



## What is the RésEAU?

RésEAU is SDC's water network. It aims at assuring the sector knowledge management within SDC and with its partners. The main objectives are:

- SDC and partner staff apply up-to-date knowledge in their water-related work, are connected and exchange among each other
- SDC's water profile is strengthened, coherent and trend-setting

The target group and members of the RésEAU are staff of SDC and its implementation partners active in water related projects. This includes all divisions of SDC: Cooperation with the South, Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Humanitarian Aid and the Global Programme. The RésEAU is also open to other Federal Institutions active in development cooperation for water and their implementation partners, e.g. SECO.

The RésEAU is anchored in the Global Programme Water with the network's focal point. The RésEAU core group is formed by SDC staff in Bern and in partner countries and acts as link to the regions and participates in decision making and planning of activities.

The RésEAU's main networking instruments are:

- Water Team Days, a global face to face meeting every two years
- Sub-RésEAUs: regional sub-networks (more information on the next page)
- Shareweb: the networks knowledge and exchange platform
- RésEAU Updates: frequent up-dates on news and events on the Shareweb and via email notification
- SDC Water News: a quarterly newsletter with project updates
- Virtual exchange through webinars and e-discussions

More information on the Shareweb: <https://www.shareweb.ch/site/Water/about-the-reseau>

## What are the Sub-RésEAUs?

The Sub-RésEAUs are regional sub-networks under the global RésEAU that focus on specific regions where SDC is working. The idea of regional sub-networks is that networking within a region can complement networking on global level by allowing more efficient exchange on a more detailed and targeted level.

### Regional sub-networks (Sub-RésEAUs)

#### Active

- Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America and Caribbean

#### In the process of being created

- Middle East and North Africa
- Africa

The Sub-RésEAUs are led by SDC regional advisors or other SDC staff with a responsibility for the region. The activities in the Sub-RésEAUs are planned and conducted by the members based on their specific needs.

Examples of activities include:

- Regional face to face meetings for the RésEAU members in the region. Example: Regional Water Team Days in Macedonia 2017
- Multi-network meetings with other SDC networks to explore thematic links in the specific region. Example: Meeting of Water, Climate Change & Environment, Employment and Income, Agriculture and Food Security Networks in Nicaragua 2015
- Regular exchange between National Programme Officers. Example: Quarterly skype calls of NPOs in the Western Balkan region
- Exchange between staff of implementing organisations. Example: Visit of staff from WASH projects in Tajikistan to Moldova on implementation of school sanitation
- Webinars. Example: Webinar on Water Safety Plans, pilot experience in Tajikistan, 2016
- Project visits and study tours
- Peer exchanges

## RésEAU Members January 2018 (299 members in total)

