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***WFD, Common Implementation Strategy
SGC Meeting
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**Agenda item 7.b. Expert Group on Water
Scarcity and Droughts**

Results of the meeting held in Madrid on February 17, 2010

Covered aspects:

- Review of New Mandate 2010-2012
- Water scarcity and droughts indicators
 - Discussion on objectives and goals
 - Identification of pilot river basins (Spain, Eslovakia, Italy, France, UK -tbc-, Finland -tbc-). They will be officially confirmed.
 - Follow-up introduction of EEA works on WS&D indicators (questionnaire sent to MS complementary to SoE sheets)
- Presentation on the Segura pilot River Basin
- Presentation from FR pilot case
- River basin management plan information and future steps by the EC

- Transfer and exchange experience with international fora/other regions
 - *The Mediterranean region:*
 - The Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean presents a momentum to increase collaboration with Mediterranean non-EU countries in Water Scarcity and Droughts aspects
 - The Euro-Mediterranean working group is developing similar activities (indicators and maps) within the MED EUWI/WFD Joint Process framework. Synergies will be explored.
- JRC presented advances on the European Drought Observatory and possible collaborations with MS (data sharing)
- Drought risk maps and support to WISE (Criteria, Data integration)
- Presentation on XEROCHORE project advances and future meetings

Agreements achieved:

- Within two weeks: leaders will provide an indicative bullet-point list on information required from pilot river basins.
- By April the official identification of these pilot river basins should be done.
- By June MS should provide useful web-links to JRC to find ways to link information with the *European Drought Observatory*. Pilot River Basins should determine, bilaterally with JRC, possible data transfer collaborations.
- By the end of May: Pilot River Basins should answer questionnaire provided by EEA.
- The next group meeting will be held in Helsinki, on 30 September 2010.