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Open Call for Information for Case Studies

Over the next few months WaterTime will be carrying out case studies in 29 cities across Europe. WaterTime warmly requests any local, national or other stakeholders who are willing and able to provide inputs to the case studies (in the form of interviews, documents or relevant contacts), to please get in touch with the appropriate contact below.

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Second WaterTime workshop: 1st to 3rd October 2003, Córdoba, Spain

The second WaterTime workshop took place in October 2003 in Córdoba, Spain. The workshop saw presentations from a range of experts and stakeholders, and discussion of the finalization of Watertime documents that would be key inputs to the case studies.

Watertime's Spanish partner, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, presented the Cordoba case study as a test to evaluate the Draft Analytical Framework. A draft version of the document intended to provide the international and European-level context for the 29 case studies, the International Context Report, was discussed. Preparatory discussions were held on the National Context Reports to be prepared for each of the 13 countries to be covered.

A range of presentations on decision-making from external experts provided a valuable contribution to the discussion of how to progress WaterTime's Analytical Framework from Draft status to Final:

- "Citizen participation on water supply and sanitation in Porto Alegre, Brazil", Odete Maria Viero, General Director's Assistant Engineer, Water and Sanitation Municipal Department (DMAE), Porto Alegre, Brazil.
- "Maps for public participation in water management. Conceptual limits and possibilities", Sébastien Caquard, Department of Geography, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA.
- "Urban Water Supply and Sustainability", Francisco Cubillo, Head of Applied Technologies Department, Canal de Isabel II (CYII), Madrid, Spain.
- "AGBAR Group", Jordi Molina, General Manager of the AGBAR Foundation, Barcelona, Spain.
- "Participatory budget in the city of Cordoba", Cordoba City Council Participation Area, on Ines Fontiveros behalf, Cordoba, Spain.
- "Sustainable management of the water resources shared between Spain and Portugal. IberAqua project", Ana Barreira, Director of the International Law and Environment



Institute, Madrid, Spain.

A precis of Maria Odete Viero's presentation is provided below. The presentation outlined the nature of Porto Alegre's public participation system (Participatory Budget - *Orçamento Participativo*), and its successful use in the area of water and sanitation.

“Citizen participation on water supply and sanitation in Porto Alegre, Brazil”, *Odete Maria Viero, General Director's Assistant Engineer, Water and Sanitation Municipal Department (DMAE), Porto Alegre, Brazil.*

Water and sanitation in Porto Alegre is run by the Municipal Water and Sanitation Department (DMAE). DMAE has a separate legal personality from the city council, together with operational autonomy and financial independence (it receives no subsidies and provides no subsidies to other council services). DMAE's equivalent of a Board of Directors is the Deliberative Council, made up of representatives of different civil society organisations, reflecting different political views and interests. The Council has the power to approve all major decisions to be adopted by DMAE, as well as to advise on a number of secondary matters, and meets weekly.

The Participatory Budget (OP) process is a form of direct democracy, originating with the election of a new local government in 1989, which used informal public meetings to ensure broad support for its programme. Over time, the process consolidated into a more formal process. Participation is voluntary and universal, and every participant is entitled to vote in the selection of priorities and representatives.

In the OP process, citizens meet to vote on how available resources should be invested, with short-listed priorities evaluated on a cost/benefit basis. The meetings take place under the guidance of DMAE, which explains the technical criteria for the selection and implementation of works, but are also an occasion for DMAE to be exposed to the criticisms and suggestions of the public. Once citizens have set priorities for investments, the technical feasibility of these decisions is analysed by DMAE according to a set of criteria approved by the Participatory Budget Council (Conselho do Orçamento Participativo). On the basis of the decisions made, DMAE elaborates an investment plan, which requires the approval of the Participatory Budget Council.

OP allowed people to identify which demands or projects should be attended to first, and is one reason why 99.5% of Porto Alegre's population now has access to treated water, and 84% – the highest in Brazil – is connected to sewerage.

The presentations were followed by lengthy discussion involving guest speakers, research partners, and the steering committee, which provided further useful inputs. For more details on the Córdoba workshop, including downloadable presentations, see www.watertime.net/wt_october_2003_presentations.asp.

Watertime thanks EMACSA and the Municipality of Cordoba for their warm welcome, and for their support in making the workshop a success.

Selected WaterTime outputs

International and European Context Report (December 2003)

The WaterTime report covers the recent history of international and EU influences on decision-making in Europe's urban water sector. It provides the widest context for WaterTime's 29 case studies, supplementing the National Context Reports for each of the 13 countries covered.

http://www.watertime.net/Docs/WP1/D7_Int_Context_final.pdf

Analytical Framework (December 2003)

WaterTime's Analytical Framework was completed in December 2003. It provides the basis for carrying out the 29 case studies, and for later synthesising their results to produce WaterTime's final outputs: a report on best practices on decision-making in the urban water sector, and a decision-making model to support this best practice.

http://www.watertime.net/Docs/WP1/D4_Analytical_Framework.pdf



Selected Publications

Water Privatisation Revisited: Panacea or pancake? (2003)

Jarmo J. Hukka and Tapio S. Katko. (Tampere University of Technology)

The authors argue that, far from increasing competition in the operation and management of water and sewerage services, privatisation actually reduces it. It is a myth, they argue, to suggest that the private sector will always be more efficient than the public sector in managing water services.

<http://www.irc.nl/content/view/full/6003>

Problems with private water concessions: a review of experience (2003)

Emanuele Lobina and David Hall (PSIRU, University of Greenwich)

Addresses the complexity of issues affecting PSP in the water sector from a dynamic point of view, taking into account how the interests, objectives and resources of private sector operators continuously shape their relationships with local stakeholders, citizens and local governments, and how the interaction between multinational companies and other actors affect the impact of PSP.

<http://www.psiru.org/reports/2003-06-W-over.doc>

WaterTime at a glance

The Project

Watertime is an EC-funded research project which aims to improve the sustainability of decision-making on water systems in Europe's cities. The project is studying decision-making on water systems in 29 European cities, drawing on their long-term historical experience as well as recent decisions. Watertime will produce a report on best practices, and develop a model for participative decisionmaking. The work will be disseminated to stakeholders and public authorities, who are also involved during the course of the research.

The Team

The interdisciplinary team of researchers involved in the project is drawn from different parts of Europe - Spain, the UK, Germany, Finland, Hungary - and brings

together expertise from a range of different areas, including economics, political science, environmental science, law, and water institutions.

- PSIRU, University of Greenwich, UK (project coordinator)
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain
- Tampere University of Technology (TUT), Tampere, Finland
- International Water Affairs (IWA), Hamburg, Germany
- Eötvös József College (EJC), Budapest, Hungary

The Steering Committee

The Watertime project is overseen by a steering committee with representatives from consumer organizations, environmental organizations, and trade unions.

- Consumers International,
- European Environmental Bureau (EEB),
- Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR),
- European Centre of Enterprises with Public Participation (CEEP),
- European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU),
- the Consumers Protection Association of Romania, and
- the municipal water utility of Cordoba, Spain (EMACSA)



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