

Global Water Partnership and European Water Partnership Sign Memorandum of Understanding

At the end of the Global Water Partnership's (GWP) Consulting Partners meeting and the start of the Stockholm World Water Week, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the GWP and the European Water Partnership (EWP).



The MoU was signed by Dr. Ania Grobicki, GWP Executive Secretary, and Tom Vereijken, EWP Chair (see photo), on August 16, 2009, in the presence of representatives from both organizations. The Chair of GWP-Mediterranean, Professor Michaelis Scoullou, and the Chair of GWP-Central and Eastern Europe, Professor Liviu Popescu, were also party to the agreement and will take forward the collaboration with their regions.

In the MoU, both organisations acknowledged their “common interest in improving water resources management for sustainable development” and stated their willingness to collaborate on:

- organization of and participation in meetings, conferences, symposia, workshops, courses, and exhibitions on fields of interest to both signatories
- identification, development and implementation of joint research and projects, including the exchange of their results
- facilitation of implementation of EU water policies and legislation. by bringing key stakeholders together for dialogues and other activities at all levels from regional to national and local levels in order to create public awareness and shared ownership
- contributing to the vision mapping process for Europe by sharing experience, information and documentation as well as by actively participating in working meetings on the vision mapping and participating in the European Policy Summit
- sharing experience in awareness-raising, capacity building, knowledge exchange and water governance
- sharing experience on addressing climate change issues and contributing to the European Dialogue on Climate Change Adaptation and Water.

GWP is an international network whose vision is for a water secure world. Its mission is to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels. The GWP network is active in 13 regions and has 2,069 Partners located in 149 countries. The EWP is an independent non-profit organization helping to coordinate initiatives and activities in international water issues and undertaking worldwide promotion of European expertise related to water.