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Place	Brussels, Belgium
Dates	4 November 2014
Event	3rd Pan-EU Drought Dialogue Forum
Participants	Sabina Bokal , IDMP Programme Manager, GWP CEE

The purpose of the trip

One of the objectives of DROUGHT-R&SPI is to foster live dialogue between policy makers, researchers, and water actors at different levels (river basin, national, pan-European) on drought research and policy agendas through establishing Drought Dialogue Fora. Policy makers and researchers were together in order to transfer the benefits from research to address real-life drought problems. Transferring the outcomes of research to forecast, prevent, and mitigate drought impacts, is a major challenge of the Drought Dialogue Forum and the DROUGHT-R&SPI project. This forum and the project very much connect with the objectives of IDMP CEE (addressing policy level, filling gaps in WFD implementation (to support process of preparation of the DMPs within the 2nd cycle of RBMP, to support the process of preparation of drought management policies, etc.) etc.). More about previous (2nd) dialogue [here](#).

Meeting minutes

Event was organized in three parts.

1) Opening session:

- Mr. Henny van Lanen (project coordinator) presented overall objectives of the project and where in the overall context of the project Drought Dialogues Forum belongs to. He also made a brief summary of the previous two dialogues.
- Alessia Pietrosanti (EC Research Programme Officer, DG Research & Innovation) presented Horizon 2020 Programme as an instrument of EC to support research and innovation. She presented the structure of the programme and more in detail give information about “Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials” under which also “drought topics” belong to.
- Giorgio Pineshi (Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, Italy) made a short review of the EU policy on water scarcity and emphasized that all countries should in the 2nd cycle of the RBMP should not focus only on the water quality status but also on water quantity (too much, too little water).
- Jorge Rodriguez Romero (DG ENV, Team Coordinator - Water Framework Directive) gave an overview of the “drought thematic” in WFD and RBMP and how they become part of the directive especially after the 2003 all-European drought . He pointed out that in many countries DMP are still ignored and that monitoring of water quantity is still in many cases insufficient.

2) Thematic session:

Second part was organized in a way that for each of the four themes there were two presentations (one from the Drought-R&SPI project partner and the other from policy maker. Following thematic were presented:

1. European Drought Impact Database:

- The EDR database (<http://www.geo.uio.no/edc/droughtdb/>) was compiled as part of the EU funded DROUGHT R&SPI Project. The database is designed to provide a single, publically available site to disseminate detailed information about historical drought events in Europe. This is still a testing site but everyone who creates an account can log in and see all past European droughts, detailed meteorological and hydrologic drought indices, as well as information regarding economic, social, and environmental impacts.
- Mainstreaming of climate action in the European structural and investment funds 2014-2020 (http://ec.europa.eu/clima/publications/index_en.htm#Mainstreaming)

2. Pan-EU maps of drought vulnerability factors

3. Drought: monitoring, forecasting and indicators

4. How to upscale context specific CS experiences to the pan-European scale

Interesting information:

Next steps and interesting links:

They are planning to organize the last (4th) Dialogue together with the final conference of the project which will be held in Valencia (Spain), 10-13 March 2015.

Links:

- [1st Pan-EU Drought Dialogue Forum](#)
- [2nd Pan-EU Drought Dialogue Forum](#)
- [Drought R-SPI project web page](#)

Agenda attached to the BTOR.

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