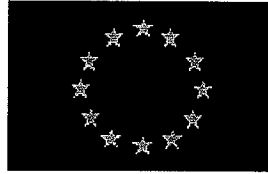


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WATERBENCH

A benchmarking tool for the EECCA region

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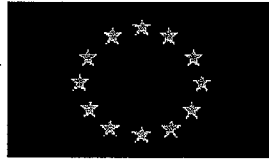
Waterbench objectives

- ✓ **Furthering the work initiated by the EAP Task Force**
- ✓ **With a focus on investment decisions**
- ✓ **Build on current research in the field of performance indicators**

The Waterbench initiative (1)

- ✓ An initiative of
 - Service Public 2000 (France) as coordinator
 - the Institute of Urban Economics (Russia)
 - ECOLOGIC gGmbH (Germany)
 - the Ministry of Public Works, Transport, Housing, Tourism and the Sea (France)

- ✓ With associate participants: University of Leipzig, ENGREF, ENPC, ENTPE



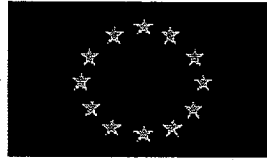
The Waterbench initiative (2)

- ✓ **An EU research project (INCO/6th Framework Programme) to develop cooperation between EU research institutions and partners from the EECCA region**
- ✓ **With the support of the EAP Task Force (OECD)**

Methodology (1): model and tool

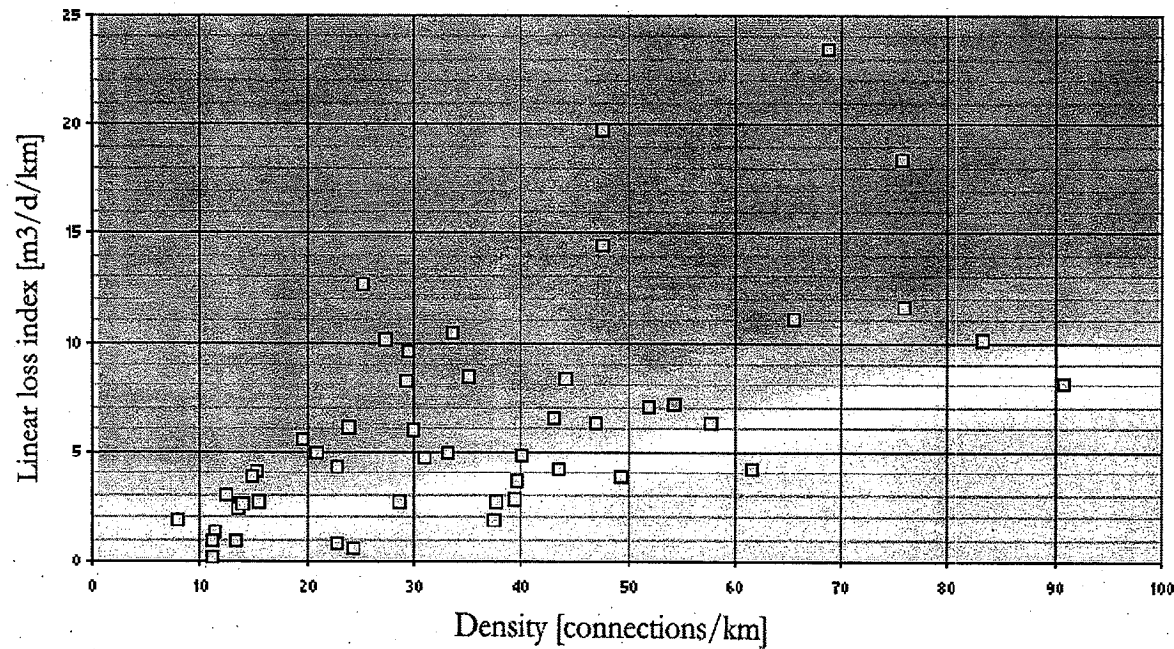
- ✓ The « model » consists of
 - a typology
 - a reduced set of indicators
 - score grids

- ✓ The « tool » will take the form of a software providing
 - Comparison among utilities
 - Expected impact - Improvement strategies (cost, time, best practice)



Methodology (2): illustration (FNCCR benchmarking study)

Unaccounted-for water



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Methodology (3): hypotheses

- ✓ The model will be determined through an iterative process, based on a consensus among stakeholders
- ✓ Lessons can be drawn from adjacent utility sectors (energy, transport)
- ✓ Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs) are a relevant reference for the EECCA region

Waterbench Work Programme (2004)

- ✓ Perform a stocktaking review (EECCA, CEECs, EU+others, cross-sector)
- ✓ Define a « base » model
- ✓ Search for additional partners :
 - EECCA countries (western NIS, Central Asia)
 - Accession countries of Central and Eastern Europe



Next steps

- ✓ Discussion of first phase results (fall 2004)
- ✓ A website (www.waterbench.net)
- ✓ The next phase (2005-2007) :
 - Data collection (EECCA, CEECs)
 - Analysis, determination of model(s) and development of the tool
 - Applications