



Report from the
**Working group on
“Water relations & Irrigation”**

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Bologna, 2013 annual WG meeting: programme

Thursday 7 Morning:

- Round-table of the teams represented.
- Responses received on "main needs and problems encountered in our regions and topics for research"
- Exchanges on the different contributions

Thursday 7 Afternoon:

- *Meeting with Jacques Dasque, chief administrative officer of the ARELFH*
- Open discussions on 1) opportunities for financial supports, 2) the role of our WG within the EU fruit chain and Horizon 2020 (i.e. EIP agriculture)

Friday 8 Morning:

- -Summary of the different contributions and open discussions on scientific and applied research objectives with special focus on writing a research topic
- - Future plans
- -Short discussions on the name of the group

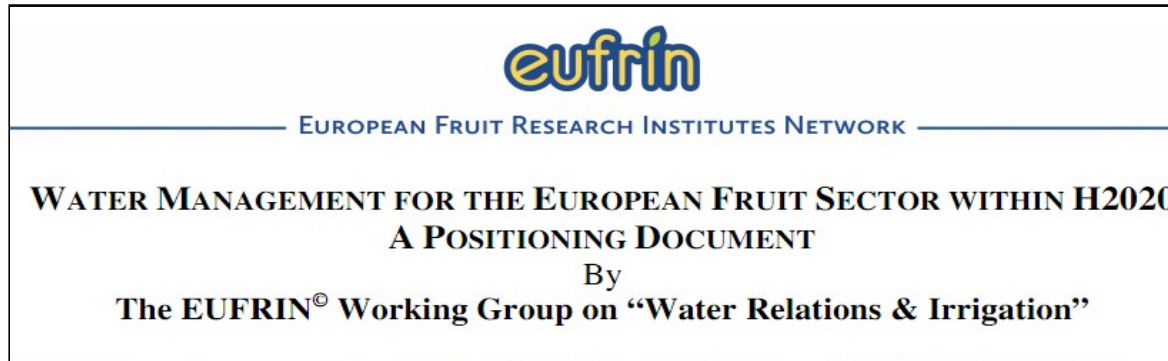
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main outputs

- A summary of the **shared problems/situations** related to orchard water management and irrigation in EU was drawn by the WG.
- This summary represented the basis for the **H2020 topic** preparation.
- **Jacques Dasque (AREFHL)** suggested the WG to write a **positioning document** describing the main **water-related issues** the fruit sector is called to face and to ask for **stakeholders endorsement** from different countries.
- This document could serve as catalyser to form a network of **Operational Groups** on water-related issues within the **EIP Agri**.

The last steps....

- Bologna 7-8 Nov. 2013: annual WG meeting
- 9 Dec 2013 : Positioning Document ready



- February 2014 : About 30 stakeholders endorsements collected from 7 EU/ExtraEU countries
- March 2014: H2020 topic submitted to the EUFRIN board along with the list of stakeholders endorsements

and the next ones....

- Lleida 4-5 February 2015: next WG annual meeting
- The WG will meet the Spanish NCPs for EIP Agri and EIP Water