

Multi-Stakeholders

....among others: professional and non-professional public and private sector organisations, environmental protection agencies, water authorities and commissions, local and regional planning authorities, water boards, environmental and farmers' groups, anglers' associations, religious groups and finally the individual citizens. Because we all have a stake in water!

...getting involved?

HarmoniCOP will focus on public participation as a means to foster social learning in RBMP. It will hereby complement the guidance document on public participation that is presently prepared in context with the implementation strategy for the European Water Framework Directive.

If you would like to influence the outcome of HarmoniCOP, do not hesitate to contact us. We want to start a dialogue on participation issues in European RBMP right now! Please, use the address given for your country as initial contact, but if your country is not represented in the list to the right, please contact:

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Thanks for getting involved!



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....improving public participation in river basin management planning (RBMP) for implementing the European Water Framework Directive.



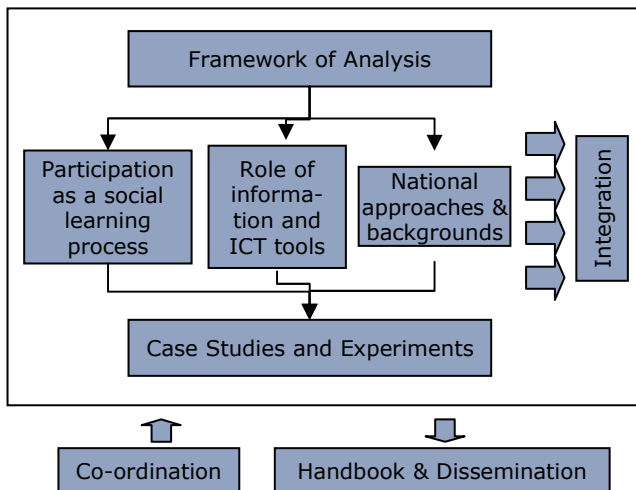
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Objective

The aim of HarmoniCOP project is to increase the understanding of participatory river basin management planning (RBMP) in Europe. RBMP is the integrated cross-sectoral planning and management of river basins independent of political and administrative borders. The project's objective is to generate practical information about social learning in river basin management and to support the implementation of the public participation provisions of the European Water Framework Directive.

Project Outline

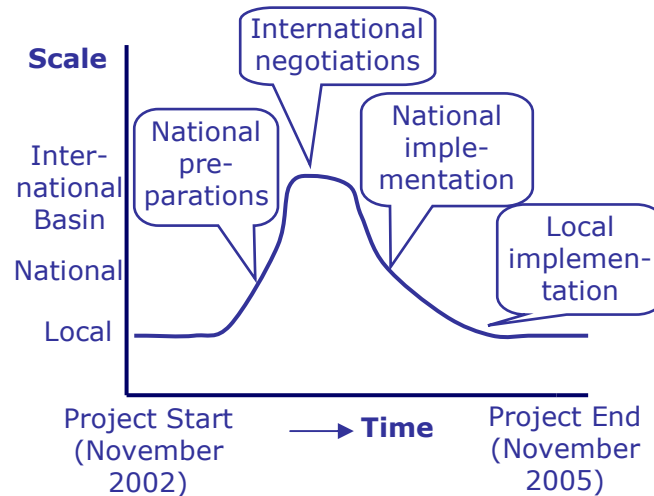


This figure shows the relation of the 7 work-packages of HarmoniCOP. Starting with a framework of analysis, we further assess "social learning", "ICT tools" and the different national approaches to participation.

In parallel to this work, the case studies will be commenced. 17 teams from Belgium, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom will carry out the case studies in the nine respective countries. The case studies function as a means of gaining a deeper understanding of participatory processes needed to implement the European Water Framework Directive.

Integration of this work will lead to the publication of a handbook and dissemination of project findings.

Multi-Phases



The figure "Multi-Phases" illustrates the different levels of stakeholder involvement in different phases of the implementation process. Not only phases but also scale levels of intervention can be distinguished. E.g. river basins can be managed from the local level upwards to the international level.

Accordingly, participation may vary and requires different tools in different phases.

Multi-Disciplinary

Environmental Sciences,
Social Sciences,
Economics,
Planning,
Law.....

Framework of Analysis

Due to the interdisciplinary character of the project, the required expertise comes from various scientific fields as can be seen in the above figure.

Expected Outputs

- Several reports on „Public participation and the Water Framework Directive“ will provide an overview of participatory planning processes in River Basin Management Planning (RBMP) in Europe.
- 9 national case study reports (Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, UK)
- A final scientific report
- An interactive web communication platform
- A handbook on the methodology of public participation for implementing the Water Framework Directive