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# How to establish water consortia for projects in the new calls



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# Our projects

## Water related

### Geonardo

- ClimateWater (FP7)
- Szigetköz Project (LIFE-III)
- Balaton Project (LIFE-III)
- Rhizospheric Wetland (LIFE-III)
- AQUASTRESS (FP6)
- Tisza River Project (FP5)
- AquaREC (FP5)
- <http://geonardo.com/references.php>

## Running projects

### Europa Media

- LIFEinFORESTS (LIFE)
- MY-WAY (H2020)
- LinkTADs (FP7)
- *BILAT USA 4.0 (H2020)*

### Geonardo (selected projects)

- START2ACT (H2020)
- FISSAC (H2020)
- IMPRESS (H2020)
- Eco-Binder (H2020)
- PlasCarb (H2020)
- FASUDIR (H2020)
- GEOCOM (FP7)

# First thoughts

- Being part of a consortium responsible to implement a European research project can be fun and can be a nightmare
- Being a coordinator is not that difficult as it seems
- Finding partners is not that difficult as it seems
- Finding the excellent partners in time is a challenge
- Know the programme rules before you start building the partnership
- The partners work towards a common goal, vision



# New calls in 2014-2020

- Which programme to target?
  - SF, Interreg, LIFE, H2020, etc.
- Industry involvement
- Interdisciplinarity
- Social aspects
- End-users; key partners for exploitation



# Build your partnership

## How to find partners?

- In your own network and the network of your „old“ partners
- Events – water related conferences or brokerage, matchmaking, information days, networking days
- Partner search services (NCP, EEN, Research Participant portal, etc.)
- LinkedIn groups

## What to consider?

- Do you trust them?
- Are they appropriate?
- Do they have the required skill set?
- Geographical balance?
- References, publications, evidence
- Access to specific groups you target in the project
- Have resources to commit to the project (capacity)
- Newcomers
- Industry



# The evaluators are looking for

- „well-formed consortia in which there is an obvious role for all parties and for whom the need is clear and genuine” – *an evaluator*



# You will meet

- Inexperienced people
- People who know everything much better than you
- People „dedicated“ to European projects
- The busiest people in Europe
- The partner which does not have enough budget

*All in the same project from different countries with different cultural background*



# Final recommendations

- Involve organisations you need and are interested in the impact of the project and not the \$\$\$
- Join a consortium only if you are aware of the risks and benefits – and you have been assigned with a specific task





*Thank you for your attention!*

*Questions?*

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