

# ACP-EU Water Partnerships – Newsletter

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In 2010 the EU earmarked €40 million of the ACP-EU Water Facility to support water partnership projects. These are not-for-profit partnerships intended to: “develop capacity in the ACP water & sanitation sector, leading to better water and sanitation governance and management, and to the sustainable development and maintenance of infrastructure”.

The European Commission (EC) is awarding grants to partnerships in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries selected through a restricted call procedure. ACP-EU water partnerships must last for a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 5 years. Each grant awarded to a partnership must be between a minimum of €250,000 and a maximum of €1,000,000.

Those interested in applying for grants and participating in water partnerships should note that the deadline for the submission of concept notes (4 pages maximum) is **6<sup>th</sup> October 2010**.

PSIRU at the University of Greenwich has created the [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website to support the ACP-EU water partnerships. This website helps water utilities, local authorities and civil society organisations access and use EU aid to build not-for-profit ACP-EU water partnerships. It is funded under a contract from the European Commission.

You are not required to use this website to submit a proposal. For example, you can develop a partnership with your existing contacts. However, this website and PSIRU can help you find partners, draft concept notes and full proposals, and receive advice and information, if you find that useful. Contact: [e.lobina@gre.ac.uk](mailto:e.lobina@gre.ac.uk) (+44 208 331 8476).

This newsletter accompanies the launch of the [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website. It directs you to:

- What you can find on [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org)
- Where you can find **instructions** on how to **register**, find partners and create partnership proposals on the [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website
- Where you can find the [Guidelines for Grant Applicants and Grant Application Form](#), and other official EC documents
- Where you can find further help to find partners and write a concept note

This newsletter is produced by the Public Services International Research Unit (PSIRU) at the University of Greenwich. PSIRU has been contracted by the European Commission to help organisations find partners and develop proposals, and to monitor the ACP-EU water partnerships in practice. We are circulating advice notes, producing newsletters, answering enquiries, and setting up a website where people can register, get more information about ACP-EU water partnerships, find potential partners and develop proposals.

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For more information see [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) or email [e.lobina@gre.ac.uk](mailto:e.lobina@gre.ac.uk)

## What you can find in [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org)

The [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website contains information on ACP-EU Water Partnerships and allows you to register as a partner, find partners online and develop your proposal(s) for a partnership.

By [registering](#) as a partner, you can find partners online and potential partners can contact your organisation. Registration is free, fast and easy, but is necessary to find partners online. Once you have identified who you would like to be your partner, you can contact them by sending an email. When you and your partner(s) agree on creating a partnership, you can record the details of the partnership proposal online. This will help us help you develop your concept note and full proposal. By registering as a partner, your organisation contact details are made available to other registered partners who will be able to contact you and propose partnerships. You also allow us to send you relevant information to ACP-EU water partnerships and offer our advice and support.

Instructions on how to register as a partner, find partners online and develop partnership proposals online are available on the [Help](#) page. For further assistance, contact: [e.lobina@gre.ac.uk](mailto:e.lobina@gre.ac.uk) (+44 208 331 8476).

Please note that recording a partnership on [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) is not sufficient to submit concept notes and full proposals to the European Commission. Concept notes and full proposals can only be submitted to the European Commission by registered mail, private courier service or by hand-delivery (the postal addresses are indicated in the [Guidelines for Grant Applicants](#)). The deadline for submitting concept notes is **6<sup>th</sup> October 2010**.

The [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website contains links to access the official documentation of the [call for ACP-EU Water Partnerships](#), and the contact details of the European Commission's Helpdesk.

If you know any organisation interested in applying for a grant and participating in an ACP-EU Water Partnership, please direct them to the [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website and encourage them to contact [e.lobina@gre.ac.uk](mailto:e.lobina@gre.ac.uk) (+44 208 331 8476).

The [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website allows you to access general information on the ACP-EU water partnerships. For example, see the Briefing note on ACP-EU Water Partnerships and regularly read updates in the News Items and Newsletters pages.

The Briefing Note on ACP-EU Water Partnerships explains:

- How ACP-EU water partnerships are structured
- What ACP-EU water partnerships must do
- Who can become a partner in ACP-EU water partnerships
- How to apply for EU funding

The [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website also allows you to download reports and other material on water partnerships. These reports are intended to share knowledge and experience that is relevant to capacity building partnerships in the water sector.

## Further help and information

- **The Official EC website**

- Information about the EU ACP Water Facility can be found at the official EC website: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/regional-cooperation/water>.

The €40 million fund is to be allocated via a call for proposals, with documents in English and French. **The guidelines for grant applicants and the grant application form** are available at the [call for ACP-EU water partnerships](#).

- The EC's Helpdesk on the Call and the water facility can be contacted by email at [Europeaid-water-facility-helpdesk@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Europeaid-water-facility-helpdesk@ec.europa.eu)

- **PSIRU and waterpartnerships.org**

- You can register on the [www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org](http://www.acp-eu-waterpartnerships.org) website to contact other organisations, form a partnership, to receive further information, and to get help in drafting a proposal.
- You can contact PSIRU for advice on how to find partners, form a partnership, and write a concept note. Contact: [e.lobina@gre.ac.uk](mailto:e.lobina@gre.ac.uk) (+44 208 331 8476)

- **Aqua Publica Europea**

- Aqua Publica Europea is an association of public water utilities in Europe which supports the development of water partnerships. See [www.aquapublica.eu](http://www.aquapublica.eu), and contact [Philippe.Burguiere@eaudeparis.fr](mailto:Philippe.Burguiere@eaudeparis.fr)

- **International bodies helping civil society organisations and trade unions**

- The Reclaiming Public Water network is an international network of civil society organisations which supports water partnership. Contact the network secretariat: [satoko@tni.org](mailto:satoko@tni.org).
- The African Water Network is part of the Reclaiming Public Water network. Contact [alhassan.adam@gmail.com](mailto:alhassan.adam@gmail.com)
- The trade union international confederation PSI will help advise and support unions. Contact [david.boys@world-psi.org](mailto:david.boys@world-psi.org)