participants from the 13 NMS/ACC.

Travel and Accommodation

The participants will be provided with board and accommodation during the event. Hotel rooms have been booked in a group reservation. Rooms will be available for the 3 nights i.e. 1-4 June 2006. Detailed hotel information and hotel registration forms will be available on the integration4water web page. Participants will be responsible for making the hotel reservations by themselves using the forms provided on the web page.

A grant for the reimbursement of the travel costs will be provided to the researchers from NMS/ACC organizations. The grant value will differ depending on the country. The travel reimbursement rules, available grant values and travel reimbursement instructions will be provided on the Integration4Water web page.

How to register?

The registration is only via the Integration4Water web page <http://www.integration4water.org/> If you are interested in taking part in the event, **please register (log in) as soon as possible as the Integration4water service user** in the Instant Messenger service. Using the e-mail addresses you provided to the Instant Messenger, information on launching the final registration will be sent to you. You will then be requested to fill up the Integration4Water database.

Information provided in the database will be also used to promote your organization and your research team as FP7 project partner in the area of water and soil related research.

When filling up the database, participants will be also requested to provide short contributions containing their expertise in the key FP7 topics from the priority of water cycle including soil related issues. The contributions will be used then by moderators during the panel sessions as a basis for practical training in building the integrated approaches as input to the formulation of the future FP7 specific topics. They will also facilitate grouping of participants into the proposed Topical Expert Groups centered on the identified specific topics – new areas of research covered by potential project subconsortia. Since the proposed NMS/ACC organizations database will be also open to SMEs, SMEs representatives will be also entitled to take part in the workshops and become members of the Topical Expert Groups.

Who are the Moderators?

The workshops are moderated by 18 recognized scientists from the New Member States and the Associated Candidate Countries who are leaders in a specific water-related research area in Europe. To ensure complexity and integrity of approaches to individual topics, the moderators will represent a variety of scientific disciplines. You can find more information on the Moderators on the Integration4water web page.

Venue, dates and the agenda

The Event will be organized in Warsaw, Poland, in the days of 2– 4 June 2006. The participants will be requested to arrive on 1 June 2006.

A detailed agenda and overall organization will be available on the project web page in early May 2006. You will also get a notice via the Instant Messenger.

Where can you get more information?

For more information visit our web page <http://www.integration4water.org> or contact the Local Organizer or Project Coordinator.

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We look forward to your co-operation.

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