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On 28 and 29 January, the FP7 project DESSIN kicked off in Brussels. DESSIN is part of the recently launched 50 M€ Water Innovation Programme of the EC. The four-year project addresses the Ecosystems Services concept to boost innovative solutions in the water sector. This novel approach adds socio-economic and environmental aspects to the traditional technological assessment of innovations. DESSIN is centered around carefully selected sites in Germany (restoration of the heavily modified Emscher River), Norway (pollution of Hoffselva River near Oslo), the Netherlands (underground fresh water storage in brackish aquifers between Amsterdam and Rotterdam to store water for the horticultural sector), Greece (sewer mining for water reuse in Athens) and Spain (underground storage of water in the Llobregat River Delta near Barcelona). The demonstration sites support cost-efficient of the WFD and provides solutions for water scarce areas. WssTP's member IWW Water Centre (Muelheim an der Ruhr) coordinates with DESSIN. Other WssTP members involved are Amphos21, CETaqua, DHI, KWR, NTUA, SINTEF and Oslo Kommune. Furthermore, WssTP director Durk Krol is member of the Project Advisory Committee of DESSIN. For more information on DESSIN project, please contact **David Schwesig**.

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