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Historical Background

- 2002: EUWI launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
Targets are:
 - Global approach for improving water access and sanitation.
 - Support for sustainable management of water supplies
 - Support for a basin-wide approach (IWRM)
- 2003: Transitional year.
EC President statement towards EU Heads of states:
Increase funding for WSS&S in ACP region
- 2004: Commission Communication on the **ACP-EU Water Facility** endorsed by EU Council and ACP-EC Ministers
Council for a global amount of **500 M€**
- 2004: **ACP-EU Water Facility first Call for Proposals** launched
Nov 2004 (first tranche of 250 M€)



First Call for Proposals -1

Two specific objectives:

- **Improved governance in water and sanitation and improved *and integrated* management of water resources at regional and transboundary, national and local levels**
- **Increased access to safe, affordable and sustainable water and sanitation services for the rural and urban poor**



First Call for Proposals- 2

3 components

- **A) Co-financing of improvement of Water Management and Governance**
- **B) Co-financing Investments in Water and Sanitation**
- **C) Co-financing of Civil Society Initiatives**

First Call for Proposals -3

- 31 January 2005 **Deadline for preliminary proposals**
800 proposals received
- Febr-April 2005 **Administrative compliance and eligibility**
511 preliminary proposals
- May-June 2005 **Selection of proposals based on criteria of relevance, financial and operational capacity**
290 pre-selected proposals
- 15 Sept 2005 251 detailed proposals received
- January 2006 **Final evaluation based on criteria sustainability, methodology, economic and financial feasibility**
97 proposals selected

First global estimates after the 1st CfP

By 2010

- 10 million **persons should gain sustainable access to** drinkable water
- 5 million **persons should gain sustainable access to** basic hygienic infrastructure



Lessons Learnt from first Call - 1

Survey sent to 508 applicants (Dec 05)

- Feedback: **73 answers, representing 128 proposals**

Main results

- Simplification needed in the Guidelines: **On going**
- Highlight the weak areas of the proposals to enable applicants to improve: **Will be put on the Website**
- Need for more help during the application process: **Helpdesk will be installed**

Lessons Learnt from fist Call - 2

Meeting with Non-State Actors (Dec 2005)

- o 90 participants

Recommendations from the participants

- o Promote **partnerships** between NGO's and local authorities
- o Increase **ACP participation** as applicants in the CfP
- o Promote **Innovation** (not only financial)
- o Promote a **better coordination** with the decentralised actors in the water sector to favour leverage

Lessons learnt from first Call - 3

Meeting with ACP Secretariat (Feb06):

- Request for more support to the applicants during the period of elaboration of the proposals:

Online support or in country workshops for the applicants, with the assistance of the EU MS (The Netherlands, UK, and France)

- How to find a partner for your proposal?
 - **Partnership search facility on line on the Water Facility website**

The Second Call for Proposals

Budget = approximately **178 M€**

Indicative timing

- Launch: **End of March 2006**
- Deadline submission: **June 2006**
- Evaluation period: **up to November 2006**
- Award: **December 2006**



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An Innovative Approach - 1

- New channel : **outside the traditional NIPs & RIPs**
- New dimension: **First Call for Proposals of this size in one sector**
- Open instrument : **to all actors (including NGOs and decentralised co-operation actors)**
- Potential to forge new partnerships



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An Innovative Approach - 2

- Key element: competition. **Best projects selected**
- Potential to bring **innovative financing**
- **Leverage factor**, higher than expected
 - Comp. A: EC contribution 72,8% compared to 75%
 - Comp. B: EC contribution 44 % compared to 50%
 - Comp. C: EC contribution 71,2 compared to 75%

Last but not the least:

Short time between submission and financing decision !

Thank you for your attention

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