

Why an ERB water forum?

- Many initiatives and ongoing projects in the region, but no forum to exchange experiences
- Need to gather different kinds of competence and to implement concrete measures
- Establish the region as a pilot area for implementation of modern methods of water management

Focus

- River basin based cooperation
- Decrease outflow of nutrients
- Local and regional angle
- Trans boundary cooperation

ERB Water Forum Commissions

- Common view
- Connecting competence
- Concrete projects and cooperations
- Critical friend
- Competitiveness advantages

Common view

- Focal point for expertise from different sectors – consensus about current situation and necessary measures
- Raise awareness of the meaning and implications of sustainable water management

Connecting competence

Arena for trans boundary exchange of experiences:

- Web Site
- Education and exchange programmes
- Water Forum Network
- Bi-annual water conference

Concrete projects and cooperation

- Co-ordinated work
- Define trans national criteria for future projects
- Project development teams
- Support continued work with proper applications

Critical friend

Act as a fully independent voice on sustainable water management and as a "critical friend" to the ERB council and other stakeholders

Competitiveness advantages for the ERB region

- Gather and refine experiences from the ERB partners
- Promote entrepreneurs and business development in the environment and energy technique sectors

Possible members:

- ERB Partners
- WFD Water Authorities
- Regional Authorities
- Private Companies
- Universities
- Regional Farmer Associations
- Other Regional NGOs
- Relevant (larger) projects
- Active Water User Partnerships

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