

# Twin2Go – Press Releases





## Twin2Go kicks off

*Sunday, 30 August 2009*

Delegates of all Twin2Go consortium members gathered for a two-day kick-off meeting at the University of Osnabrück on 16-17 June, 2009.

The meeting was also joined by the EC Project Officer, Cristos Fragakis as well as the Twin2Go Advisory Board that consists of representatives of international water organizations, such as the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development, Global Water Partnership, UNECE Water Convention, UNESCO International Hydrological Programme, and the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Together with the Twin2Go consortium, they discussed major challenges for water governance in the context of climate change and best ways to ensure that Twin2Go outcomes are taken up by policy. On the second day, the Twin2Go consortium discussed methodological approaches and the sharing of work for the first 6 months of the project.



## Twin2Go website launches and leaflet is published

*Monday, 12 October 2009*

A new leaflet provides quick insight into the project Twin2Go and the concept of adaptive water governance. It is available from the downloads section of the recently launched project website, [www.twin2go.uos.de/](http://www.twin2go.uos.de/)

## Twin2Go analytical framework developed

*Saturday, 09 January 2010*

One of Twin2Go's first steps was to elaborate a diagnostic approach that allows comparative analysis and synthesis of past and on-going research projects. Twin2Go project partners discussed the methodological approach during an interactive three-day workshop that took place in Osnabrück on 2-4 December, 2009.

An analytical framework was developed that allows for the evaluation of all important attributes of adaptive water management and governance in the context of climate change. The Twin2Go analytical framework will be applied to the analysis of about 20 case study basins in 2010. Considering the high variety of projects as well as differences in data availability, the methodological approach strikes a balance between comprehensiveness and simplicity and centres around:

- characteristics of the water governance regime (e.g. formal and informal institutions, decision making procedures, levels and procedures of participation, cooperation, and information sharing, etc.);
- the societal and environmental context in which water governance takes place; and
- performance of water resources management with regards to its stated goals, good governance and climate change.



## First newsletter published

*Saturday, 06 February 2010*

Twin2Go published the first issue of its newsletter "Synthesising research for adaptive water governance" in February 2010. Periodic newsletters every 6 months will keep readers updated about Twin2Go's progress and related news.

The first issue informs about the project approach, upcoming events and news from related initiatives. The newsletter can be downloaded from the project website, and those who would like to regularly receive this newsletter can send a short note entitled "subscribe" to [newsletter@twin2go.eu](mailto:newsletter@twin2go.eu)

## Case study review workshops begin

*Tuesday, 09 March 2010*

Twin2Go developed a methodological framework for analysing the advances and problems related to adaptive water governance in river basins. During the first half of 2010 this methodological framework will be applied to case study basins of past and ongoing projects involved in Twin2Go. This will occur during six participatory workshops, which will start in March 2010 and be organised in the different Twin2Go target regions in close collaboration with key regional stakeholders

## Synthesis workshop will follow case study review workshops

*Thursday, 08 July 2010*

Between March and June 2010, Twin2Go hosted six case study review workshops that collected water governance data in the context of climate change. Experts provided data for 25 case studies from Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia. The six workshops brought together an international mix of more than 120 scientists, representatives from government, river basin organizations, business, civil society, and non-governmental organizations, as well as Twin2Go team members.

The results of the case study review workshops will be analysed over the summer, and form the basis of a synthesis workshop, held 1-3 September in Stockholm. This synthesis forms a crucial step in the project, as it aims to test hypotheses about adaptive water governance, to detect patterns, and to identify key factors for good water governance performance in a given context. The synthesis workshop will be attended by Twin2Go project staff, members of the advisory board, and external experts in adaptive governance research.