



EU international Cooperation on Water

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The Lisbon Treaty

“*Union development cooperation policy shall have as its primary objective the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty*” (Art. 208)

“*The Union shall take account of the objectives of development cooperation in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries.*” (Art. 208)

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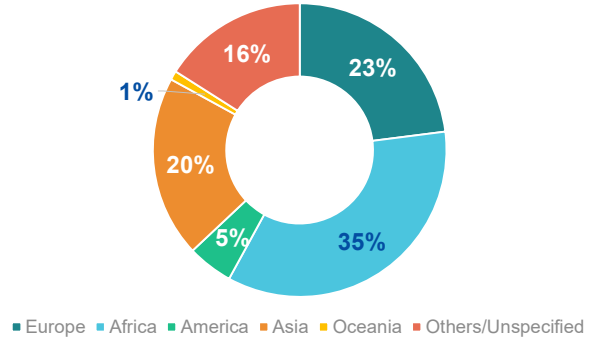
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HL(0 These both refer to art 208. can we have a single mention of it?

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External Actions 2021-27 - budget

HEADING VI: Neighbourhood and the world	Amounts (billion euro)
Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument [NDICI / Global Europe]	79.462
Instrument for Pre-accession assistance	14.162
Humanitarian aid	11.569
Common Foreign and Security Policy	2.679
Overseas countries and territories including Greenland	0.5
European Instrument for Nuclear Safety	0.3
Other	1.542
Margin	684
Total	110.597
European Peace Facility	8.000



Source: Annual Report 2022 on the European Union's instruments for financing external actions in 2021



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Spending targets NDICI-Global Europe

- at least 93% of spending under NDICI-GE to be eligible as ODA

30% for actions on climate and biodiversity



20% for human development and social services

85 % of new actions should have gender equality among the objectives and at least 5% of them as principal objective



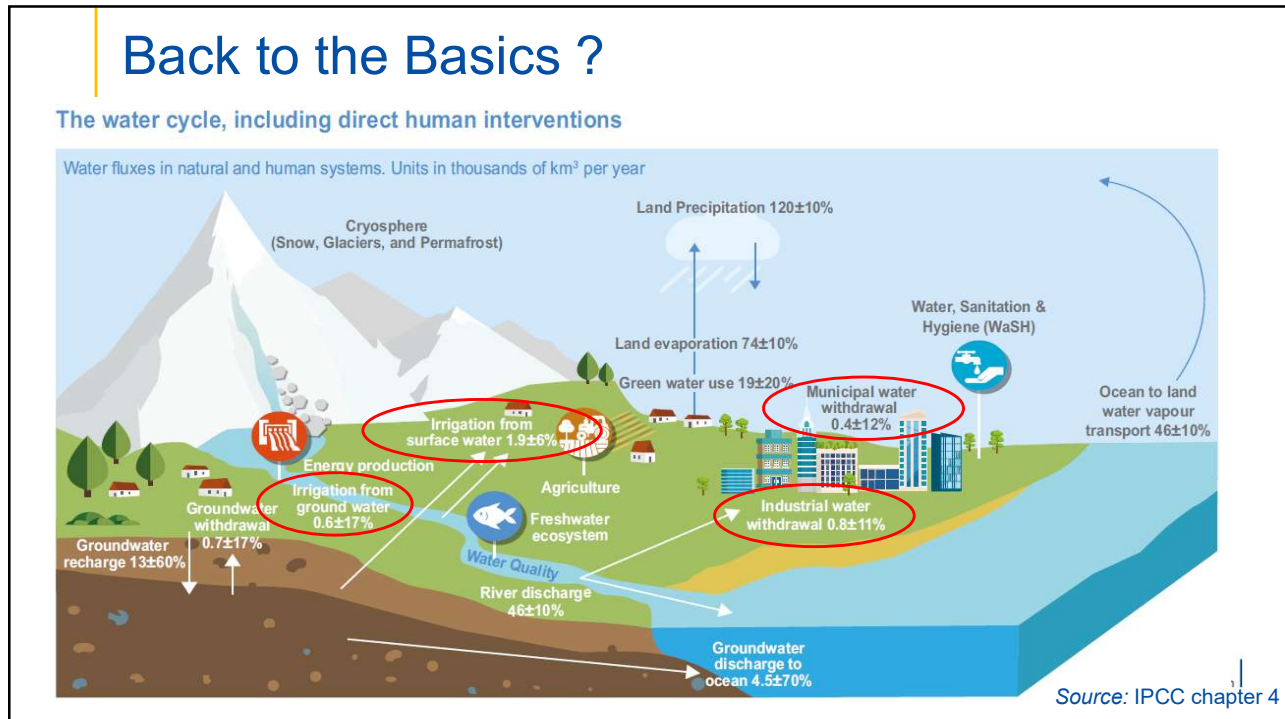
10% for actions on migration



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25% OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION FACES EXTREMELY HIGH WATER STRESS EACH YEAR

BASELINE WATER STRESS

Extremely high	High	Medium-high	Low-medium	Low	Arid and low water use
(>80%)	(40-80%)	(20-40%)	(10-20%)	(<10%)	

Time to Act

Source: wri.org/aqueduct

AQUEDUCT
 WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE

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Watersheds of the world

Legend

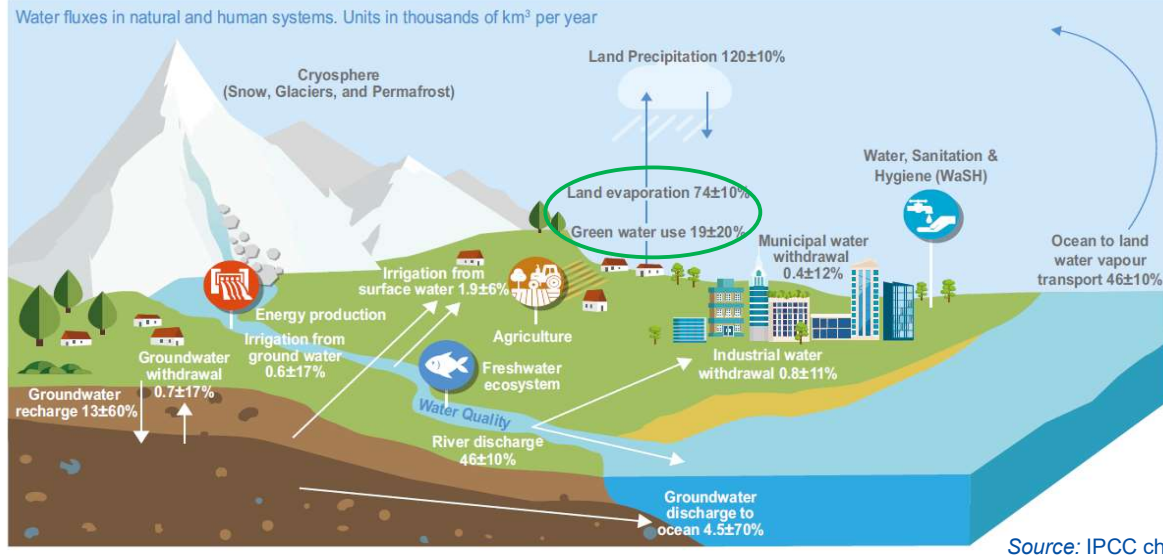
- Transboundary River Basins
- Basin Country Unit Boundaries
- Country Boundaries

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Back to the Basics ?

The water cycle, including direct human interventions



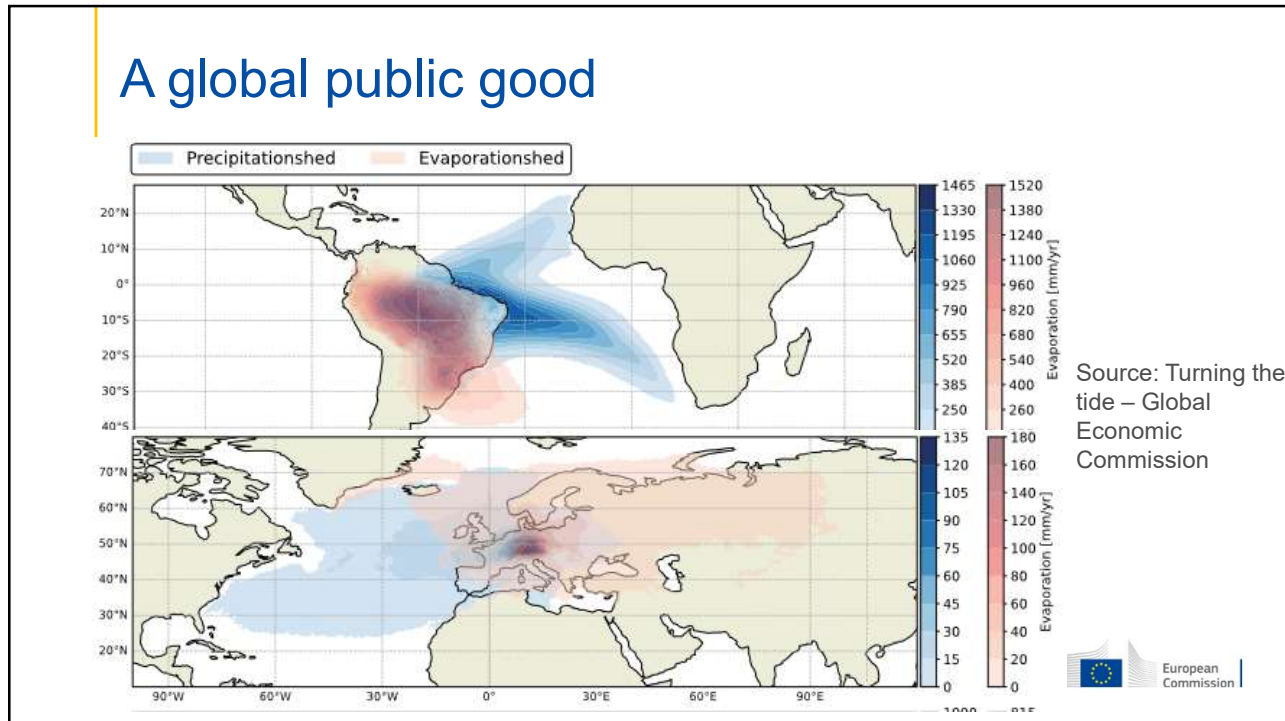
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Credit: Ricardo Beliel/Brazil Photos/LightRocket via Getty Images - Salgado Delgado

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A global public good



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Water an equality driver at risk?

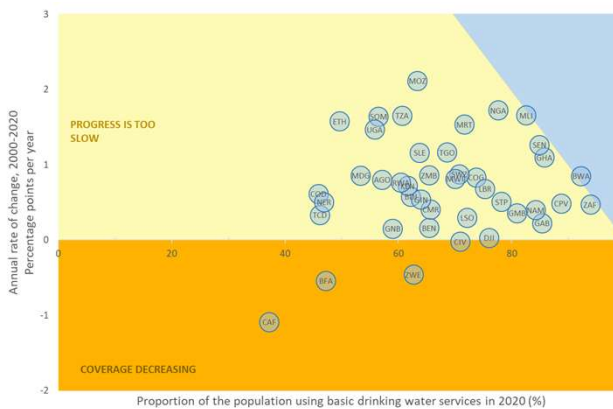


Figure W6A: Progress towards universal access to basic drinking water services (2000-2020) among countries with <99% national coverage in 2020

Source: WHO/UNICEF JMP (2021)

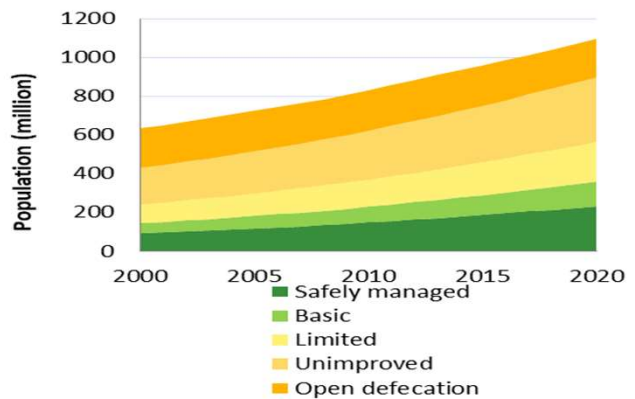


Figure: Population by sanitation service level, 2000-2020 in LDCs

Source: WHO/UNICEF JMP (2021)

Not basic raising from 489 M to 736 M



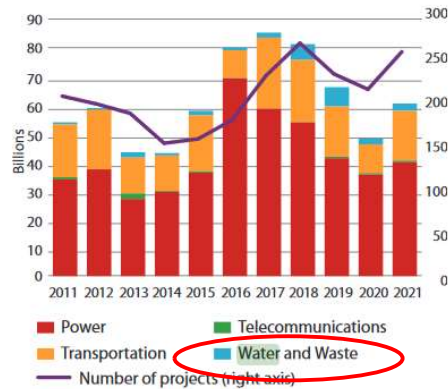
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Water finance: significant gaps



Finance needs vs. spend in major infrastructure sectors. Source: McKinsey and Company (2016)

Figure III.B.2
International project finance: financed Infrastructure deals in developing countries
(Billions of United States dollars, number of projects)



Source: Refinitiv – Infrastructure 360 database.

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“The Conference has demonstrated the central truth that water unites us all and needs to be at the centre of the global political agenda.”

Antonio Guterres



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The EU – Natural global leadership in water

- An old water diplomacy tradition
- The most advanced integrated framework for the management of the resource with the Water Framework Directive & UN Water Convention
- A champion of the human right for safe drinking water and sanitation
- EUR 3,7 billion Official Development Assistance during 2014-2020 (2,6 billion by EC and 1,1 billion by EIB)
- A very strong network of water operators, universities, and private sector actors

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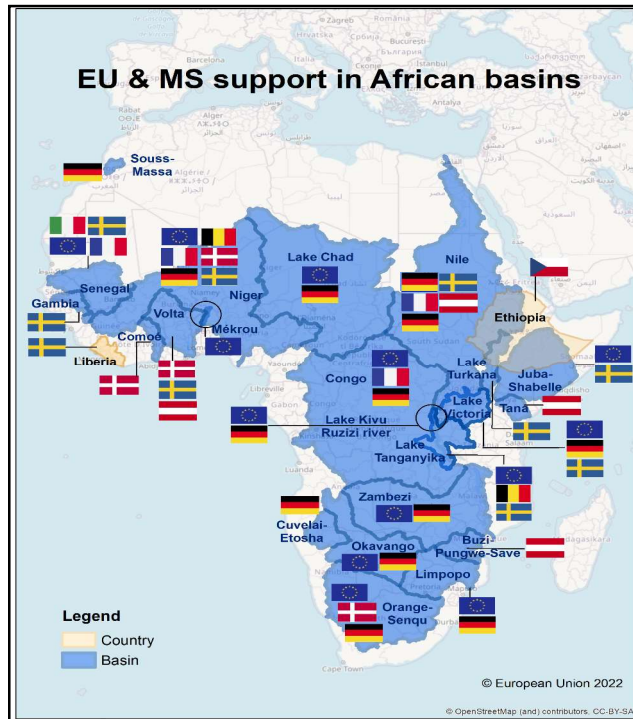
Unlocking positive changes through water

Water in landscapes – Water Cooperation

- **Integrated Water Resources Management - Cooperation**
- **UNECE Water Convention**
- Green and smart cities
- Sustainable Food Systems and Energy
- Biodiversity and forest
- Oceans and Pollution



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Team Europe

Transboundary Water Management in Africa

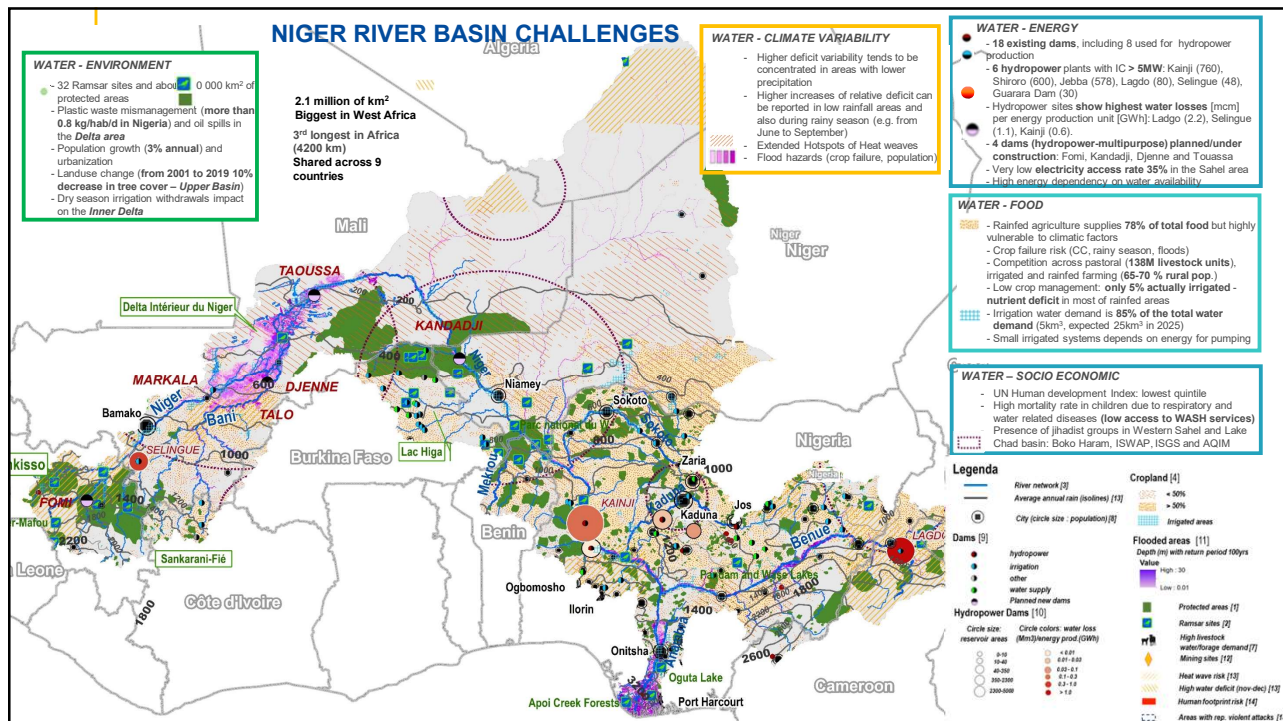
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frtQVIDy5ds>

Objective

- Support transboundary water resource management for sustainable development and regional integration



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Unlocking positive changes through water: Water for **Human Development**

- Water access, sanitation and hygiene (70 million people by 2030)
- Water in Public services (health, education)
- Water investments and governance



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EU Support To Nepal – Ending Water poverty




Iti Kuwar
Bajura
Paschim Province

It used to take us 2 hours to fetch water.

KEY INDICATORS

 611 827 inhabitants supplied with clean drinking water	 344 271 people benefiting from sustainable energy sources
 462 335 people with access to hygienic sanitation facilities	 All schools (203) provided with toilets benefiting 25 256 girls
 316 385 beneficiaries with home gardens and nutrition activities	 Girls' attendance rate in primary school increased by 50% and in secondary school by 30%



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Unlocking positive changes through water

Water for **digital science, technology, sustainable growth and jobs**

- Digital Monitoring and Management
- ACEWATER programme
- Green and smart cities
- North-South Knowledge exchanges
- Satellite applications, Copernicus, SWOT...

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Thank you

Links:
 To better understand the challenges:
<https://www.pbl.nl/en/publications/the-geography-of-future-water-challenges>
<https://turningthetide.watercommission.org/>

To Follow and understand EU Cooperation on water:
<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/public-water-and-sanitation>
https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/water/eu-efforts-global-water-agenda-beyond-un-2023-water-conference_en

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