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TOWARDS WORLD WATER SOLUTIONS

**Regional process commission:
Europe Region Preparatory Process**

12 to 17 March 2012

**6th WORLD WATER FORUM
Marseille 2012**



FACTS AND FIGURES FROM ISTANBUL



- Over 25,000 participants
- 192 countries represented
- 1,300 participants in the political processes
- 106 sessions prepared by over 400 organizations
- 150 side events
- Over 1,000 accredited journalists
- 135 children from over 20 countries and over 200 youth participants
- 1,000 sponsored participants



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

French National Committee

World Water Council

International Forum Committee - IFC

**Political Process
Commission**

Regional Process
Commission

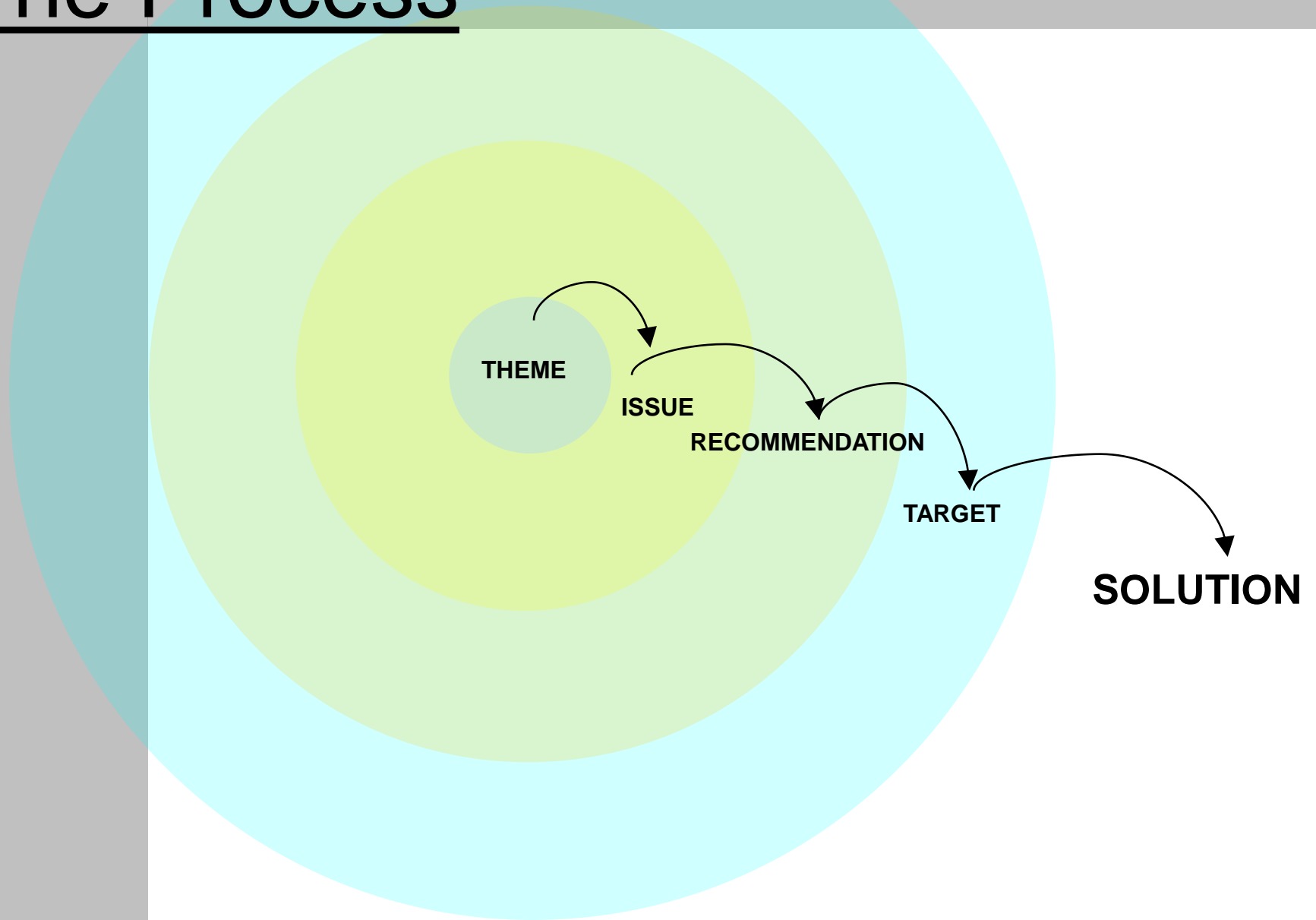
**Thematic Process
Commission**

Promotion and Events
Commission

6th Forum Secretariat

Toward concrete solutions !

The Process



SMART TARGETS AND WISE PROCESS

European Process, Brussels 21 DECEMBER 2010

■ SMART focuses on the relevance of the targets

- **S**pecific
- **M**easurable
- **A**chievable
- **R**ealistic
- **T**ime bound

■ WISE focuses on the process

- **W**ide-**I**nvolvement **S**takeholder **E**xchanges



DRAFT THEMATIC FRAMEWORK

CREATING A BLUE MOVEMENT!

3 strategic directions



Ensure
everyone's
well being

Contribute to
economic
development

Keep
the planet
blue

Conditions
for success

12 key priorities for water action



Guarantee access to water services for all and the Right to Water

Guarantee access to integrated sanitation services for all

Contribute to improved hygiene and health through water

Protect populations and economies from risks

Contribute to cooperation and peace

Balance multiple uses

Ensure food security

Harmonize energy and water

Protect and value ecosystem services and green growth

Improve the quality of water resources and ecosystems

Adjust pressures and footprints of human activities on water

Respond to climate and global changes in an urbanizing world

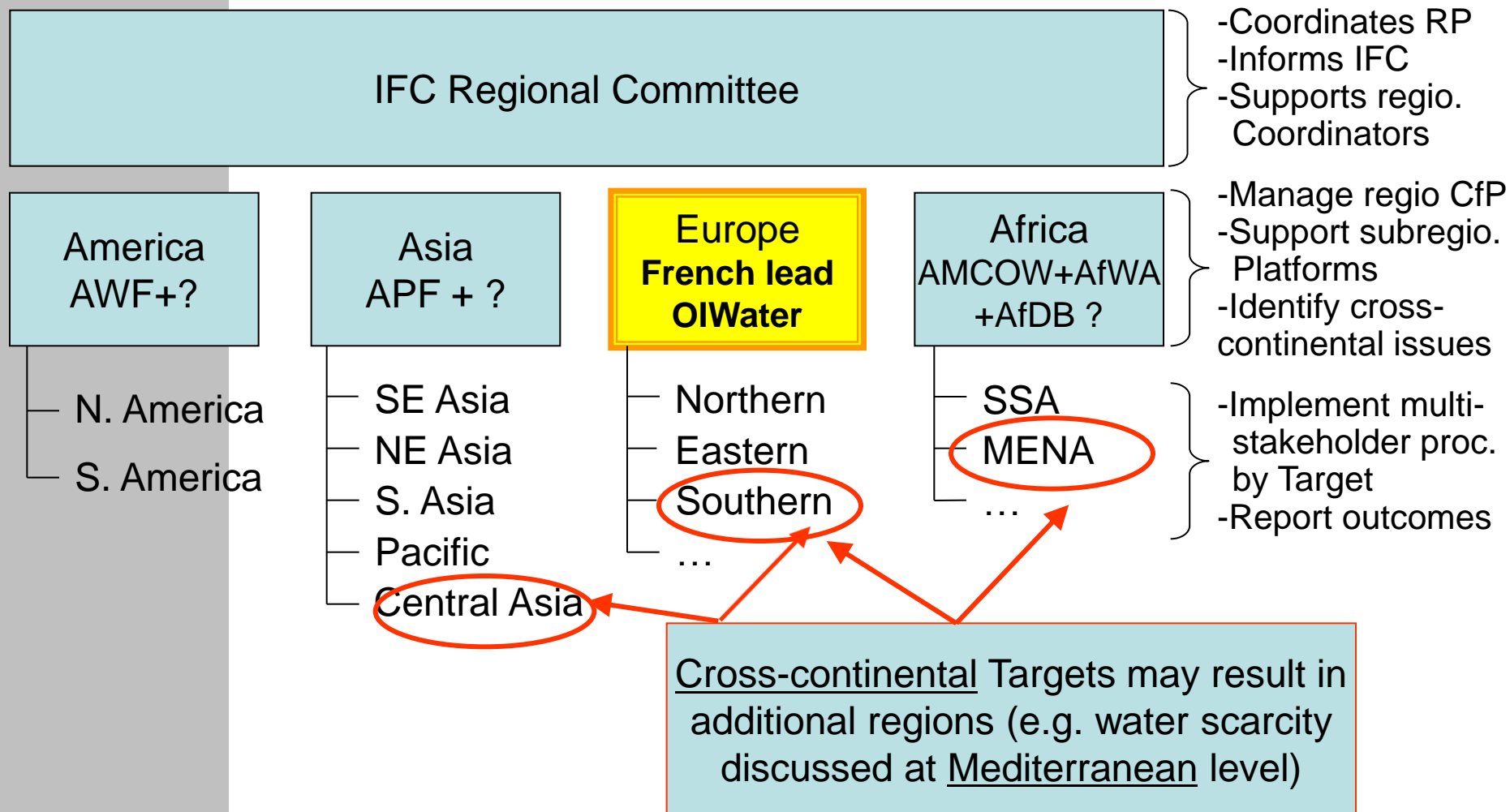
Good governance

Finance water for all

Enabling environment



Proposed organisation for SMART an WISE regional Targets



- The geographic framework:

*The European process
for the preparation of the Forum concerns:*

- the European Union, Norway and swiss,
- the Balkans,
- Eastern Europe,
- the Caucasus,
- Russian Federation...

*in general all countries adhering
to the UNECE Convention of 1992.*

- Central Asia, when concern....



European Process,



European Process,

- To facilitate the European process of the WWF6, we have created:
a “coordination consortium”,
in which we invited the key European networks concerned to participate and play an active role....





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Specific Europe Region Priority Targets and Solutions Groups

1-Improve transboundary cooperation in Europe:

- Implementation of the UNECE 1992 “Helsinki” Water Convention on transboundary rivers,
- specificity of the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive in International Districts

2-Achieve a good ecological status of European water bodies by 2015

- Full implementation of the European Water framework Directive and its daughter Directives on groundwater, marine water and flood management.

3-Adapt to long term water challenges linked to Climate Change and prevent extreme phenomena:

- Prevention and management of flood risk,
- Prevention and management of water scarcity and drought risk,
- demand management, non conventional resources...
- Measures for adaptation to the effects of Climate Change, such as green infrastructures ...,



Specific Europe Region Priority Targets and Solutions Groups

4-Reform the European Common Agricultural Policy and better balance policy between the goals of food security and of sustainable water management :

- irrigation, demand management,
- diffuse pollution,
- discharges of industrial breeding farms,
- inland fish farming,
- sustainable agricultural techniques,
- Water Footprints, virtual water and transfers,

5-Promote better coordination between transport and water policies in relation with inland navigation in Europe:

6-Develop new knowledge and know how on rivers hydro-morphology, restoration and protection of water ecosystems :

- Promote integration of aquatic ecosystems conservation in land planning and other territorial policies,
- share experiences on the best local implementation of restoration measure,
- Reinforce public education on water ecosystems and resources preservation and restoration,
- improve the link between tourism development and quality of water ecosystems,

Specific Europe Region Priority Targets and Solutions Groups

7-Improve European drinking Water and sanitation services:

- Give access to the drinking water and sanitation services for the European underprivileged populations,
- Better manage drinking water supply and sanitation utilities in Europe promote “public-private” partnerships, socially acceptable water pricing, industrial and commercial management, etc...

8-Better coordinate the water and sustainable energy policies:

- hydropower,
- cooling of nuclear and thermal power plants,
- micro-power plants,
- energy saving in collective irrigation,
- energy saving in drinking water supply and sanitation networks ...

9-Adapt Water management to the specificities of European outermost Regions,

the case of European “Islands - basins”,



Specific Europe Region Priority Targets and Solutions Groups

10-Reinforce competences of water professionals and public awareness:

- Professional training in water (basic and continuing training) and
- Education of youth, grand public, communication,

11-Promote technology innovation, “Science - policy” interface and dialogue between researchers and water managers:

12-Develop European cooperation with Third Countries in the water field:

- better coordinate cooperation initiative between the European actors,
- Increase the human and financial means for cooperation programmes,
- Reinforce the neighbouring cooperation of the EU with the Balkans, EECCA and the Mediterranean,



Europe Region: Next regional preparatory events

At present, 4 regional events have been identified:

1 – Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans:
(Bulgaria - Plovdiv, (20 - 23 March 2011),

2 - The International Istanbul Water Forum
(Turkey - Istanbul, from 03 to 05 May 2011),

3- Central Asia
(Tashkent - Uzbekistan, 10-12 May 2011),
jointly with the Central Asia specific sub-regional process
Coordinator,

4 – Euro-Mediterranean countries
(Porto, 27-30 September 2011)



Europe Region: Next regional preparatory events

2 or 3 more will be identified in order to cover:

4 – Caucasus: the meeting is being under preparation, most probably in Georgia?

5 - The Russian Federation

(To be confirm by the Federal Ministry of Natural Resources Water Department),

6 – The European Outermost Regions

(To be confirmed by La Guadeloupe or La Martinique regions).

A meeting would be organized

by the European Parliament Intergroup for Water



Europe Region: Next regional preparatory events

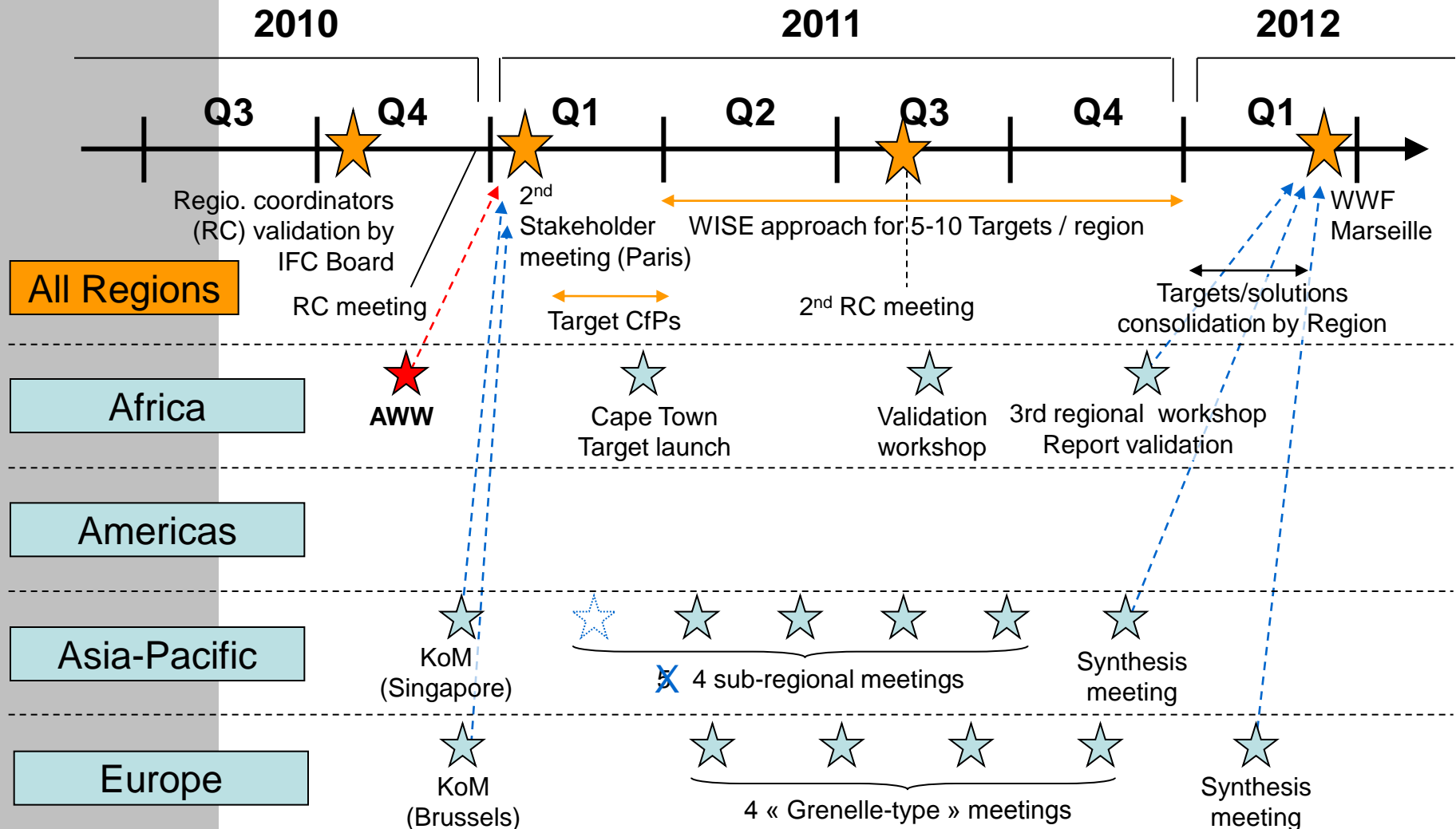
It is also proposed to organize “European process” side events or communications during:

- The conference « Futures of European Waters », from 23 to 25 Mars 2011 in Budapest - Hungary,
- The Working Group on IWRM of the UNECE Water Convention, 4-5 May 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland,
- The Stockholm Water Week, 21 – 27 August 2011, in Sweden,
- Seventh UNECE Ministerial Conference «Environment for Europe»
Astana, Kazakhstan, 21-23 September 2011,
- The Amsterdam Water Week, 29 October - 4 November 2011,
- Other official meetings organized within the European Union Presidency by the governments of Hungary, Poland and Denmark, as actual and next EU President until the WWF6 2012.



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The European process Web site:

european-region-wwf2012.eu

et

world-water-forum-2012-europa.eu

In test:

<http://european-region.oieau.fr/>



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