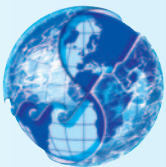




International Office for Water

Training Information Management Cooperation

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*The International
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A Worldwide Network

of 149 organizations gathering all abilities useful for sustainable water resources management in France, in Europe and over the world:

- Bi- and multilateral cooperation organizations,
- Ministries, Water Agencies, public enterprises,
- Municipalities and local authorities,
- Universities, training institutes and research centers,
- Companies of the water sector, water suppliers, consulting firms, equipment providers,
- Professional organizations of industries which use water for their manufacturing processes, etc.
- Non Governmental Organizations.

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An Operator for International Cooperation

which intervenes in Europe and over the world in two different types of projects:

- ◆ **The organization of programs for institutional assistance** to governments, municipalities, public agencies and enterprises to implement **administrative reforms**:
 - Integrated river basin development and management,
 - Governance of municipal water supply and sanitation utilities,
 - Restructuring of water development and community Irrigation organizations,
 - Implementation of the European Water Directives, pre-accession twinning agreements and neighborhood policy.
- ◆ **Assistance to the setting-up and development of:**
 - **Professional training centers**, dealing with water management, design, operation and maintenance of community water utilities,
 - **Specialized documentation** and information centers,
 - **Monitoring network, databases and integrated information and warning systems** for water resources.



*IOWater is in charge of the Permanent Technical Secretariat of the **International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)**, existing in 65 countries.*

Capacity building for better water management

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- ◆ **The National Training Center for Water Professions - "CNFME"** trains every year more than 6,000 French and foreign engineers, technicians and operators coming from municipal water utilities and industries to attend **on-the-job practical training** on the design, management, operation and maintenance of networks and facilities.



More than **10,000 French municipal elected officials** already participated in information seminars on decision-making supporting tools for local water management, organized in the Departments, and can consult our on-line information services on our website:

www.eaudanslaville.fr

- ◆ **The National Information and Documentation Center on Water** proposes on the Web:
 - a virtual library "**EAUDOC**" with more than 250,000 French and International documentation references,
 - documentation summaries,
 - a specialized watch service "**AQUAVEILLE**":
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- ◆ **The National Data Reference Center for Water (SANDRE)** establishes standards for data exchange, interoperability tools, data dictionaries, reference frames for the development of **Water Information System (WIS)** in France and in the world.
- ◆ **The Permanent Inventory of Water Studies and Research (IPERE)**: IOWater provides assistance to public contracting authorities for study and research programs and for the dissemination of results, as leader of the European "**IWRM-net**" project, in particular.

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