

XEROCHORE

**SURVIVING A
DROUGHT**

**An Exercise to Assess Research Needs
and Policy Choices in Areas of Drought**

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XEROCHORE project



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Objectives

- To synthesize knowledge on physical causes, human influences and impacts
- To compile a roadmap on research needs and steps forward to fill them,
- To provide guidance for policy makers and stakeholders in drought management,
- To initiate a platform (i.e. extended European Drought Centre EDC) of drought related research and policy making

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Web site

<http://www.feem-project.net/xerochore>

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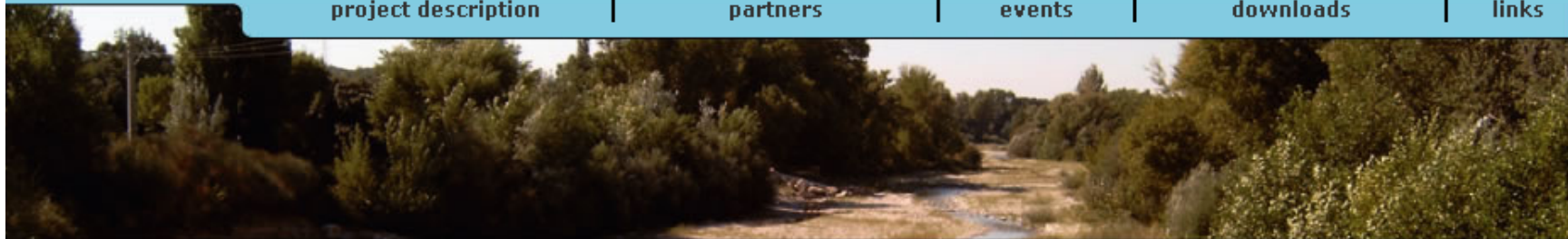
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XEROCHORE NEWS



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2nd Xerochore Workshop
5-7 October
2009, Venice
Italy

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XEROCHORE is a Support Action aimed at assisting in the development of a European Drought Policy in accordance with the EU-Water Framework Directive (EU-WFD).

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XEROCHORE is a Support Action founded by European Commission under the FP7 - Theme 6, Environment (Including Climate Change)

XEROCHORE SA (An Exercise to Assess Research Needs and Policy Choices in Areas of Drought) aims to mitigate and to adapt to droughts, and hence reduce the risks they pose in Europe.

XEROCHORE SA compiles a roadmap that comprises of:

- 1) a state-of-the-art review and identification of the research gaps in the natural system, in impact assessment, in policy-making and in integrated water resources management, and
- 2) an assessment of the possible impacts of droughts and guidance on appropriate responses for stakeholders.

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European Drought Centre

<http://www.geo.uio.no/edc/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the European Drought Centre (EDC). The header features the EDC logo and the text "EUROPEAN DROUGHT CENTRE" over a background image of a coastal landscape. A navigation menu on the left lists various sections: Home, EDC, Drought, Resources, Europe Today, World Today, EDC Archive, Downloads, Links, References, Activities, Events, Projects, Network Groups, Organisation, Core-Group, Members, Joining, and Contact. The main content area is titled "Home" and contains a paragraph describing the EDC's mission. Below this is a section titled "EDC NEWS" with several news items, including a call for abstracts for the FRIEND 2010 conference and reports from UNESCO and WATCH workshops.

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EUROPEAN DROUGHT CENTRE WEBSITE

The European Drought Centre (EDC) is a virtual centre of European drought research and drought management organisations to promote collaboration and capacity building between scientists and the user community. The long term objective of the centre is to enhance European co-operation in order to mitigate the impacts of droughts on society, economy and the environment. Although the EDC primarily has a European dimension, it will also link with other international projects, organisations and experts outside Europe. You are invited to sign up.

EDC NEWS

- **FRIEND 2010: Sixth World FRIEND Conference in 2010. Global Change: Facing Risks and Threats to Water Resources, Fez, Morocco, 25-29 October 2010. Call for abstracts (deadline 30 September 2009).**
› [First call for papers and provisional registration \(pdf\)](#)
- **XEROCHORE library with references on on drought management and mitigation**
- **Conclusions and Recommendations (pdf): UNESCO EURO-FRIEND International Workshop on Low Flow and Drought, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, 10-12 November 2008**
- **Report (pdf): WATCH International Summer School on Hydrological Drought and Global Change, ICTP, Trieste, Italy, 22-27 June 2008**

7. Purpose of The Meeting Today

- To share the scientific work we have undertaken through XEROCHORE with the policy community
- From a shared understanding of the issues, to advise the EU Drought Policy.
- To use the lessons learnt from the exchange of ideas to finalise our policy guidance documents and policy briefs.

8. Purpose of The Meeting Tomorrow

- To share the scientific work we have undertaken through XEROCHORE with the wider scientific community.
- To discuss the scientific and policy-related work being undertaken on drought by other researchers.
- To use the lessons learnt from the exchange to finalise our guidance documents.



Thank you for your attention