

Foundation for a New Water Culture (FNCA)



The FNCA is an Iberian (Spain and Portugal) non-profit organization composed by over 200 outstanding members from academia, research institutions, public administration, private sector, stakeholders and citizens, aiming at promoting a change towards a more sustainable water management and a new water culture.

The FNCA promotes a more comprehensive water analysis and understanding, the application of inter and trans-disciplinary approaches, the integration of ecological, economic, social and cultural dimensions, an improved water governance and a wide cross-collaboration among researchers, stakeholders, decision-makers and the public opinion.

The Water Policies Observatory (Observatorio de Políticas del Agua, OPPA), the main scientific-technical area of FNCA, is devoted to the ongoing assessment of the Spanish water policy at the national and river-basin scales, as well as the implementation processes of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in Spain and other European countries and the following-up of key developments of the European policies, legislative activities and guidelines related to water. The assessment of the Spanish water plans under the WFD and other OPPA reports and documents are available in its website (www.fnca.eu/oppa).

It is member of the World Water Council, of the Aquanet Europe Foundation and of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation “Anna Lindh” for the Dialogue among Cultures. It also takes part in the International Network GOBACIT.

The FNCA applies systemic perspectives to the assessment and sustainable management of water socio-ecological systems, linking natural and social sciences, as well as technological and cultural heritage issues.

The FNCA has organized since 1998 the bi-annual Iberian Congress on Water Planning and Management. It has co-organized the I Latin-American Meeting for a New Water Culture (Fortaleza, Brazil, 2005), with more than 500 participants. The FNCA also promoted the European Declaration for a New Water Culture, signed in 2005 by 100 water experts from 20 European countries.

The FNCA has a wide experience on research projects as the following:

Sustainable Water Action: building research links between EU and US (SWAN), on collaboration and learning networks between Europe and United States on climatic change, risks and participation.

<http://swanproject.webhost.uits.arizona.edu>

FP7-INCO. 2012-2016. Ref: 294947

Co-operative Research on Environmental Problems in Europe (CREPE), where FNCA participated in WP3 “Water scarcity and its virtual export from Spain to the UK”. dealing with virtual water and water footprint. <http://crepeweb.net>

FP7-SIS. 2008-2010. CT-2008-217647

Towards effective involvement of local government in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in river basins of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region (LOGO Water). FNCA was Leader of workpackages WP4 (Analysis of European rivers) and WP7 (proposals for future work). <http://www.iclei-europe.org/index.php?id=1541>

FP6-INCO. 2005-2007. Ref: 3717

Project “Du Ru de la Lande”: Management of the stormwater in the big urban areas: integration of the local and regional responsibilities for the accomplishment of the Water Framework Directive. Led by FNCA, the project team was integrated by water experts from Spain, France, United Kingdom and Italy. Funded by the Département du Val de Marne, France. 2005

Assessment of the WFD Implementation process in Europe, co-ordinated by the Aquanet European Foundation and with the support of the Ministry of Environment. The FNCA carried out the monitoring of the WFD implementation process in Spain at national and river-basin scales. 2006-2008



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