

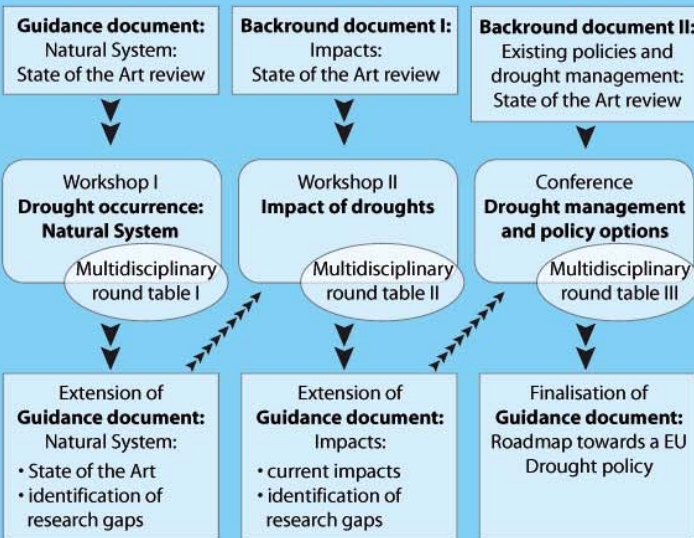


KEY EVENTS

Workshop I on Drought Occurrence – Natural system

Workshop II on Impacts of Droughts

Workshop III / Conference on Drought Management and Policy Options



CONSORTIUM

- Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Italy
- Wageningen Universiteit, (WU), the Netherlands
- Water Management Center GbRWMC, Germany
- Universitetet i Oslo (UiO), Norway
- Ministero dell'Ambiente, della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare (MATTM), Italy
- Ministerio de Medio Ambiente (MMA), Spain
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), UK
- National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece
- DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission (JRC), EU
- Centre National du Machinisme Agricole, du Genie Rural, des eaux et des Forets (CEMAGREF), France
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), NGO

EXTENDED NETWORK

The project network consists of over 80 organizations including research institutes, universities, ministries, water management organizations, stakeholders, consultants, international organizations and programmes.

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




The European Drought Centre (EDC) is a virtual centre of European drought research and drought management organisations to promote collaboration and capacity building between the research community, water managers, policy makers and the wider public. The EDC guarantees that the outcome of the XEROCHORE project, in particular the network of drought experts, will remain beyond the lifetime of the project.

You are encouraged to become member of EDC, please visit <http://www.geo.uio.no/edc/>

Figure 1. Subsequent development of the guidance document and roadmap to contribute to development of an European drought policy using continuously updated text documents (rectangles), wider expert presentations during the scheduled sequence of 2 workshops and 1 conferences (rectangles with rounded edges) and the round table discussions (ovals) during the conferences, enabling a synthesis and common agreement between core group members and invited experts (numbers of associated deliverables and milestones are given).

Do you want to know more?
Further information are available at
<http://www.feem-project.net/xerochore/>

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PROJECT PRESENTATION

In recent years large parts of Europe suffered from extreme drought, a phenomenon that may become more frequent and more severe as a consequence of climate change. If not addressed properly, the socio-economic and environmental impacts of droughts will be huge.

To inform European Drought and Climate Adaptation policies, the Xerochore will assess the existing knowledge about the physical causes, intensity, spatial and temporal patterns of droughts, and their social, environmental and economic impacts. Furthermore, it will develop a catalogues of demand- and supply-side policies to manage droughts.

To this end a series of expert workshops, roundtable discussions and stakeholders consultation will be organised. A Core Group will synthesise the collected knowledge and produce Guidance Documents for drought management.

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XEROCHORE AIMS TO

Provide policy-relevant knowledge about droughts' physical causes, economic and social impacts and future trends,

Set out a long term vision on research and pro-active European Drought policy,

Assist development of drought management plans in connection to the Water Framework Directive,

Further extend the drought experts' network established under the auspices of the European Drought Centre (EDC, <http://www.geo.uio.no/edc/>)

Initiate permanent platform for research and policy dialog on droughts

