

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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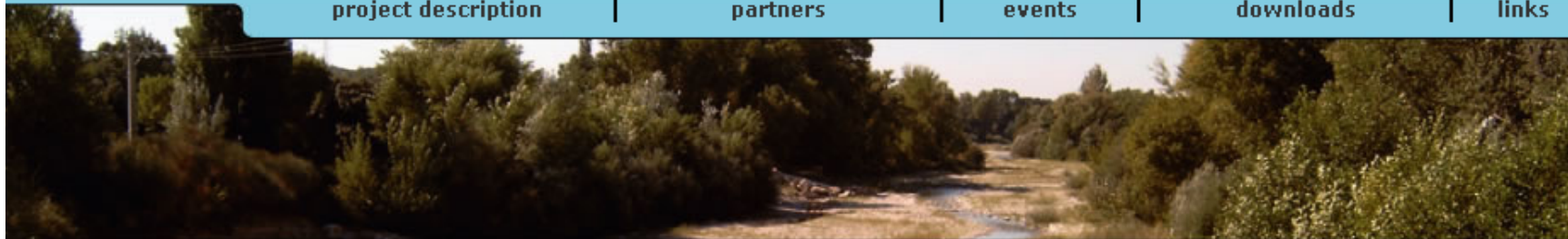
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XEROCHORE NEWS



04/09/09

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

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WELCOME TO XEROCHORE WEB SITE

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). At the top left is the EDC logo, which consists of a stylized tree icon above the letters 'edc'. To the right of the logo is the text 'EUROPEAN DROUGHT CENTRE' in a large, serif font. Below this is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, EDC, Drought, Resources, Europe Today, World Today, EDC Archive, Downloads, Links, and References. Under 'Activities:', there are links for Events, Projects, and Network Groups. Under 'Organisation:', there are links for Core-Group, Members, Joining, and Contact. The main content area is titled 'Home' and features a sub-header 'EUROPEAN DROUGHT CENTRE WEBSITE'. The main text describes the EDC as a virtual centre for research and management, aiming to promote collaboration and capacity building. It mentions the long-term objective of enhancing European co-operation to mitigate drought impacts. A 'Home' button with a house icon is located in the top right of the main content area. Below the main text is a section titled 'EDC NEWS' containing three news items: 1. '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)'. 2. 'XEROCHORE library with references on on drought management and mitigation'. 3. 'Conclusions and Recommendations (pdf): UNESCO EURO-FRIEND International Workshop on Low Flow and Drought, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, 10-12 November 2008'. 4. '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