Integration of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) in River Basin Management

The main goal is to develop a comprehensive European web-based knowledge platform on the protection and efficient use of fresh water derived from atmospheric precipitation and to contribute to the development of a European community of practice on NWRM.

**Activities**
- Building a catalogue of measures and case studies on NWRM
- Creating regional networks for best practice exchange, with the REC leading the Danube network
- Organising a series of regional workshops
- Developing a practical guide to support the planning and implementation of NWRM

**Impacts**
- Improved awareness throughout Europe of the potential role of NWRM in the future
- Reliable scientific basis and methodology provided for NWRM implementation
- Knowledge transfer and exchange supported at different levels of policy development and implementation
- Contribution made to the EU Water Framework Directive Common Implementation Strategy process

**IN NUMBERS:**
- 11 partners
- 4 regional networks
- 1 web-based NWRM discussion forum
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- 8 regional workshops
- 1 NWRM practice guide

**GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**
- EU member states and countries associated with the implementation of the Water Framework Directive, including Norway and Switzerland

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Water Resources Management Good Practice Transfer (WATER SUM/WATER POtR)

The WATER POtR component of the WATER SUM project will create a platform for building skills and transferring knowledge on integrated water resources management (IWRM) and climate change adaptation.

**Activities**
- Supporting national water management in relation to the IWRM approach
- Building dialogue and creating a common approach to water issues at inter-sectoral, regional and transboundary level
- Creating an exchange platform on water scarcity and drought issues at regional and national level
- Organising study visits and training programmes

**Impacts**
- Methodological capacity building introduced and skills of national authorities strengthened for IWRM
- Framework for common understanding among practitioners and stakeholders promoted
- Regional cooperation on water issues promoted
- Abilities of practitioners strengthened for dealing with the impacts of climate change on the region’s water resources

**IN NUMBERS:**
- 6 countries
- 1 platform: the WATER POtR Forum
- 2 or 3 study visits
- 6 trainings

**GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**
- North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia), Middle East (Jordan, Lebanon)

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