

Innovative multi-stakeholders initiatives to promote civil society and youth



Region
Global

Partners
International Secretariat for Water (ISW) - Solidarity Water Europe (SWE)

Background information
ISW-SWE's mission is to ensure universal access to water and sanitation is a priority of sustainable and equitable development. To achieve this, an innovative, multi-stakeholder approach is crucial.

Project objectives
ISW-SWE use the latest knowledge, build partnerships and harness creativity to develop initiatives that mobilise stakeholders in favour of universal and equitable access to water and sanitation.

Beneficiaries
Civil Society, Water & Sanitation Users, Governments (local / national levels), multilateral organizations, etc.

Budget
CHF 590,000

Duration
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The International Secretariat for Water (ISW) - Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) is a non-governmental organization and a strategic international network that brings together 300 people and organizations committed to supporting the cause of water in the world. ISW-SWE advocates for the acceleration of the implementation of the human rights to water and sanitation with an integrated multi-stakeholders approach. The specificity of ISW-SWE is its capacity to decrypt not only the tendencies of the water sector but also the needs of the civil society and to develop innovative and creative multi-stakeholder initiatives that mobilise those in favour of access to water and sanitation for all, including the sustainability of water resources they depend on.

ISW-SWE challenges

- To ensure universal access to water and sanitation for all is one of the priorities of sustainable and equitable development.
- To fight for access for all to water as a source of life, democracy, peace, creativity and tradition.
- To create decentralised and cross-subsidising financing mechanisms to ensure services reach marginalised populations.
- To promote the involvement of the civil society in transboundary water management.
- To develop local climate change adaptation strategies.

ISW-SWE know-how

- The promotion and support of local knowledge and institutional capacity building.
- The promotion of local, national and continental alliances.
- The involvement of youth and their elders in the search of innovative solutions.
- The design of awareness-raising and information campaigns, which promote integrated water basin management whether on a local or international scale.
- The use of events for communication and advocacy actions.



ISW-SWE network

ISW-SWE's comparative advantage consists in its broad network that has been established since 25 years at national, regional and global levels and brings together more than 300 organizations and people. ISW-SWE works in partnership with organizations and networks from all around the world to ensure the civil society's voice is heard by the decision-makers.

The network has the capacity to decrypt not only the tendencies of the water sector but also the needs of the civil society and to develop innovative concepts and partnerships. ISW-SWE's activities include advocacy, awareness-raising and information campaigns, communication, field projects as well as youth initiatives.

Youth – specific focus of SDC's contribution

SDC's contribution specifically aims to strengthen ISW-SWE's youth activities. This includes the development of a youth strategy, support to regional mobilization processes and the World Youth Parliament for Water aiming at empowering young people to engage in water issues. For example, SDC provides grants to assist the European Youth Parliamentarians for Water in implementing youth-led water projects in their own countries.

Additional information:
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