

# **RIVERTWIN**

## **Minutes of the 6 th Meeting of the Management Board**

### **December 15, 2006 at Hohenheim (Germany)**

Participants:

Prof. Dr. Karl Stahr (chair)  
Prof. Dr. Victor Dukhovny  
Prof. Dr. Giselher Kaule  
Prof. Dr. Jacques Ganoulis  
Oskar Wallgren

Dr. Ben Sonneveld  
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Dr. Thomas Gaiser (Protocol)

#### **1. Status of the workpackages in the river basins**

Frank Michael Lange reported briefly about the final public stakeholder conference on July 18 at Stuttgart/Hohenheim. The conference was jointly organized with the State Ministry of Environment and the basin administration (Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart). More than 100 participants, with scientist/researchers being a minority, attended the conference. The discussion was very productive and several new scenario questions were raised which would merit a continuation of the scenario and simulation activities in the Neckar basin. The presentations of the conference were published in December 2006 in cooperation with the State Ministry in the book “Zukunftsperspektiven für ein integriertes Wasser-Management im Einzugsgebiet des Neckar”.

In the Oueme basin, three scenario sessions had been carried out since April 2006. The final stakeholder conference had been held at Parakou on November 7. The conference was organized by the RIVERTWIN basin group together with the Direction Generale de l’Eau under the Ministry of Energy, Mining and Water Resources. More than fifty participants attended the conference including representatives of 21 communal governments. As in the stakeholder conference in the Neckar basin, new issues for the application of the integrated model were raised by the leaders of the communes, water authorities and agricultural extension services. The leaders of the communes wish to increase the resolution of the integrated model to be useful for the planning of water management at the communal level. Intensive training activities on all submodels as well as the integrated model have been carried out or are still in progress. Several bachelor theses have been finalized or are about to be concluded. The SLISYS system is going to produce land suitability maps requested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

The status of the model integration and the user interface in the Chirchik basin is advanced. In the Chirchik basin the integration approach proposed for the three basins had to be adapted to the specific conditions of hydrological and water allocation systems through the inclusion of specific water allocation models (HBV-GAMS, SEM etc.). The database interface is fully completed and all scenario calculations by the integrated model will be realized until mid of February. A final workshop for different target groups, the publication of the results as well as an update of the website is planned.

#### **2. Deliverables**

Out of the 34 deliverables which were due until December 2006, only five are still pending. The time schedule for the remaining deliverables are as follows

<b>ID</b>	<b>Deliverable title</b>	<b>Responsible contractor</b>	<b>Expected submission date</b>
D22	Submodel for water quality in the Oueme basin	AUTH	<b>31 January 2007</b>
D29	Adapted agro-economic valuation model for the Oueme basin	SOW-VU	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2007</b>
D31	Adapted and integrated model for the Oueme river basin	ILPOE	<b>31 January 2007</b>
D33	Final report on alternative scenarios of sustainable development of water management in the Oueme basin	UAC-FSA	<b>15 January 2007</b>
D34	Final report on alternative scenarios of sustainable development of water management in the Chirchik basin	SIC-ICWC	<b>20 January 2007</b>

For deliverable D35 (“Review on planning and implementation of capacity building activities”) information on additional stakeholder training in the Chirchik basin (Date, content of the training courses, number of participants) will be supplied by Victor Dukhovny until Mid of January 2007.

### **3. Final reporting**

The respective chapter including “final obligations” of the Commissions report on “Guidelines for reporting in FP6” was distributed to all MB members and is attached to the minutes. The final reporting comprises the following steps

1. Activity report about the activities in the last reporting period (March 2006 until February 2007)

**Agreed time schedule:**

**Outline by Thomas Gaiser – until December 30**

**Inputs from all partners – deadline January 20**

**Final version to all partners – January 31**

**Feedback to Thomas Gaiser – February 10**

**Final activity report – February 15**

2. Management report for the last reporting period (March 2006 until February 2007) including audit certificates

**Agreed time schedule:**

**Outline by Thomas Gaiser – until January 30**

**Inputs from all partners – deadline March 5**

**Audit certificates – March 15**

**Final Management Report to all partners - March 20**

**Submission of all reports to EC – March 25**

3. Additional reports to be submitted by **EACH CONTRACTOR**

•**Final science and society reporting questionnaire**

•**Final reporting questionnaire on workforce statistics**

•**Final socio-economic reporting questionnaire**

**Access and details for the on-line submission are provided at [www.webgate.ec.europa.eu/sesam](http://www.webgate.ec.europa.eu/sesam)**

With respect to limits of exchangeability of costs from one budget position to the other, the statement given by Mr. Fragakis in April 2004 (see Minutes of the first MB meeting on March 31, 2004) is still valid. In these minutes it is stated :

Question to Mr. Fragakis: In annex I a table specifies the distribution of the budget for each partner into personnel costs, travel expenses, consumables and equipment. Is there any rule to which extent the cost positions are interchangeable (e.g. can part of the budget for consumables be used for traveling)?

Answer: **Yes, this is possible. At the end of the reporting period the changes to the planned budget breakdown has to be justified.**

#### 4. Audit certificates

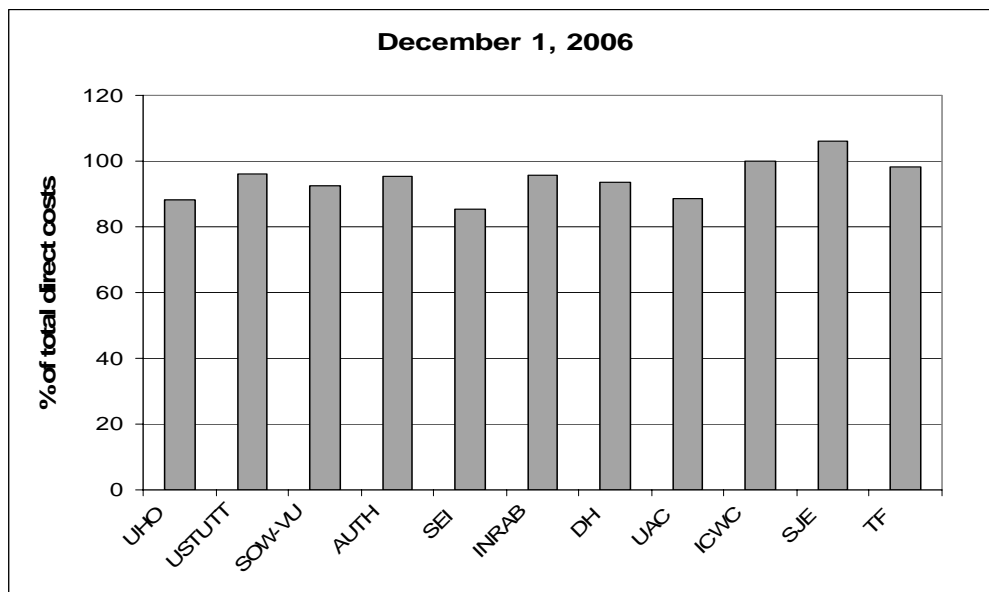
All contractors should NOW start with the preparation of the auditing process. This means that appointments should be made with the respective certified auditing institutions in order to meet the deadline. According to the consortium agreement the coordinator will take in charge a maximum of 1500 EURO (inclusive VAT) per contractor for the auditing process.

**Please keep in mind that the ORIGINAL audit certificates MUST arrive on March 15, 2007 at Stuttgart-Hohenheim!!!!**

The commission has published a guidance note for auditors at <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/find-doc-management.htm#audit> which helps you and your accounting service to prepare yourself for the auditing. The note contains for example in the Annex 4 a list of documents that each contractor (or your accounting service) has to submit to the auditors.

#### 5. Status of the budget (December 1, 2006)

Figure 1 shows that all contractors have spent more than 80% of their direct costs until December 1, 2006 and the remaining resources will be spent to complete the final tasks including final reporting and auditing until February 28, 2007.



**Figure 1: Status of the expenses in relation to the total direct costs on December 1, 2006**

#### 6. Miscellaneous

##### 6a. Following-up activities

The MB agrees to form a committee for following-up activities. The following funding instruments will be explored

- FP7 (call1: Thomas, Call2 Victor)
- DG Development (Karl and Oskar)
- German Ministry for Education and Research (Karl)

##### 6b. Participation of RIVERTWIN in the CAIWA conference

Victor Dukhovny proposed that the RIVERTWIN consortium organizes a session in the CAIWA conference (<http://www.usf.uos.de/projects/caiwa/index.htm>). Preliminary title of the session: “Models for integrated river basin management”

#### 6c. Training of INRAB staff members and SOW-VU budget

Ben Sonneveld announced that presently a staff member of INRAB is undergoing a two months training programme at SOW-VU in application of ECONWAT. The budget and the accounting rules of SOW-VU did not allow to allocate resources for the participation of P. Adegbola in the final RIVERTWIN conference.

#### 6d. Publications

The MB envisages the publication of the major project results in a book. As stipulated in the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> MB meeting, the editorial board is identical with the scientific board of the final RIVERTWIN conference (Karl Stahr, Victor Dukhovny, Jacques Ganoulis, Ben Sonneveld). Karl Stahr was asked to prepare the first draft of the table of contents. Funds for the costs of the publication are not available from the RIVERTWIN budget. Therefore other sources have to be explored.

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