

INTERNATIONAL SCHELDT COMMISSION (ISC) COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE DE L'ESCAUT (CIE)



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2. Public participation in the International Scheldt Commission

- A national or regional competence (**subsidiarity**).
- Since 2003, ISC welcomes intergovernmental and non-governmental **observers in all technical work meetings and plenary**.
- Stakeholders and civil society are implementing **together** ISC task





3. The Youth, ourselves and our future

a) WHY ?

- A young (18-26) => **3 generations** (him+ classes, Parents-**WE**, **Future**=his children)
- **active & IT ambassadors** for water
- **Preparation for global change**, water governance and adaptation to climate change
- transmit know-how and values for water (**water culture**)





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b) Actions:

- Involve young in **participatory management** : projects, twinning, ...
- Encourage **exchanges** through various consultative bodies
- Strengthen partnership with **elected** people
- Enable young people to get a **water culture**, to express themselves
- **innovate** to meet the water stakeholders needs of today
- To train **tomorrow's water elite** ► eg **Pilot: Young Water Solutions**



4. The Parliament of the young citizens of the Schelde (PJCE)

a) Quick history of the Scheldt Youth Parliament

- Exists since 2007, fruit of a partnership with the Water agency Artois-Picardie, NGO Goodplanet Belgium and the International Commission of the Scheldt.
- 20 members & Action Plan and Charter in 2008

Goals: Develop citizenship, common identity & environmental awareness

How? Educational projects, meeting decision makers, support youths in projects





4. The Parliament of the young citizens of the Schelde (PJCE)

b) Realisations: Support youths' projects

- WAW: Water Awareness Solutions
- Water, a vital resource
- Step By Step
- Escout à la carte
- Young Water Solutions
- → identify, encourage and connect youths to develop their own projects





5. A spreading tool

The youth authorities : a successful tool!

Regional Youth Parliament for water,

- ✓ bassin Artois-Picardie Created in 2003

The European Youth Parliament for Water

- ✓ Network created by GOODPLANET/GREEN & Solidarité Eau Europe 1998

The World Youth Parliament for Water (2012)

- ✓ *"To make the voice of youth for water heard in international conferences dedicated to water."*

American, south-Asia, North-African,...Youth Parliaments

- ✓ Created after World Water Forum of Marseille





CONCLUSIONS

SOME ADDED VALUES OF the Youth parliaments bring:

- A **MULTILEVEL** ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
- **ENERGY** to Everyone
- A **RENEWAL** of our way of thinking/doing
- A BETTER **UNDERSTANDING** of waterpolicy
- A **FUTURE** for our water policies
- The **FUTURE WATER ELITE**

=> A MORE SUCCESSFUL & SUSTAINABLE PARTICIPATION

Questions?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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