



Project no. **001450**
Project acronym: **TwinBasin^{xn}**
Project: Title: **TWINBASIN^{xn} : Promoting Twinning of River Basins for
Developing Integrated Water Resources Management Practices**

Instrument: **Coordination Action**
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SIG 1 Progress Report

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Special Interest Group – SIG 1 : Twinning

Scope Statement: *this SIG is improving the setting of operating rules for strengthening the profitability of the exchanges and on the promotion of twinning agreements between Basin Organisations.*

I. INTRODUCTORY DOCUMENT

WHAT IS TWINBASIN^{XN}?

Project launched by INBO, OIEAU, GWP and TECHWARE, supported by 13 other partners to encourage the twinning of river basin organisations worldwide.

WHAT DOES TWINNING MEAN?

There are many types of twinning (among communities, schools, governments), but the twinning promoted within TWINBASIN focuses on integrated water resources management at the basin level. This twinning means establishing a link between two or more basin organisations (or similar entities that deal with water management at the basin level) to foster exchanging of knowledge, learning from each other and discussing similar problems.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF A TWINNING AGREEMENT?

The main objective is to promote capacity building of river basin organisations, to improve their expertise, and to help them, through twinning, to overcome water management problems mainly by:

- Promoting a friendly cooperation between water managers
- Tightening ties among basin organisations
- Improving communication between the basins participating in the twinning
- Encouraging exchange of expertise, knowledge and technical personnel
- Strengthening effectiveness of integrated water management within organisations
- Improving, overall, the functioning of these institutions

WHO MAY APPLY FOR A TWINNING?

Existing river basin organisations or other established legal institutions that are willing to implement and improve Integrated Water Resources Management practises at river basin level and have an interest on learning from similar institutions of the same region, of a different country or continent.

WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING A TWINNING?

The requirements to start a twinning within TWINBASIN^{XN} consist of:

1. Identifying a good cooperation or interest between two or more river basin organisations (or similar entities)
2. Establishing specific points of interest, and topics to focus the twinning
3. Realising a first exchange, at political level, in order to sign a twinning agreement (contract) between interested parties
4. Presenting a twinning proposal to the Steering Committee of TWINBASIN, following Project guidelines (see below)
5. Getting the approval from the Steering Committee
6. Starting the twinning program

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A TWINNING BETWEEN RIVER BASINS?

It is expected, that through TWINBASIN^{XN}, basin organisations will benefit from sufficient funding for starting the improvement of their capacity and for finding solutions to water management problems. Since the interested basin organisations present their own proposal, the objectives achieved will depend on the basins' interests and will. It is definitely demand-orientated.

II. DRAFT OF TWINNING AGREEMENT

The twinning agreement should include at least the following:

1. Title of the Twinning, for example: "Júcar-Buzau"
2. All the information of Basin Organisations (BO) involved in the twinning
 - a. Name of the Basin Organisations, logos
 - b. Representatives, their name, position and background
 - c. Address, phone, mail, web site

3. The names of 1 or 2 contact people, which can act as representatives of the Twinning.
4. Definition and length of the Twinning Agreement, and in more detail:
 - a. Number of exchanges (per year)
 - b. Duration of the missions (exchanges of the personnel)
 - c. Description of expectations and goals to be achieved
 - d. Additional information: Specific areas of interest or initial motivation to participate in the twinning (for example: WFD implementation development, Automatic Hydrologic Information Systems, monitoring networks etc.)
5. Number of people involved in the exchange and the required level/ position within the BO (e.g. technician-engineers)
6. Signature of at least 1 representative of each BO (Director, President, Head of Department...)

III PROCEDURES ONCE THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED AND SIGNED

1. It is the responsibility of each BO:
 - a. To develop a full twinning program with a time table
 - i. First contacts (previous or after signing the agreement)
 - ii. Exchange of BO's information
 - iii. Stages to be completed
 - iv. Analysis of outcomes
 - b. To present a report for each mission that has received financial support, for knowledge dissemination; and at least once a year to present a synthetic report describing how the twinning program is being or has been completed.
 - c. To hand in a final report describing: what Basin Organisations have globally learned, gained, and obtained through the twinning, and in general how the program has benefited each BO.
2. It is the responsibility of the Steering Committee to assess the progress, and provide advice if any problem during the twinning arises.
3. When approved, each report regarding the twinning will be placed on TWINBASIN website for dissemination.



REQUEST FOR TWINBASIN^{xn} SUPPORT

Number of pages : 5 / 8

Twinbasin project is continuously opened to any twinning projects

Please return by Electronic way to twinbasin@oieau.fr.

• **Names and References of Twinned Basin Organisations**

1. Basin Organisation:

Street/ PO Box:

Postal Code: City:

Country:

Contact Person:

Name: First Name:

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail:

Objective of your basin organism in this twinning:

2. Basin Organisation:

Street/ PO Box:

Postal Code: City:

Country:

Contact Person:

Name: First Name:

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail:

Objective of your basin organism in this twinning:

⇒ Provide copy of Twinning Agreement in attachment

① Support for adequate filling of the request:

1. Programme and missions should be coherent with following eligibility criteria:

- Duration: More than **7 days** ; less than **2 months or 60 days**
- Global topic: Integrated Water Resources Management
- Existing Twinning Agreement
- MoU signed by both Basin Organisations
- Coherency of Twinning Agreement matching with project "[Project Twinning Recommendation](#)"
- Coherency with "[Project mobility rules](#)"

2. For each twinning:

- Number of missions: Not more than **8 missions** can be considered in this assessment. You can realize:
 - 8 missions with 1 experts/mission
 - 4 missions with 2 experts/mission ...
- Deadline: After agreement on your twinning project, you have **12 months** to carry out the missions.

3. Financial support will be limited for each mission to :

- Travel : maximum **EUR 1000** (Train 1st Class or Plane APEX economy class);
- Per Diem : maximum **EUR 70 per day**.

If real cost is over above mentioned limits, the remaining part will be supported either by sending organisation, either by host.

4. Overall assessment will be done according to the:

- Definition of mission main objectives
- Relevance for IWRM improvement
- Expert profile (Curriculum Vitae) adequacy with objective

Papers to join to project report:

- Copy of signed Twinning Agreement
- Copy of signed TWINBASIN^{XN} MoU (*MoU can be downloaded on www.twinbasin.org*)
- Expert Profile

5. Decision for financial support:

It will be transmitted to demander within 2 months after request.

6. Refunding:

You must download "[Guidelines to report the missions](#)"

It will be done after "Expenses Form reception" and "Report approbation" (within 1 month after Report reception).

