

Twin2Go – Presentation

**Coordinating Twinning partnerships
towards more adaptive Governance in river basins***

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Background and aim of Twin2Go

- EU funded projects on IWRM issues carried out on **twinned river basins** in Europe and in non-European countries
- Aim: to underpin the **implementation of IWRM** in line with the targets of the **EU Water Initiative** and the **Millennium Development Goals**

Why Twin2Go?

- Need for an improved science - policy interface
 - *Effective communication of research results and constructive engagement with stakeholders from all levels*
- Impacts of climate change and variability on water resources management
 - *Transformation processes in institutional resource regimes and management style are required*
- Adaptive and integrated water resources management
 - *Coordinated cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary dialogue*
 - *Adaptive management as a concept to realize IWRM goals*
- Adaptive water governance
 - *Including access and distribution of information, public participation, sectoral integration, openness for experimentation.*

Major goals of Twin2Go

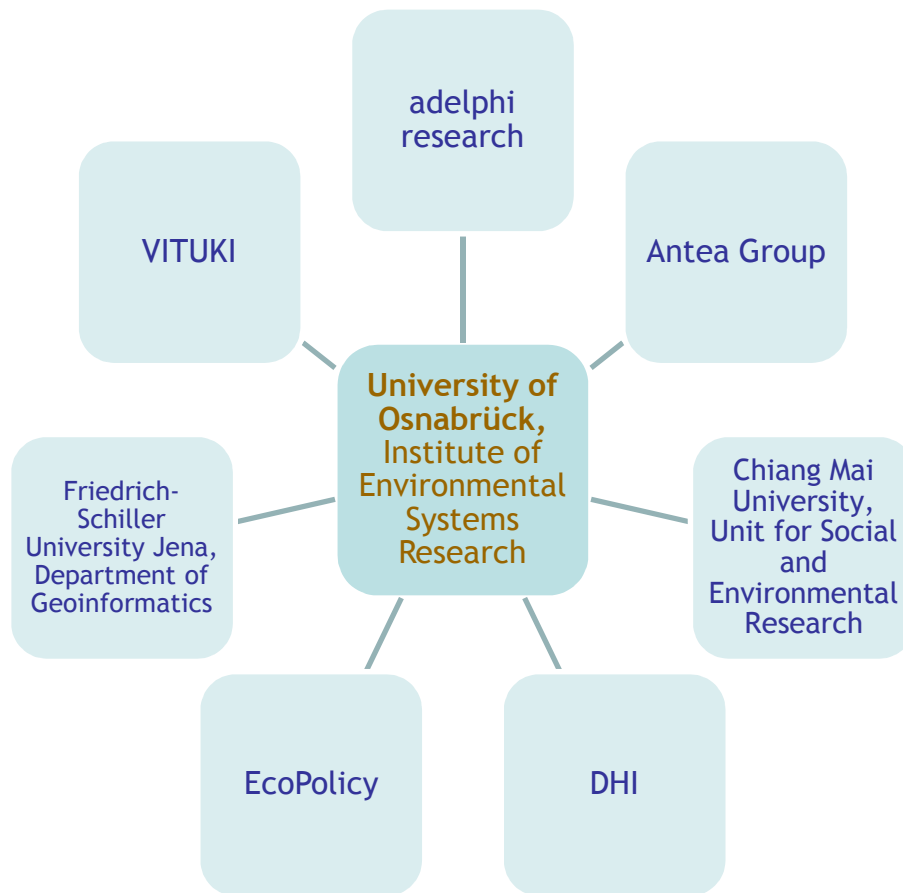


- To review, assess, synthesize and consolidate outcomes of Twining projects to make them transferable and applicable to other basins, and to disseminate their results effectively to relevant authorities, stakeholders and end-users
- Focus on adaptive water governance in the context of climate change and climate variability

Objectives

- Elaborate a **diagnostic approach**
- Draw appropriate **context-sensitive** approaches for improving adaptive water resources management
- Formulate **best practices and tools** for implementing adaptive water governance and for improving the up-take of research results
- **Disseminate** consolidated results to policy at the multiple level

Partners & Projects involved



Twin2Go's 8 partner institutions built on 7 EU twinning projects to analyse governance systems in 25 river basins around the world:



Adaptive governance

What features promote adaptiveness of a water governance regime?

- **Polycentric regime architecture** (decentralised decision-making complemented with coordination and balance between top-down and bottom-up approaches)
- **Innovative approaches to dealing with uncertainties** (e.g. flexible or reversible management options, increased safety margins, use of multiple scenarios)
- **No general prescriptions can be made - approaches need to be adapted to existing context** (governance system, socio-economic and environmental context)

Best Practices & Tools

What are the challenges to introducing new water governance practices?

- **Culture and norms** - potential mismatch between new practice and existing context (incl. governance system, social organisation, capacities)
- “**Shock therapy**” - gradual implementation is more effective
- **The implementation stage** - crucial point of potential failure

Discussions with regional experts and stakeholders led to the *following recommendations*



Recommendations

1. Develop clear **strategies** for best practice transfer and **implementation**
2. Ensure **coordination** in **implementation** of best practices
3. Involve **stakeholders** early in best practice transfer and implementation
4. Complement best practices with **capacity development** and **communication**

Publications & Outputs

- **Best Practice Guidelines**
 - *Lessons learned for successful transfer and implementation in adaptive water governance*
- **Policy Briefs**
 - *Policy recommendations for increasing the adaptiveness of water governance systems and for improving the transfer and implementation of better practices in water resources management*
- **Best Practice Inventory**
 - *33 best practice examples from 22 river basins around the world*
- **Twin2Go Water Governance Database**
 - *Web database including data on water governance regime, context, and performance of the 29 river basin case studies*
 - *Aims to facilitate collaborations and collect further case study data as a basis for refined analyses in the future*

Download these and many other relevant publications at www.twin2go.eu

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