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A word from the presidents

Putting words into action: a motto that mobilises and inspires us

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In June 1990, representatives of the international community of educational and development NGOs, their institutional partners and renowned figures from the world of academia met in Montreal to formulate and adopt what was to become the Montreal Charter on water and sanitation.

In September 1990, after having received great support from many stakeholders working for sustainable development around the world, the Montreal Charter was adopted and used as a reference document for discussion at the world conference on water supply and sanitation held in New Delhi. Organised under the auspices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and at the invitation of the Indian Government, this consultation, which marked the end of the International Decade for Water Supply and Sanitation, brought together 600 participants from 155 countries. This is how the International Secretariat for Water (ISW) was created, with the main objective of getting stakeholders involved in actions to ensure that one of the fundamental and inalienable human rights could be upheld: that of access to safe water and sanitation.

In February 1998, at the initiative of the ISW, the Commission for the Environment, Development and Local Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the National Inter-Agency Commission, a debate was held at the Council of Europe on the theme “Water as a source of citizenship, culture, regional development and peace”. This process led to the drafting of the Strasbourg Declaration which identifies five major issues:

- water democracy
- the protection of aquatic environments
- water services for a fair economy
- water as a factor for regional development
- water as a source of learning.

In March 1998, when Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) was created, the Strasbourg Declaration was officially presented at the International Paris Conference on “Water and Sustainable Development”.

Today, after 24 years of militancy the family that is ISW-SWE and the newly formed Water Sages is gradually becoming established. It is growing steadily and has entrusted the management of both entities based in Montreal and Strasbourg to the Secretary General, Maggie White. And of course all the projects initiated by our movement in various countries benefit from the skills of an extended full-time team, the members of the Boards and seasoned senior partners. What luck, because very soon, in 2015, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are to be replaced by the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is a unique and demanding opportunity to promote the integrated management of this common good for humanity as one of the three main priorities of the SDGs.

Incontestably, water is the key for shared prosperity. Its uses and its future range from local to global and we will continue to defend it and mobilise all those on the planet who depend on it and want to preserve it: users, consumers, elected officials, legislators, academics, distributors and donors.

Roger Lanoue
President of ISW

Raymond Jost
President of SWE and the Water Sages



Our Strategy

STRATEGY

In 2000 the Millennium Development Goals were adopted at the Millennium Summit with the deadline of 2015. Of the eight goals, one concerned the environment and aimed at halving the number of people in the world without access to safe water. In 2002, during the World Summit on Sustainable Development, added to this goal was the target of halving the number of people without access to basic sanitation. In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly recognised the right to water and sanitation as a “human right, indispensable for leading a life in human dignity. It is a prerequisite for the realisation of other human rights”. While this represents a significant step towards the access to water and to sanitation for all, there is still work to be done to decide what types of access and services will enable this right to be upheld. Today, how the right to water can be implemented and upheld constitutes a major challenge. Fourteen years after the MDGs, 783 million people still lack access to safe water and 2.5 billion people have no access to adequate sanitation services. Today, the international community is focusing on “post-2015”. The major issue is to ensure that a specific objective for water is included in Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals and that it is included as a priority in international and national political agendas and for the necessary financing to be allocated to enable universal and fair access for all. Water must once and for all be seen as a source of both development and prosperity.

This is the context in which our two organisations, the International Secretariat for Water and Solidarity Water Europe are working and have been working in recent years.

The International Secretariat for Water and Solidarity Water Europe

The International Secretariat for Water is an international advocacy and awareness-raising NGO working for the cause of water and sanitation around the world. For 24 years, ISW’s mission has been to implement the Montreal Charter principles, adopted in 1990, to foster access to safe water for the poorest. ISW maintains close ties with Solidarity Water Europe, created in 1998 at the joint initiative of the Council of Europe and ISW, with the support of the French National Inter-Agency Commission. The mission of SWE is to implement the principles of the Strasbourg Declaration, adopted in 1998 which reiterate that within the EU and close to its borders, water and sanitation are still a concern and that solutions need to be found with all stakeholders; local elected officials, civil society, youth etc.





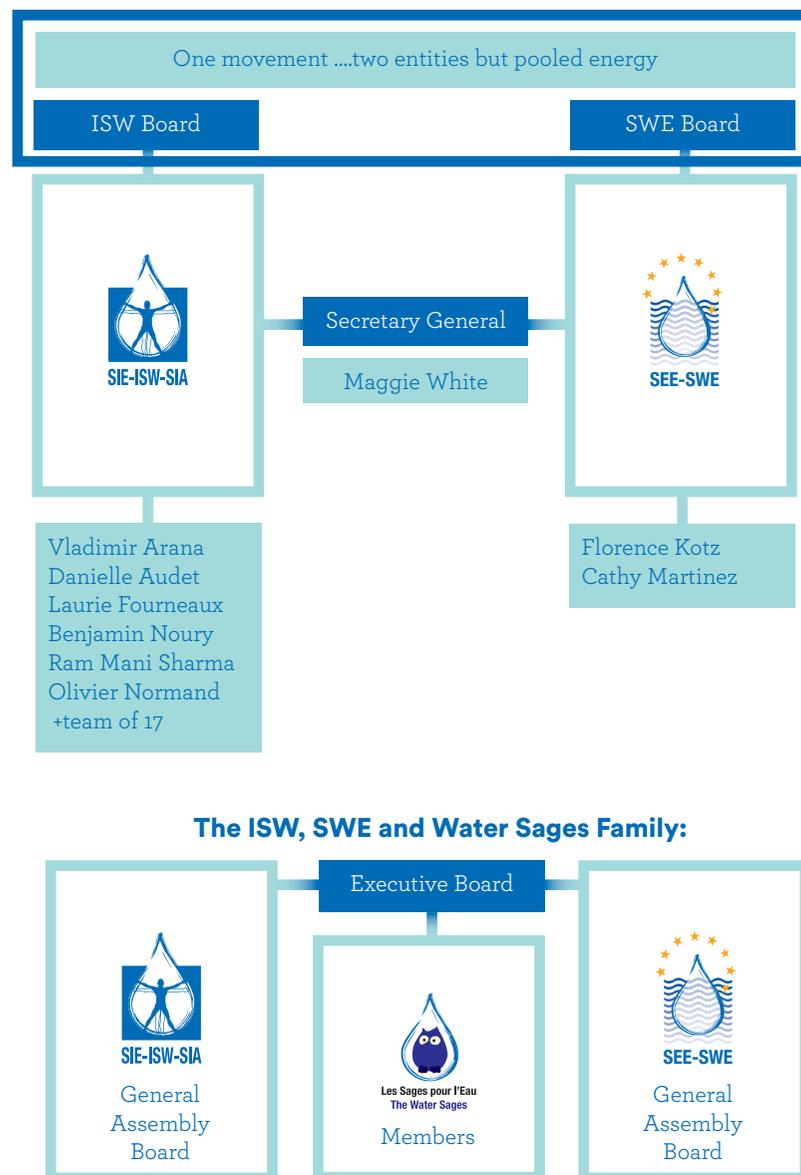
Our organisation

In 2010, following an internal and external evaluation of ISW, discussions were begun to consolidate both ISW and SWE and bring the two structures closer together.

This process unfolded in the course of 2011 and 2012. It was finalised in June 2013 in the context of the first ISW and SWE Annual General Assembly to change the statutes of the two entities to facilitate their institutional and operational merging.

At this time it was decided to retain the heritage of both structures by maintaining them legally independent and to set up a single governing system with a Board made up mostly of the same members for both entities and a single executive board. This executive board is made up of Roger Lanoue (President of ISW) and Raymond Jost (President of SWE and founder of the Water Sages), Antonella Cagnolati (Vice-president ISW and SWE), Pierre Marie Grondin (Treasurer ISW and SWE), Dominique Mostert (Vice-president and Deputy Treasurer ISW and SWE), Maggie White (Secretary General ISW-SWE, non-voting). The other members of the Board are Lesha Witmer (member of the Board of ISW and SWE), Jean Bosco Bazié (member of the Board of ISW and SWE), Olivier Thibault (member of the Board of ISW and SWE), Bart Devos (member of the Board of ISW), Phil Enquist (member of the Board of ISW), George Simeonov (member of the Board of SWE), Galina Cazimir (member of the Board of SWE), Marc Hoffman (member of the Board of SWE),

The organisational chart illustrating the governance and operational systems was presented and validated during the 2013 General Assembly:



ORGANISATION

On this occasion, the position of a single Secretary General for ISW-SWE was confirmed with a reorganisation of the teams into areas of expertise and support in order to pool both resources and skills in a more effective and efficient manner.

In 2013, ISW-SWE has a total operational team of seven people between France and Canada. To monitor the projects in the field carried out in the Ferghana Valley (Uzbekistan and Tajikistan), an Associate Secretary General and a team of 17 people are based in Ferghana (Uzbekistan) and Khujand (Tajikistan). In addition, a close collaborative relationship exists with Solidarity Water Moldova (SEAM) since it was created for the implementation of the various programs run in this country. A team of two works in Moldova for this local NGO.

Since September 2013 the accounts of ISW and SWE are centralised by the Administrative and Financial Manager based at ISW. This allows smoother operations, better visibility and closer monitoring of income and expenditure, particularly for programs that are carried and coordinated by both organisations. The annual accounts and budgets are validated and audited separately and independently by different auditors for each NGO.





ISW and SWE carry out joint actions and projects but also have their own activities specific to each structure.

ACTIVITIES

Joint Actions carried out in 2013:

- The International Butterfly Effect Coalition
- Advocacy for decentralised and solidarity-based financing
- Youth Parliaments for Water (Europe and World)
- The International “Water and Film” Events
- The Blue Books
- The Blue Passport
- Preparation for the 7th World Water Forum

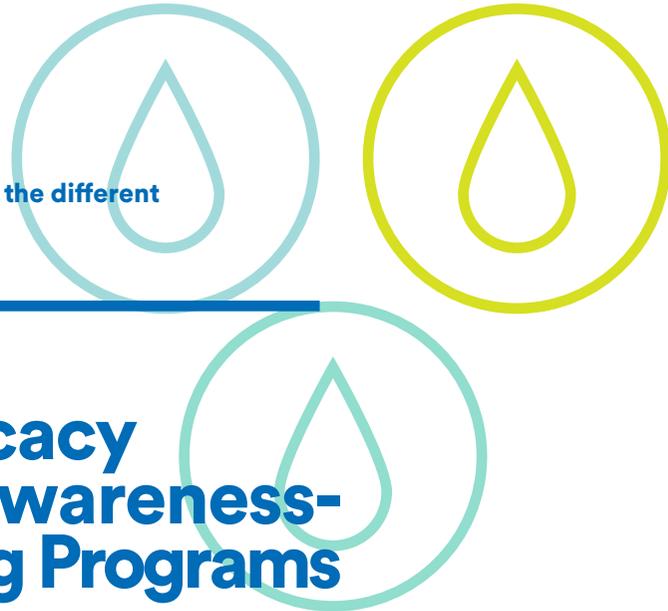
ISW Actions:

- Field projects in Central Asia (Uzbekistan and Tajikistan)
- The Great Lakes-St Lawrence-Gulf Symphony
- Project development in the Americas
- Water Sages

SWE Actions:

- Development of Water Management and Development Guidelines (SDAGE) in Congo
- Activities in Moldova: elaboration of the Nirnova basin sanitation masterplan and supporting SEAM in its activities
- The “Water and Elected Representatives” Platform
- Youth mobilisation and awareness-raising in Alsace

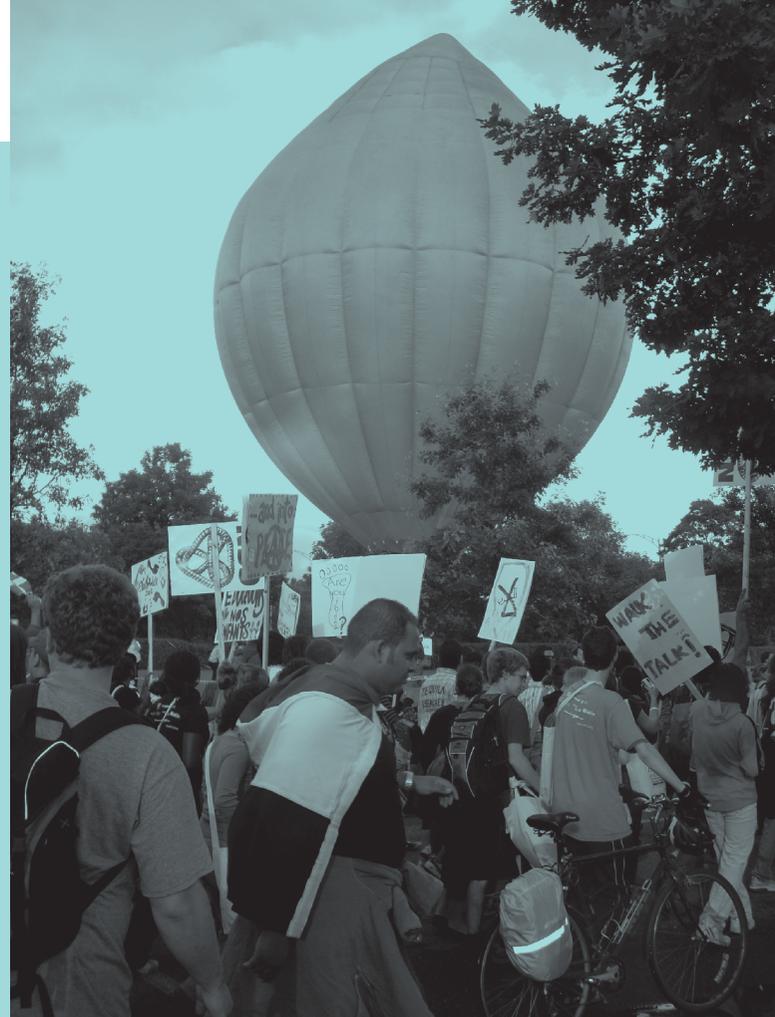
These actions are carried out by the different sections within ISW and SWE:



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- 1- Advocacy and Awareness-Raising Programs**
 - 2- Youth Programs**
 - 3- Field Programs**
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Advocacy and Awareness-Raising Programs

In 2013, the Advocacy and Awareness-Raising Programs section implemented seven programs:

- The international Butterfly Effect Coalition
- Decentralised and solidarity-based financing
- The International “Water and Film” Events
- The Blue Passport
- The Blue Books
- Preparation for the 7th World Water Forum
- The Great Lakes-St Lawrence-Gulf Symphony



The international Butterfly Effect Coalition:

In 2013 ISW-SWE continued to coordinate the international Butterfly Effect Coalition, attending and influencing international meetings on water as well as in the context of the preparatory process for the 7th World Water Forum. At national and international levels ISW-SWE contributed to promoting the messages of the Butterfly Effect, validated during the 6th World Water Forum and it encouraged the involvement of NGOs within UN post -2015 processes and those of the 7th World Water Forum. ISW-SWE is solely responsible for the executive secretariat of the Butterfly Effect through two coordinators and spokespersons, Maggie White, Secretary General of ISW-SWE and Lesha Witmer, member of the Board of ISW-SWE.

The Butterfly Effect currently consists of 90 members who are civil society organisations or networks representing Non-governmental Organisations, Community-based organizations, women’s movements, youth movements etc. In all, 900 civil society organisations from the four regions of the world are represented.

The Butterfly Effect is organised by a Steering Committee. The members are consulted on positions, on strategic documents and on the major orientations via email or skype meetings. Meetings of members have also been able to be held during international events.

In terms of communication, the Butterfly Effect has a Facebook page and a blog*. The Internet site is under development.

For the different events, brochures, posters and position papers have been published: a brochure presenting the

network in four languages (English, French, Spanish and Korean – May 2013), a position paper on the Water SDG in five languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian and Korean – August 2013) and a brochure to promote the Water SDG in three languages (English, French and Spanish – September 2013).





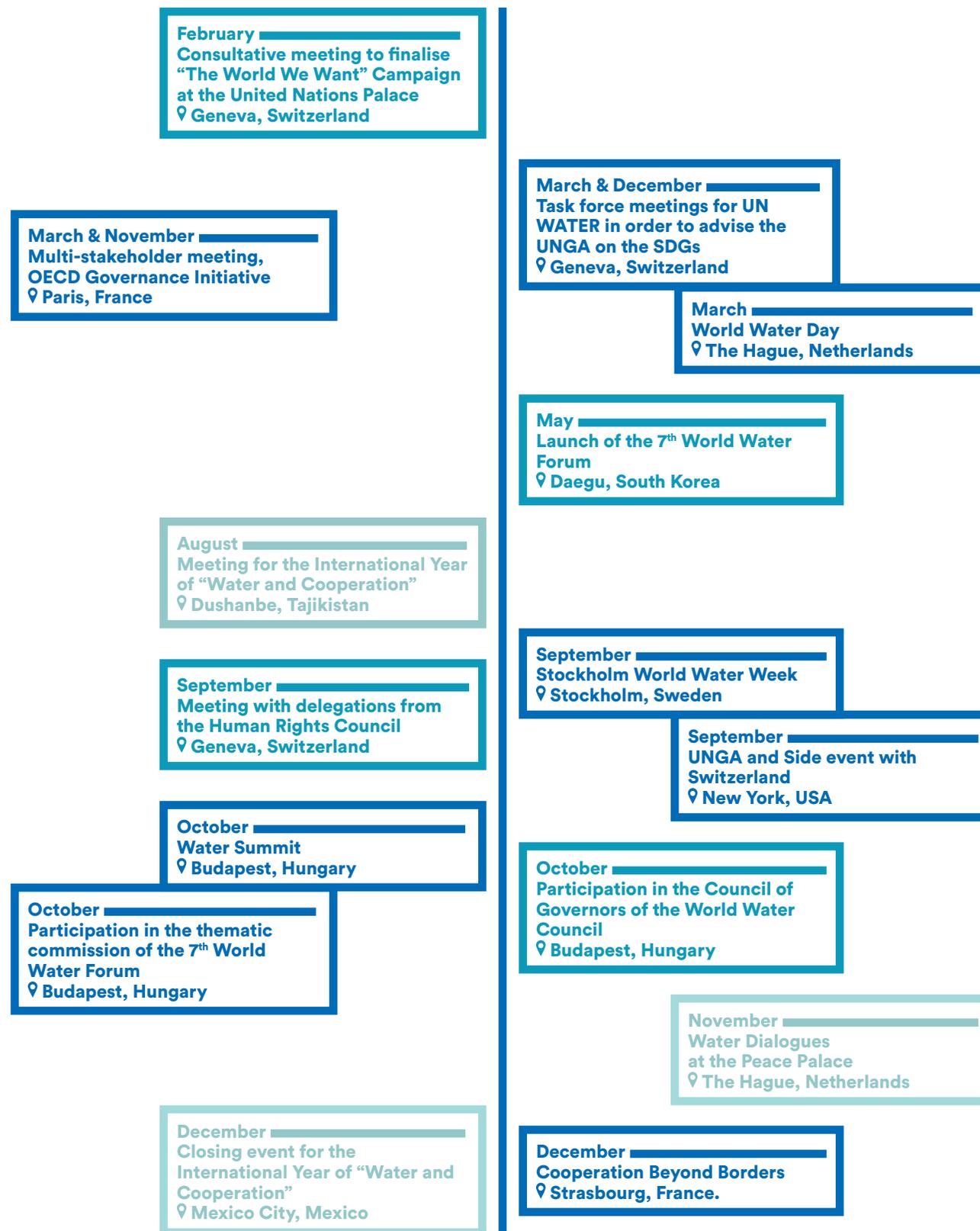
The main activities of the Butterfly Effect in 2013 centre around six lines of action:

- 1.**
Preparation of the 7th World Water Forum (placement of members in commissions as observers, defending the role and place of civil society and recommendations for the Citizen's Forum Task Force)
- 2.**
Promotion of a specific Water goal for the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals
- 3.**
Promotion of transboundary cooperation
- 4.**
Participation in the International Year of "Water and Cooperation"
- 5.**
Ensure the establishment of the human right to water and sanitation in association with the EU referendum and presentation to the Human Rights Council
- 6.**
Participation in the OECD initiative on water governance (coordinate the presence and participation of Butterfly Effect members representing NGOs)

In the context of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals discussions held within the United Nations, the Butterfly Effect set about advocating for a process to combine the MDG and SDGs and defending the importance of having an explicit goal for water. It also aimed to encourage and support civil society mobilisation around advocacy campaigns targeting national governments.

The Butterfly Effect also facilitates funding for its members so they can participate in international meetings such as the 7th World Water Forum kick-off meeting in Daegu in May (12 people) and the OECD initiative on water governance meetings. It also finances the attendance of the coalition's two co-coordinators at various events and meetings.

The major events where the Butterfly Effect was present and contributed to content are:



Great efforts were made throughout the year (presentations in international conferences, workshops etc.) to highlight the importance and the need for complementary and additional financing to supplement bilateral and multilateral funds, based on existing European experiences.



Decentralised and solidarity-based financing for water

In 2013, ISW-SWE and their partners carried out advocacy activities for decentralised and solidarity-based financing mechanisms for water. As a member of the Global Water Solidarity (GWS) international steering committee (a UNDP program that promotes this type of financing), ISW-SWE contributes to its deployment and reinforcement as well as the identification of new members and exemplary practices at global and regional levels. ISW is a member of the international steering committee and SWE, due to its presence and intervention across Europe, has been coordinating the European platform since 2012. In this respect SWE and its partners carry out advocacy actions and support the implementation of decentralised, solidarity-based financing mechanisms across Western, Eastern and Central Europe.

These presentations took place in the context of water-focused conferences such as the IWA and ASTEE Congress in Paris, or the 11th international EuroINBO conference in November 2013 in Plovdiv (Bulgaria) as well as conferences outside the water sector to reach a different audience, such as the WACAP conference (World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty, Dublin, Ireland). ISW-SWE also coordinated two days of workshops with GWS members and partners to produce a methodology based on “Good practices in decentralised cooperation for water and sanitation” and the role of these funding mechanisms in the context of decentralised cooperation.

ISW-SWE also participates in the GWS think tank on country studies written by members. These studies aim to analyse the water and sanitation sector situation in these different countries (Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine) and identify solutions to reduce

inequalities in access to services among different communities. Recommendations resulting from this work will be made to decision-makers and donors during 2014.

In particular, SWE is focused on Moldova, where, following various discussions and presentations, the Minister for the Environment wanted to launch, with the help and support of SWE and the European platform partners, a national think tank for setting up some sort of solidarity-based funding mechanism in his country. The initial idea was to draft and submit a law that would enable an urban-rural solidarity-based mechanism to be implemented whereby users in urban areas with access to water would pay a contribution for users in rural areas who lack such access. The political situation in the country in 2013 slowed down exchanges with Moldovan partners and hampered the implementation

of this process. In light of this situation, the strategy was to firstly redirect discussions towards the development of a local mechanism, rather than a national law. A more in-depth study of existing financing mechanisms in Moldova could enable a decentralised financing fund to be set up and fed via different inter-linked sources (local, national and international) which would help support projects to improve access to safe water and sanitation within a given water-basin such as that of the Nirnova River. This work is being carried out in collaboration with SEAM, Solidarity Water Moldova.

Throughout the year the secretariat of the European platform within SWE managed by Cathy Martinez and Maggie White, maintained communication with platform members (email, sending information on different events, invitations to conferences, sharing information, putting members into contact with new partners etc.).

The platform’s internet site* was also maintained up to date throughout the year. The site now needs to be made even more dynamic to encourage people to share their experiences. A webmaster is working on this task.

Furthermore, lobbying of the European Parliament was also launched, with the aim of encouraging member countries to implement solidarity-based mechanisms. On 10 July 2013, thanks to the initiative of two committed European Members of Parliament, Mrs. Auconie and Mrs Toia, and with the organisational help and coordination of ISW-SWE on behalf of the European Platform, a conference was held at the European Parliament on the issue of innovative solidarity-based financing mechanisms in European countries.

The aim of this meeting was for European countries to share their different experiences in terms of innovative

financing mechanisms and to mobilise the European Parliament so that the issue of financing in the field of water and sanitation be kept at centre stage and correspond to today’s reality. A working group to follow up from this meeting and update the inventory of decentralised and solidarity-based financing initiatives was launched by the two European MPs and ISW-SWE through the European Platform. The aim will be to inform and influence the next European Parliament to be elected in 2014.



The International “Water and Film” Events

The International “Water and Film” Events (IWFE) is a promotional tool for raising awareness and mobilising the general public. It uses film as a tool for dialogue amongst decision-makers, water sector experts, film makers and the general public. In 2013, ISW-SWE mainly capitalised on and promoted the films from the 3rd edition of IWFE (Marseille 2012) through various channels, including film festivals, uploading them on the internet, capsules, and the organisation of events (conferences, debates, festivals etc.).

For IWFE 2013 was a year of multiplying opportunities, of ensuring visibility and of promoting films received as well as strengthening its partner network for the next edition to be held during the 7th World Water Forum in 2015 in South Korea.

This involved three main lines of action:

1- Production of capitalisation material and dissemination media

In 2013, for the first time, ISW-SWE produced film box sets to better disseminate the catalogue and promote IWFE at different occasions. In total, 2 box sets were produced with partners’ support:

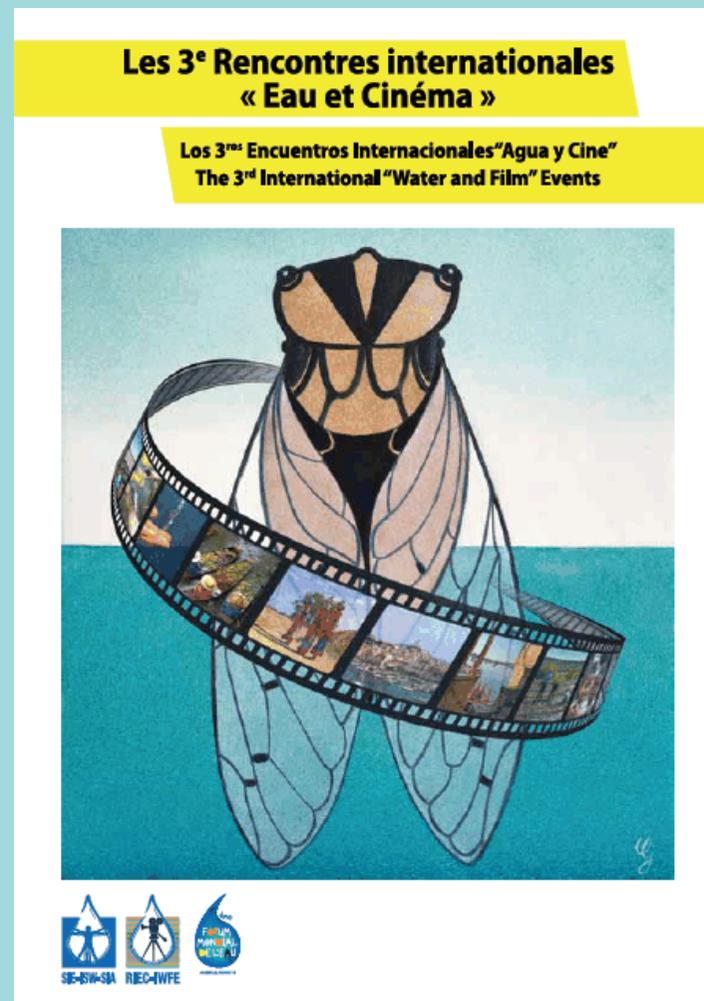
1. In partnership with the Seine-Normandy Water Agency in France, 1000 box sets containing most of the winning films (40 films on 4 DVDs) from the 3rd edition of IWFE with a bonus DVD. These box sets are given away to partners and all organisations who wish to see the films and organise free awareness-raising screenings.

2. In partnership with the AFD (French Development Agency), a second box set was produced (350 copies) containing a selection of IWFE films from all the past editions (41 films on 6 DVDs, organised according to themes). This box set is only available to AFD territorial agencies so they can organise screenings and debates and awareness-raising events.

2- Events/Screenings and debates/visibility

Besides the world water forums, ISW-SWE places IWFE’s catalogue and pool of material at the disposal of others or uses it to co-organise events to promote water as a source of artistic and cultural expression and a vector for sharing experiences. In 2013, more than fifteen events were held around the world in collaboration with different partners: film screenings at partner film festivals (Water trilogy with Eau de Paris, International Environmental Film Festival in Paris, Euro Palestine Film Festival and the Off Courts Film Festival at Trouville, etc), the organisation of events with local AFD agencies (Colombia, Palestine, Cambodia, Vietnam, Mexico, Polynesia etc), and the organisation of screenings in schools and other educational settings etc.

IWFE also makes its films available to partners to promote water issues. With the Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC) and DV.TV, films were selected and contacts made with directors to produce the various capsules screened.



3- Networking

Over the years, IWFE has developed a large number of partnerships with different networks in the world of water but also with various film festivals. In 2013, IWFE collaborated in the development of a new network of environmental film festivals, the Green Film Network (GFN).

Since it began, GFN has brought together 21 members around the world.

It is on the basis of these achievements that IWFE will launch its fourth international competition in August 2014 with a view to its next edition in April 2015!

Laurie Fourneaux, with the support of Maggie White and Cathy Martinez contributed to the development of this program.





The Blue Passport

In the context of 2013, International Year of “Water and Cooperation”, the Blue Passport was presented on numerous occasions as a tool to promote citizen-led local, individual and/or collective action for water resources at a water basin level.

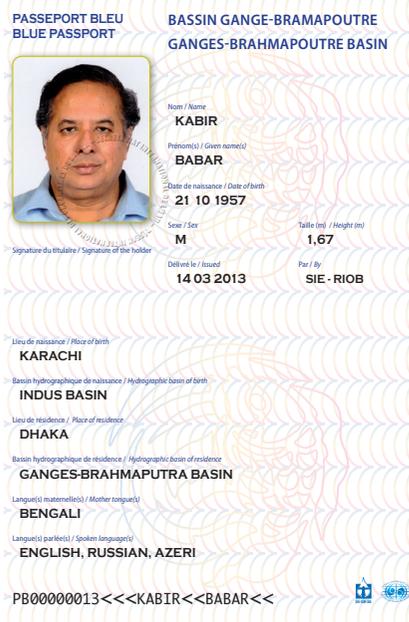
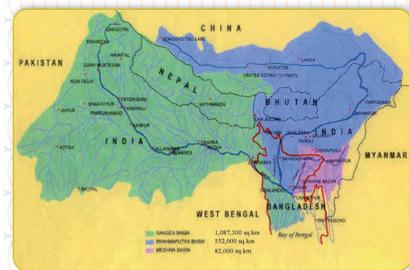
With the support of SDC and UNECE, the concept was presented within the UN networks during the “water post 2015” consultation in Geneva in February 2013. It was then presented to the members of the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO) during the INBO AGM in Fortaleza in August 2013. The Blue Passport is now one of the strategic tools adopted by the INBO which will present it to all its members as part of its 2014-2016 strategic plan, in order to establish this approach within the different member basins.

The first passports were granted on World Water Day in The Hague in March 2013. Certain famous basin inhabitants such as Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2011, and King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands received a Blue Passport, symbol of their commitment to water on an international level and within their respective basins of the Saint Paul and Rhine Rivers.

The year concluded with the World Water Summit in Budapest (Hungary) where participants of the Youth program received their Blue Passports. 30 basins were represented and the Blue Passport was presented during the closing ceremony. In the case of the Ozama River Basin in the Dominican Republic, the initiative begun with the basin inhabitant present, helped to draw the national

authorities’ attention to the borders of the basin by producing the first digital map of this area.

2013 was a year of concept promotion. The Blue Passport is now on line and can be ordered and paid for directly on the ISW website. It can also be made available for group orders. For 2014, the aim is to extend its distribution and create communities of basin inhabitants. Benjamin Noury, responsible for this program has received many individual orders via the on-line form* and some magnificent events are planned in 2014 within the basins of the Seine, the Great Lakes-St Lawrence-Gulf, the Souss Massa, the Mekong and the Volta Rivers.



The Blue Books, the Right to Water and Sanitation and their Monitoring Tools

The work ISW-SWE has carried out leading up to and defending the right to water for all consists of various platforms and activities coordinated by ISW-SWE (the Butterfly Effect, the World Youth Parliament for Water and the European platform for decentralised and solidarity-based financing). It is naturally one of the flagship themes defended and promoted by these networks, platforms and their partners. The details of their actions can thus be found in the description of these projects. However, one of the specific tools developed by ISW-SWE to also contribute to this crucial field are the Blue Books. The Blue Books are tools for analysing the water and sanitation sector from civil society and the people’s point of view. They help to initiate multi-stakeholder dialogue at national level and to support advocacy for access to water and sanitation. The activities carried out in 2013 consist in accompanying the dynamics around the existing Blue Books (Benin, Senegal, Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali), preparing the launch of new editions in new countries (Bulgaria, Moldova, Peru) and participating in working groups on monitoring tools and new post-2015 objectives.

Two meetings of the international Blue Book steering committee were held during 2013, one in Paris and the other in Avignon.



The 7th World Water Forum

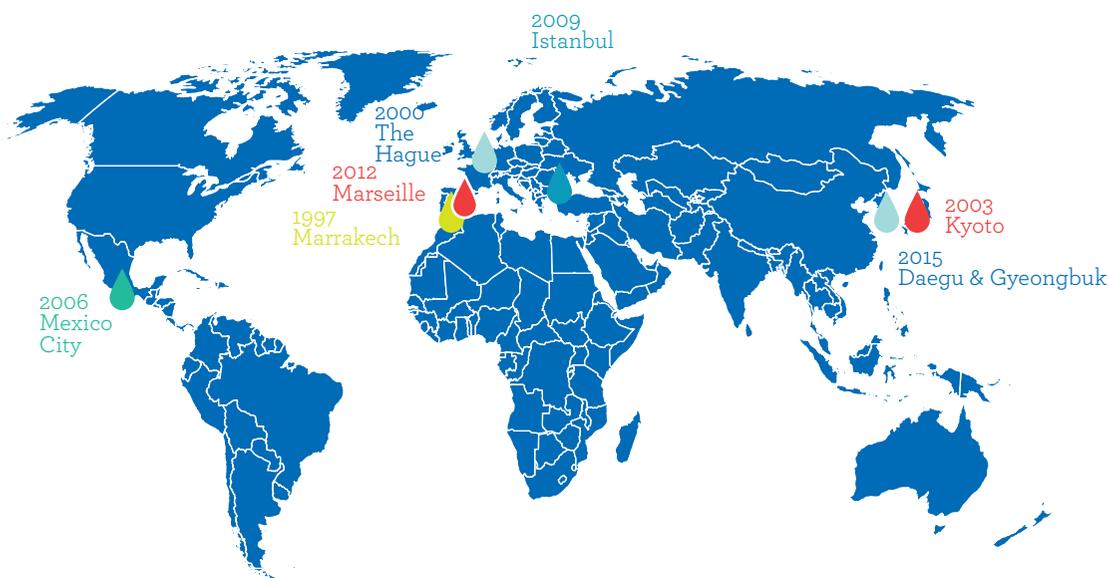
As with each forum since the very first, ISW-SWE is closely involved in the preparatory process, in the holding and follow-up to the next Forum which is to be held in South Korea in April 2015. The role it assumes as part of its contribution is to encourage civil society (NGO, youth, women etc.) involvement as much in the preparatory processes as during the Forum itself, creating arenas for multi-stakeholder consultation and dialogue within the forum and organising events/actions that enable the Forum to interact with the general public. ISW-SWE also participates in the different working groups and preparatory processes of the Forum.

In 2013, ISW-SWE contributed to the first kick-off meeting held in Daegu in May 2013 by organising and supporting the attendance of certain Butterfly Effect and World Youth Parliament for Water members.

ISW-SWE works and collaborates with the various bodies organising the forum such as the World Water Council, the International Steering Committee, the National Committee, the Forum Secretariat and the Korea Water Forum to ensure that

civil society, its partners and the actions contributed by ISW-SWE will be present and visible. Each commission (thematic, regional, political, science and technology and for the Citizen's Forum Task Force) has a seat for a member of the Butterfly Effect as an observer. The Secretary General of ISW-SWE plays this role within the Thematic Commission and Lesha Witmer, a Board Member, sits on the political commission and the Citizen's Forum Task Force.

ISW-SWE is proposing four projects for civil society involvement, presence and activities to the organisers of the 7th World Water Forum: the Butterfly Effect and the World Youth Parliament for Water (action co-coordinated with the Korea Water Forum), the International "Water and Film" Events, and the Water Messengers (international on-line campaign which enables all citizens from around the world to publish a message on water, to be launched in April 2014).



The Great Lakes-St Lawrence-Gulf Symphony

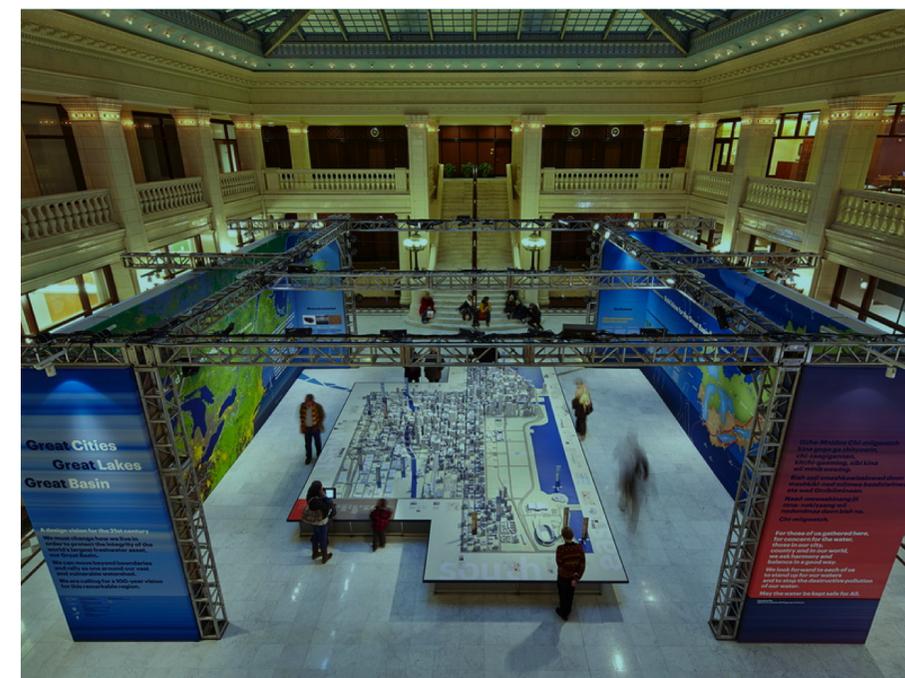
The catchment basin of the Great Lakes, the St Lawrence River and the Gulf of the St Lawrence River is an interconnected water system that provides water, natural resources and environmental services to the local communities. The Great Lakes-St Lawrence-Gulf Symphony (GLSLG) proposes to set up a process to promote participatory and integrated management of the water in the Great Lakes, St Lawrence River and its Gulf basin, a basin that is currently shared between Canada and the United States.

This multi-stakeholder process combines a water resource management approach with a political vision. It therefore appeared important to clearly define a process and actions to be implemented to introduce a concept of cross-border management.

In the context of the consultation process for a shared vision of this basin led by ISW between 2011 and 2012, one of the main actions raised was the need to create an exhibition that places the basin in its political, economic, environmental and social context.

ISW, in partnership with the architecture firm SOM (Skidmore, Owings and Merrill) founded in 1920, and the Chicago Architecture Foundation, thus organised an exhibition to promote the management of the Great Lakes, St Lawrence River and its Gulf basin as a whole. This exhibition, entitled "Great Towns, Great Lakes and a Great Basin" was inaugurated in October 2013 and ended in April 2014.

A citizens' call and a more detailed action plan of the consultation process and the next steps are available upon request from ISW.



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Youth Programs

In 2013 the Youth section implemented two major programs which included several activities:

- The World Youth Parliament for Water,
- The 11th European Youth Parliament for Water and preparation for the 12th EYPW, as well as youth activities in Alsace.



World Youth Parliament for Water

For the *World Youth Parliament for Water* (WYPW) 2013 was first and foremost a year for promoting and supporting the young WYPW parliamentarians, both locally and internationally. After an active year in 2012, marked by the 6th World Water Forum and the 2nd World Youth Parliament for Water, 2013 was, like a teaser for 2014, the year which would see the launch of preparations for the next World Water Forum in Daegu and Gyeongbuk in April 2015. This year was thus for the WYPW a turning point for building its network both in terms of reinforcing the WYPW strategy led by the ISW-SWE and for supporting local youth commitments and recognising the role for young people in international bodies.

From the point of view of youth commitment the mission is more than fulfilled. More than a year and a half after the General Assembly of the WYPW that was held in Marseille, most of the young parliamentarians are still active (85 members) and the WYPW is able to demonstrate the involvement of these young people from local to international levels, from action in the field and awareness raising to international lobbying. Thanks to its dynamic approach, the WYPW has



shown throughout the year that young people are a strong link in the water sector and that they must be recognised as stakeholders. The context of the International Year of “Water and Cooperation” provided several occasions to prove this and members of the WYPW were able to take the floor during high-level international conferences but also to launch initiatives and projects at national and local levels.

This year was also the occasion for the WYPW to build its network of partners and collaborators - whether it be with international bodies or private sector partners such as UN-Water, UNESCO, the International Organisation of Francophone countries or EDF as much as with strategic partners for the organisation of the next WYPW General Assembly such as the Korea Water Forum, the town of Daegu etc. The young parliamentarians of the WYPW also greatly contributed to maintaining the local partnerships which enable them to work in collaboration with other local initiatives. Interest in joining the WYPW network is also increasing through individual requests and requests by international and national youth organisations such as the Water Youth Network, Réseau Projection etc.

For the Secretariat, which is made up of Laurie Fourneaux, Benjamin Noury and Florence Kotz, and the president of the WYPW Bart Devos, 2013 was the year to strengthen the long-term strategy for the WYPW, to better support youth action on a daily basis and to coordinate the internal structures of the WYPW (international council and committee) by improving strategic tools, communication tools, and offer support to the young people etc. A web site*, a newsletter and a Facebook page help to keep members informed and to launch information and mobilisation campaigns. 2013 was also the opportunity to begin preparing the next General Assembly in South Korea in 2015 (partnerships, programs, logistics, financing etc.)





The 11th European Youth Parliament for Water

In May 2013, the 11th European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW) brought together in Armenia almost 100 young people aged from 16 to 23, youth coordinators, elected officials and experts from 15 European countries: Germany, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Greece, Latvia, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Switzerland and Turkey.

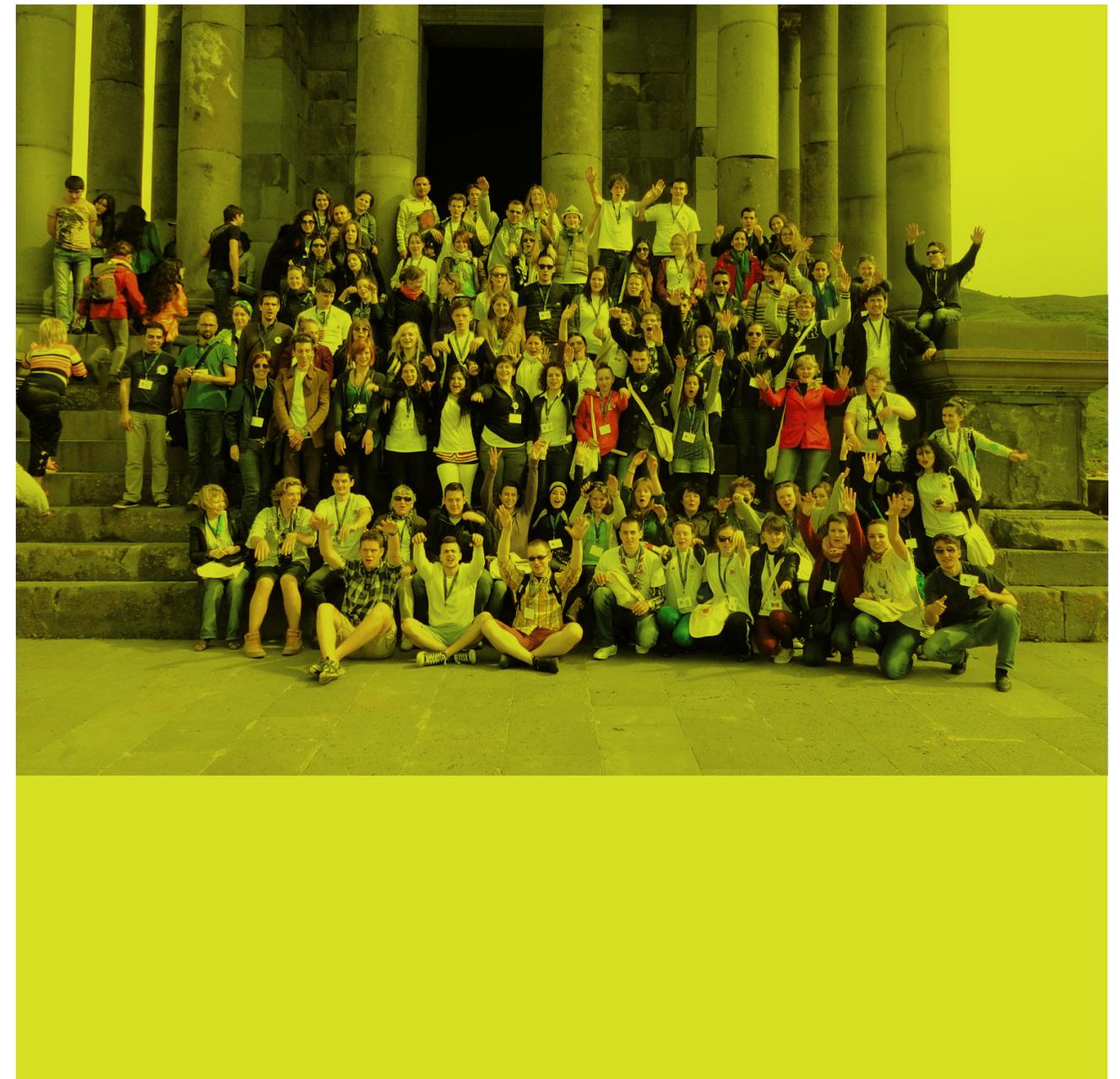
For one week, these representatives of European youth discussed how to improve youth participation in water governance. Through role playing, interactive discussions with various stakeholders, field visits and many debates, the young people drafted a joint declaration in which they presented their issues, recommendations and specific actions.

The highest Armenian authorities actively engaged with the youth so their ideas could be heard. Meetings with the Armenian Prime Minister, the President of the National Assembly and the Deputy Prime Minister were held during the week. This 11th EYPW was also made possible thanks to the support of AWS (Armenian Water Sewerage) and SAUR.

Each delegation is now working on implementing the initiatives in their country and in disseminating the declaration among their political representatives. These initiatives encompass a wide sample of specific actions which range from the organisation of water awareness-raising workshops to meetings with parliamentarians and elected representatives.

The intercultural links forged in Armenia have been maintained for over a year among the delegations via the youth parliament's blog and Facebook page. ISW-SWE is working to ensure that exchanges will be just as fruitful during the next meeting of European youth for water which will be held in Douai in France in December 2014. This European meeting will constitute the 12th EYPW and will prepare the European youth delegation for the 3rd WYPW to be held in South Korea in 2015 in the context of the 7th World Water Forum.

ISW and SWE also carry out awareness-raising actions during meetings organised locally (in Alsace and in Quebec) by partners or in and around schools in order to raise youth awareness about water and sanitation issues.



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Field Programs

In 2013, the Field Programs section implemented four major programs:

- Uzbekistan and Tajikistan
- Moldova
- Congo basin
- The development of the Americas program



Uzbekistan and Tajikistan

In 2013, the International Secretariat for Water completed the Regional Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (Uzbekistan and Tajikistan) program which began in 2007. During this year, 23,000 people in Uzbekistan gained access to a lasting supply of safe water in five new villages as well as a tuberculosis care centre with a capacity of 120 beds. In Tajikistan, the ISW completed the installation of the main supply line, again providing 35,000 people with a sustainable supply service for drinking water.

In total, between June 2007 and December 2013 more than 85,000 people living in rural areas were connected to a water supply network managed sustainably. Water-borne diseases (diarrhoea, hepatitis, typhoid etc.) were reduced by more than 50% in villages where the project intervenes.

4,500 professors and nurses in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan were trained in UNICEF's PHAST methodology which puts the emphasis on hygiene behaviour change.

All the water supply systems have a tariff structure that covers all the operating costs as well as infrastructure depreciation (full cost recovery). Dry toilets were installed in a school of 750 students in Uzbekistan and in a medical centre in Tajikistan.

In 2013, ISW began to set up a new four-year program covering two new regions in Uzbekistan (Namangan and Syrdarya) with the aim of eventually providing 50,000 people with a sustainable water supply and offering 220 surrounding villages examples of decentralised water management.

Also in 2013, ISW won a contract in Tajikistan to implement a four-year sustainable water supply project targeting 50,000 people with a strong sanitation component in an integrated water resources management approach.

The documentation relating to these initiatives is constantly improved and updated. The water supply systems are designed with the risks specific to these two countries in mind, and in theory should be able to bear a certain degree of risk (earthquakes of magnitude 7, floods etc.). In villages where the ISW is implementing this program, women have the same responsibility as men and fill water system management roles.

If there is conflict among users or due to different types of use (irrigation vs drinking water for instance), the project has set up conflict resolution procedures which to date, have proved effective. These procedures include village elders and external moderators.

The rate of fee payment is 85-90% with variations from one village to the next. The threshold is reached when 85% of the village pays their water bill. This enables poor and needy families to have access to water without endangering the financial sustainability of the water supply system.

In 2014, ISW will continue its work in both countries to contribute to achieving

the objectives of these two programs under its responsibility for the next four years.

Particular attention will be paid to the problems of hygienically safe toilets in these two central Asian countries, as well as to the advancement of political dialogue to promote the decentralised approach which is now proven to be effective thanks to project results in both countries. It is on this basis as well as on the basis of a sustainable full cost recovery approach that ISW aims to develop access to decentralised financing, particularly through the development banks (World Bank and Asian Development Bank).

Moldova

Since 2011, in collaboration with SEAM, the Nisporeni Regional Council and thanks to the support of SIAAP, SWE has been contributing to the development of sanitation masterplan for the Nirnova River Basin (16 communities). SWE and its partners work to ensure that this process involves the wide participation of all key stakeholders in the basin so that everyone can express their views on hygiene and sanitation. Throughout the year, information / participation / consultation sessions were held with stakeholders (local and regional elected representatives, administrative departments, schools and social organisations, farmers, businesses etc.), in order to raise awareness of the importance of hygiene and sanitation and to involve local stakeholders in the overall discussions on improving the situation and implementing solutions.

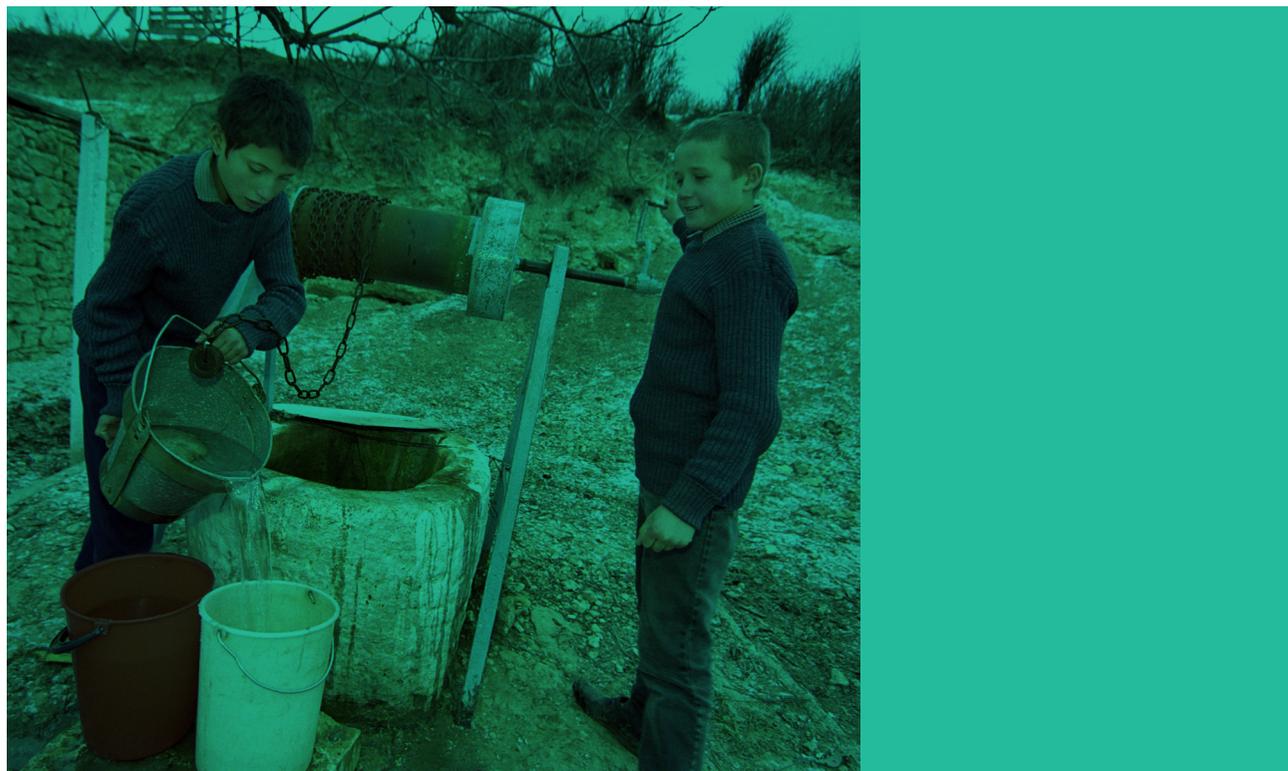
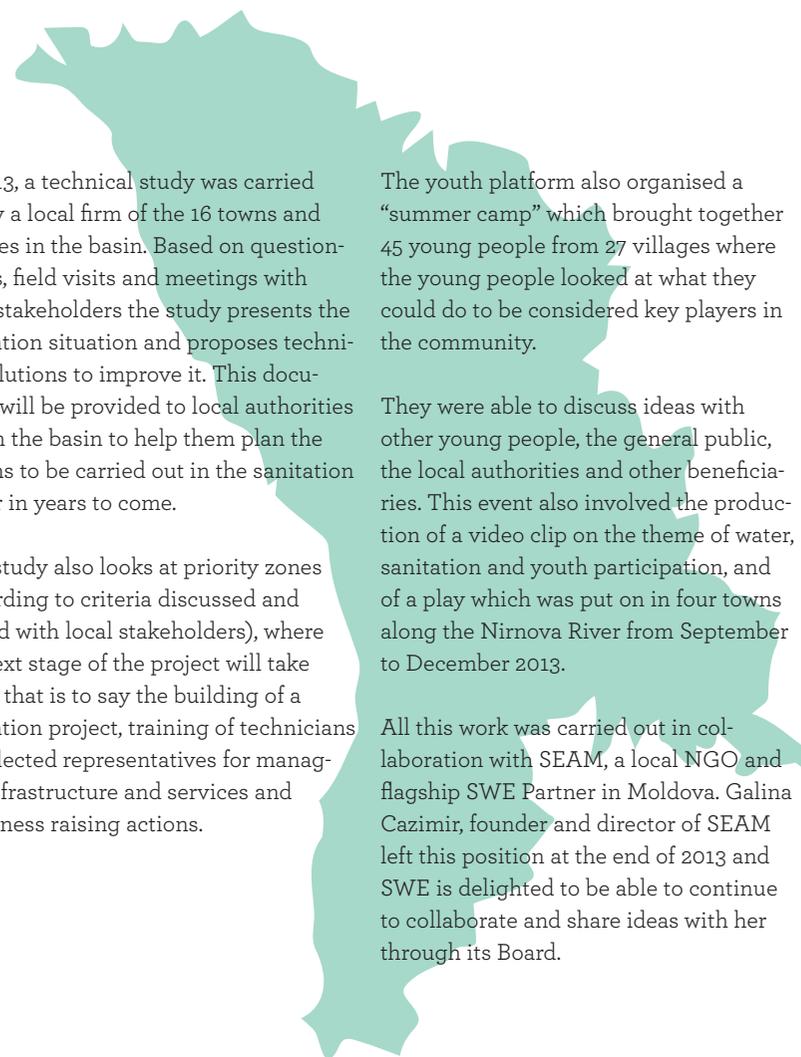
In 2013, a technical study was carried out by a local firm of the 16 towns and villages in the basin. Based on questionnaires, field visits and meetings with local stakeholders the study presents the sanitation situation and proposes technical solutions to improve it. This document will be provided to local authorities within the basin to help them plan the actions to be carried out in the sanitation sector in years to come.

This study also looks at priority zones (according to criteria discussed and agreed with local stakeholders), where the next stage of the project will take place, that is to say the building of a sanitation project, training of technicians and elected representatives for managing infrastructure and services and awareness raising actions.

The youth platform also organised a “summer camp” which brought together 45 young people from 27 villages where the young people looked at what they could do to be considered key players in the community.

They were able to discuss ideas with other young people, the general public, the local authorities and other beneficiaries. This event also involved the production of a video clip on the theme of water, sanitation and youth participation, and of a play which was put on in four towns along the Nirnova River from September to December 2013.

All this work was carried out in collaboration with SEAM, a local NGO and flagship SWE Partner in Moldova. Galina Cazimir, founder and director of SEAM left this position at the end of 2013 and SWE is delighted to be able to continue to collaborate and share ideas with her through its Board.



The Congo Basin

SWE coordinates the non-state actor identification, mobilisation and promotion component of the Congo River Basin water resource management support project. This project, coordinated by the OIEAU and its partners is supporting the International Commission of the Congo-Oubani-Sangha (CICOS) and its Member States in order to build their capacities in the sustainable management of the basin's natural resources through the development of water resource management and development guidelines (SDAGE) in line with the principles of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM). One of the key principles of such guidelines is the participation of the different stakeholders at all levels of decision making, therefore the project aims to support CICOS in promoting the participation of water resource users in the process of identifying and planning the actions to be implemented for the sustainable development of the Congo Basin.

As regards the activities coordinated by SWE, actions were launched in 2013. Jean Bosco Bazié, member of the Board of ISW-SWE, is leading this project on behalf of SWE and is coordinating the component implemented by Eau Vive, ISW-SWE's partner for its activities in Africa. This project will be completed in 2014 following the organisation of a training workshop on advocacy techniques for representatives of civil society organisations active on the national sections of the basin in the four countries. The overall program will come to an end in November 2014 with the organisation of a forum for the user-stakeholders of the Congo basin natural resources which will validate the guidelines.

Actions carried out in 2013:

- Scoping and support mission with CICOS to ensure the participation of non-state actors in the governance of Congo River Basin natural resources, April 2013,
- Mission to make contacts, share information and encourage ownership among the Member States (Cameroon and Congo), October 2013,
- Workshop to prepare the guidelines and bring all stakeholders together with all partners, December 2013.

In order to enhance the mobilisation and training of non-state actors, an awareness-raising tool was launched at the end of 2013 in the form of a game targeting IWRM stakeholders entitled “Let's build the shared prosperity of the Congo Basin together”.



The development of the Americas program

The Americas Program is an initiative to promote governance in water management, advocacy and field projects in remote areas and where governments are not actively present.

In North America efforts have focused on the Great Lakes, St Lawrence River and its Gulf Basin, in order to build a participative process for basin management.

In Latin America, the work launched in 2012 to explore water and sanitation access and IWRM programs is on-going. In Peru, the project entitled "Sustainable access to rural water supply and sanitation in the Cachy River Basin in Ayacucho, Peru" received a positive reaction from the Seine Normandy Water Agency and Wings of Hope, a long-standing partner of ISW. The project should begin in 2014 and will benefit 4,010 people; 635 people will gain access to a new rural water supply and sanitation system, 3,175 people will have access to drinking water tanks throughout the year and 200 people will have been trained in water management. The expected results are: i) the community has access to reliable and sustainable water supply and sanitation services, ii) the community is responsible for its catchment area, iii) the community is able to effectively manage its water supply and sanitation services using a basin approach.

Also in Peru, ISW began construction of a multi-stakeholder public-private network to begin the process of developing a Blue Book and received approval from national partners. ISW is also planning to work in Ecuador and Bolivia in the short term.

In Mexico, ISW is in the process of building a partnership with public and private bodies to develop advocacy and field projects.



Les Sages pour l'Eau
The Water Sages
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Water Sages

Over the years, ISW-SWE has made its mark thanks to its innovative actions in its advocacy work and actions on the international stage. Besides the work carried out by the teams within ISW-SWE, the approach chosen is to support a global network of more than 350 partners from all domains and all water sectors in order to maximise access to different expertise and knowledge. For all their projects and programs, ISW-SWE bases its methodology on the creation of a steering committee or advisory committee made up of recognised experts who share ISW-SWE's vision. This council of experts is organised under the title of "Water Sages". This has enabled ISW-SWE to have a global impact over the past 20 years and to optimise its resources by minimising the cost of implementing its advocacy actions and activities. ISW-SWE has set itself the task of sharing its own experiences but also those of its partners so they can be shared and replicated as widely as possible. The Water Sages were presented at the Annual General Assembly in June 2013 and Raymond Jost, founder of ISW and SWE was confirmed as President of the Water Sages and he shall represent them on the boards and the executive board of ISW-SWE.



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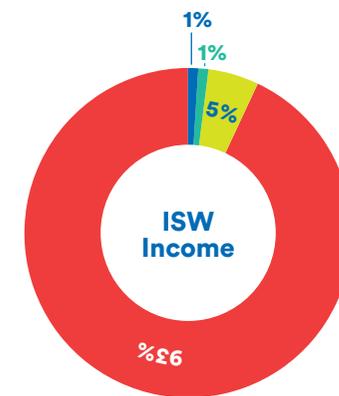


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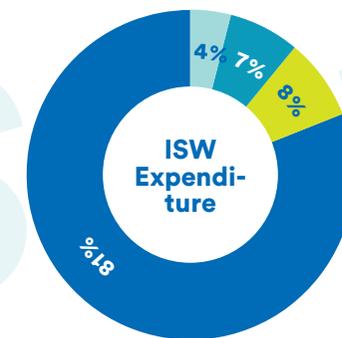
The balance sheets for ISW and SWE have been approved by their respective auditors. The firm Des Rochers validated those of ISW in Montreal and the firm Laurence Schwob approved those of SWE in Strasbourg.

ISW ends 2013 with a surplus of 1,589CAD. Total income was 2,084,787CAD

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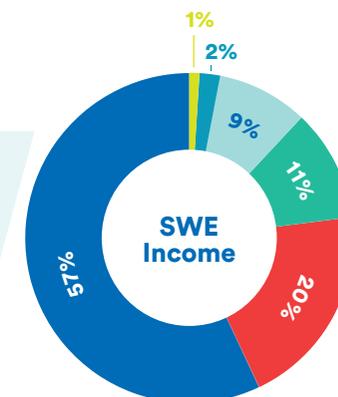


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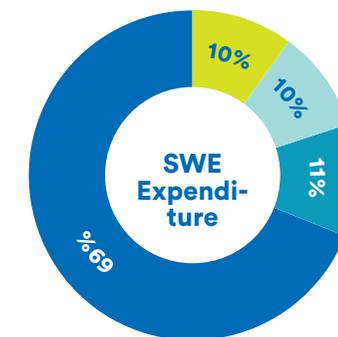


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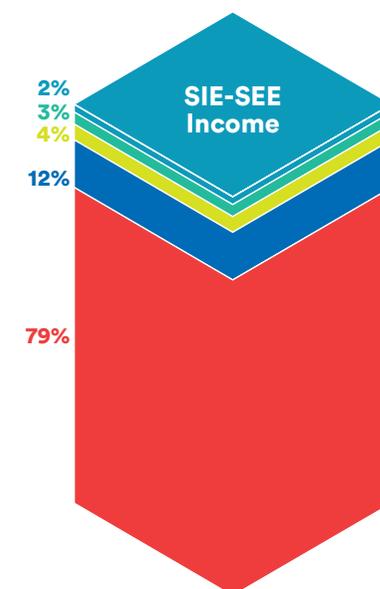
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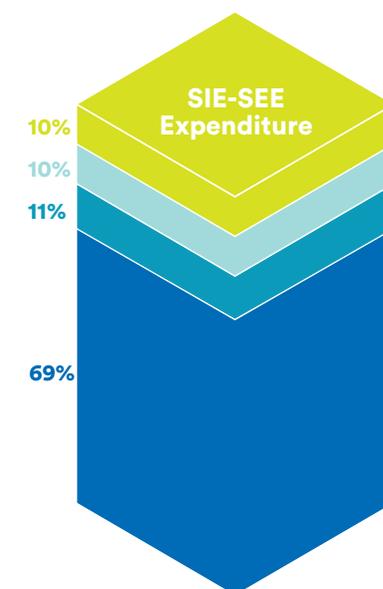
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