THE INDIA-EU WATER PARTNERSHIP (IEWP)

- Brings together relevant stakeholders, including European Union (EU) Member States and Indian States, European and Indian institutions, businesses and civil society.
- Exchanges views on regulatory approaches, procurement, governance, best practices, business solutions and research and innovation opportunities.
- Continues technical exchange on water issues.
- Organizes the India-European Water Forum to discuss and share views on water-related matters of common interest.
- Supports the implementation of the Ganga Rejuvenation Initiative of the Indian Government.

WORKSHOPS

Technical workshops on different topics help to gain clarity on key challenges and low-hanging fruits for cooperation and improvement of water management. Practitioners from the European Union have come to India to explain approaches and learned lessons, and to help assessing the transferability of knowledge, action plans and tools. You can find information and conclusions online for further reading! Workshops have been held on:

- River Basin Management Planning and Governance (14-15 June 2016)
- India - EU Water Partnership workshop: Water & Industry (5-6 September 2016)
- Workshop on Water allocation, water economics and effluents in River Basin Management (14-15 September 2016)

RESEARCH

Joint research identifies innovative technologies and approaches to address India’s water challenges. Some of the most relevant projects are:

- **Water4Crops INDIA**: Integrating Bio-treated Wastewater Reuse with Enhanced Water Use Efficiency to Support the Green Economy in EU and India
- **NaWaTech**: Natural Water Systems and Treatment Technologies to cope up with water shortages in urban India
- **SWINGS**: Safe-guarding Water Resources in India with Green and Sustainable Technologies
- **SARASWATI**: Supporting Consolidation, Replication and up-scaling of Sustainable Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Technologies for India
- **ECO-India**: Energy-efficient, community-based water- and wastewater-treatment systems for deployment in India

COOPERATION PROJECTS

The European Union supports the State Partnership Programme (Rajasthan) - State-wide water sector reforms leading to sustainable and integrated water resources management (IWRM). The European Union also supports local authorities to improve basic municipal services such as water, sanitation and solid waste management as well as strengthen capacity.

- **Pune**: Improve livelihood of local slum community through implementation of “innovative” schemes; 100 slums are benefitting from the intervention: 300 toilets seats rendered available for use by 22,500 people daily in over 15 slums.
- **Raisen**: Sanitation facilities constructed and upgraded to eradicate open defecation and Waste disposal facility for both Human excreta, liquid waste and Municipal waste - rehabilitation of pond, construction of sewage treatment plant, storm water drainage and constructing toilets.
- **Burhanpur**: Improving living condition of citizens and achieving better environment conditions by improving sanitation- Sewer connectivity of 12,000 homes (60,000 citizen) combined with a sewage treatment plant unit to enhance heath, and decrease river pollution of the local environment;
- **Shimla**: Strengthening and Empowering Urban Local Authorities in the Delivery of Decentralised Sanitation Services- faecal sludge treatment plant, toilets, solid waste management;
- **ICLEI**: Adopting Integrated Urban Water Management (IWM) in Indian Cities - IWM toolkit and demonstration projects in Solapur, Ichalkaranji (Maharashtra) and Kisangarg, Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) and Promotion of Inclusive, Sustainable growth & diversity to Strengthen Local Governments.
- **AILSG**: ‘Equi-City’: Community run authorities to deliver Municipal services in an equitable and locally adapted fashion in combination with a rating and informative system to empower poor urban dwellers.

The Partnership aims for synergies with the cooperation activities of European Union Member States in India, such as on sanitation by VITO (Belgium) in Uttar Pradesh and GIZ (Germany) in Uttarakhand, groundwater mapping by Aarhus University and GEUS (Denmark) and FCGR (France), the Thames-Ganga partnership (United Kingdom), the Indo-Dutch cooperation on water, and others.
Online, you can find more information on the Partnership here:

http://www.eip-water.eu/india-eu-water-partnership-iewp

**BUSINESS**

Many European businesses are already working in India, some of them on water. This includes companies such as DHI, Deltares, Suez, VITO, Acciona agua, TYPSA, Autocon, Vertech-group, Vodni Zdroje, Power Electronics and Hydro industries dealing with planning, as well as engineering, construction and operations of water infrastructures. Others are interested, and have attended business-oriented events to learn more about the opportunities in the fields of wastewater treatment and reuse, monitoring, irrigation and river basin planning and governance.

**TECHNICAL EXCHANGE**

The European Union and the Government of India, Indian State Governments and other partners exchange technical knowledge on key water management issues, such as the set-up of river basin organisations and management plans, wastewater treatment and required financing, water allocation and pricing, irrigation management and other topics.