

Programme Solidarité Eau pS-Eau

The Water Solidarity Network (pS-Eau) promotes dialogue between international aid stakeholders (nongovernmental organisations, public authorities, local governments, the private sector, research, etc.) in the field of water and contributes to the elaboration of shared methodology references. It coordinates working groups and researchaction programmes, and publishes a newsletter and summary documents.

A Tool For Dialogue Among Water Sector Stakeholders

In order to further the improved quality of interventions in this field and facilitate the elaboration of a shared set of references among the different stakeholders, the Water Solidarity Network (pS-Eau) facilitates local international aid initiatives and coordinates dialogue among stakeholders. The pSEau is now steered by a board of directors made up of researchers and representatives of public authorities, territorial authorities, international solidarity associations, and professional water organisations.

Four main activities :

- Spreading information and publications,
- Coordination and technical advice,
- Contribution to debates on water policies, at French, European and international levels,
- Animation of specific programs.

Implementation of Specific Programmes

pS-Eau's activities are organised around geographic and thematic programmes.

Water and Sanitation in the Mediterranean

PS-Eau encourages the networking of stakeholders in the Maghreb and Machrek. It also facilitates the international aid actions of French partners with the organisations of the south shore of the Mediterranean basin. In the framework of the international support programme for water resource centres (Streams), pS-Eau is accompanying the regional process for the Maghreb.

PS-Eau participates in the census of NGOs active in sustainable development in the Mediterranean. With various partners in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean and in Europe, pS-Eau participates in the elaboration of proposals in favour of sustainable and environmentally friendly development in the Mediterranean, involving the ensemble of concerned partners.

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Senegal River Basin (Mali, Mauritania, Senegal)

The goal of this geographic programme is to favour contacts between stakeholders and skills so as to improve the coherency of interventions in the Senegal River Basin. It ensures four functions:

- offering a methodology and technological support-advice service to project implementers,
- organising the monitoring of studies and encouraging capitalisation works,
- developing activities and information tools, and
- offering a space for exchange and dialogue.

In the framework of the elaboration of a repertory of development actions in Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal, pS-Eau supports the creation of Internet portals providing access to information in developing countries.

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Drinking Water and Sanitation

This program focus on the sustainable management of solid waste and the evacuation of wastewater and excreta. It is co-run by pS-Eau and the Municipal Development Programme (MDP, Benin). The core of the program has been structured around four key points of entry which are common to all aspects of solid waste management and sanitation (waste water and excreta) :

- Technico-economic, environmental and health,
- Sociological, anthropological, cultural, spatial and territorial,
- Micro and macro-economic and financial,
- Institutional and legal

Twenty pilot actions (to test new avenues and hypotheses full-scale) and research actions (to improve knowledge) were selected.

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Gender and water

The aim of this programme is to raise awarness and mobilize water stakeholders on issues related to mainstreaming gender in drinking water programmes. pS-Eau recently facilitated an electronic conference and is currently studying the gender component of bilaterally funded rural water programmes in Africa.

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