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New publication on River Basin Management

- International publication from the European Water Association -

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River basin management is a concept that has already been used throughout Europe. The interest in it has however grown since the adoption of the Water Framework Directive, whose main target is the implementation of river basin management. The European Water Association (EWA) has now issued one of the first publications that highlights this topic from both a European and an interdisciplinary point of view.

The European Water Association is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment. As one of the major professional associations for water in Europe one of its main aims is the exchange between European experts by providing them a forum for the discussion of key technical and policy issues, be it through international conferences, workshops and meetings, special working groups, publications or other means.

With the recently published proceedings “River Basin Management – From Experience to Implementation” one of the first European publications on this topic has appeared.



Twelve renowned authors deal with the general basics of river basin management as well as with special topics like pesticides, nutrient management, fish passages, decision support systems, reporting duties, estuaries, habitats, economic questions, and much more.

Coming from various disciplines as jurisprudence, engineering, and biology, the authors contribute diversified views and experiences about the theory and practice of river basin management. The authors come from different European countries as Germany, Great Britain, France, Austria, and the Netherlands. Additionally important international organisations as the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River and the European Commission are represented.

“River Basin Management – From Experiences to Implementation” can be obtained from the EWA Secretariat for 25 EUR plus postage (176 pages, publication language: English). Two papers are exemplarily available free of charge on the Association’s homepage.

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European Water Association



The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment. It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water sector, wastewater as well as drinking water and water related waste. With member associations from nearly all Central and Eastern European Countries, it not only includes the current European Union member states, Norway, and Switzerland, but also most of the future EU members from Central and Eastern Europe.

Besides the information of its members on EU legislation and standardisation, the aim of the association is to provide a forum and network for the discussion of key technical and policy issues. This is done by international conferences, workshops and meetings, special working groups for experts and publications. Through this exchange of knowledge the association intends to contribute to a sustainable water management: a safe water supply and the protection of water and soil.

The EWA has established close contacts to the European Commission (DG Environment), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the European Parliament.

The EWA consists today of more than 25 European national associations representing professionals and technicians for wastewater and water utilities as well as consultants, and several enterprises as corporate members. The association thus represents about 55,000 professional individuals working in their national associations in a broad field of water management.



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