

Community Funding

**An overview of Cohesion and Life+
funds for improving water management**

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Role of Cohesion Policy

- Co-finance capital intensive investments in the needed water infrastructure: help MS to comply with EU water legislation
- Exchange of good practices and networking/interregional or cross-border cooperation on water projects
- Help MS/regions to develop water management linked to new challenge of climate change

Structural and Cohesion Funds

- Administered by DG REGIO
- €344 billion in total for 2007-2013
 - Convergence funding: **€282 billion**
 - Regional Competitiveness and Employment: **€54 billion**
 - Territorial Cooperation: **€7.5 billion**
- EU Solidarity Fund, Civil Protection Mechanism

3 pillars of regional funding opportunities

1. Management of water resources
2. Prevention of disaster
3. Responding to disaster

Management of water resources

- 'Management and distribution of drinking water'
- For: reducing leakage rates, connecting to water supply, additional supply and improving infrastructure
- €8 billion global envelope
 - Management & distribution: €6.4 billion remaining
 - 20.6% committed
- Interreg IVC also prioritised water management in its last call

Prevention of disaster

- 'Risk prevention' and 'other measures to preserve the environment and prevent risks'
- €7 billion global envelope,
 - Risk prevention: €5 remaining
 - Other measures: €0.8 remaining
 - **about €6 billion remaining**

Responding to disaster

- EU Solidarity Fund (for disaster relief)
 - Should be used as a last resort
 - Not a specific sum of money is allocated
 - Per country cap on funding available – not a considerable sum of money
 - Specific conditions must be met
- EUSF has only been used once so far for drought situations – Cyprus 2008

RegioStar Award projects



- Annual awards for Regional Innovative Projects
- South Aegean (EL): Desalination unit
 - Floating, autonomous, environmentally friendly, and efficient desalination unit
- http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/doc/stars_press.pdf

LIFE+ funding



- Administered by DG ENV
 - supports environmental & nature conservation projects throughout EU
 - Water theme: to support the implementation of EU water policy, also to raise awareness
- Smaller projects – €1 million on average
 - Can cover up to 75% of project costs
- Next call for proposals: **5 May 2010**
- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>