WISE-RTD Web Portal as a tool for sharing water related research information

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Introduction

- RTD activities pay more and more attention to incorporate policy relevant topics

- Dedicated structures are established in RTD project with presence of decision makers

- However, the experience shows that this interrelationship is not as effective as it could be

- This is certainly the case with respect to the implementation of the WFD, where a lot of knowledge could be useful in the implementation

Problems in interfacing

- There is a lack of transfer mechanisms to allow passing the relevant information to the stakeholders or policy makers
- Stakeholders and policy makers do not have the time and/or capacity to 'translate' the research results into policy
- Stakeholders and policy makers even simply lack access to the research information
- Researchers often speak a 'different language' that is not always (correctly) understood by the policy makers (and vice versa)

WISE-RTD Web Portal

- interfacing mechanism aiming to bridge the above-mentioned gaps in science-policy communication

- Is a part of WISE
= Water Information System for Europe

- making bi-directional links between water policies and their implementation tasks on the one hand, and RTD results on the other hand

- focus on the Water Framework Directive (WFD)

WISE-RTD Web Portal

- links different information sources :
  - guidances on the application of RTD results and tools for the water policy implementation
  - experiences with this application in case studies
  - RTD results and tools
- user guidance to meet the demands and enhance the information search by different user groups
- Web Portal Input System to upload information to WISE-RTD
- www.wise-rtd.info

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WISE-RTD and TWM

- tool for dissemination of information on water resources management in transboundary basins
- identification of availability and accessibility of guidance, methodologies and tools in support of WFD implementation in transboundary basins
- identification and enhancement of complementarities between water resource management in different transboundary basins
- identification of missing gaps in research on transboundary water management

Final results

- You are invited to test the Web Portal at www.wise-rtd.info and to provide us feedback and upload your information, research, experiences, …

- More (concrete) information will be given at the final conference :

  Managing water related information in support of WFD and IWRM implementation

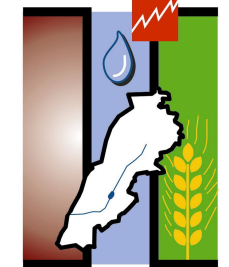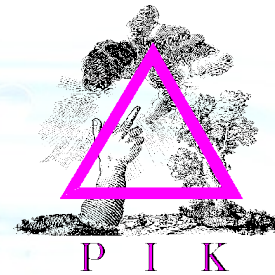 30 and 31 October 2008 in Brussels

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