

## The CatchMod Toolbox: Easy and guided access to ICT tools for Water Framework Directive implementation





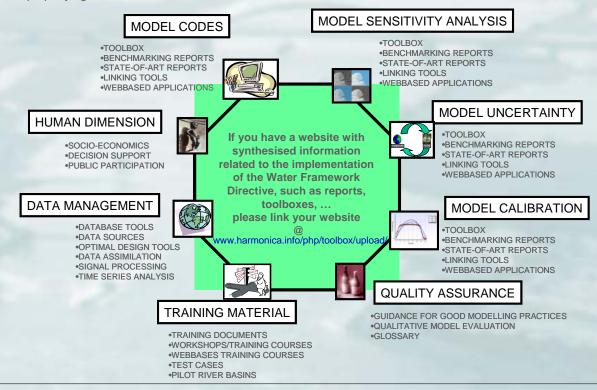
In order to support the implementation of the Water Framework Directive, the **European Commission has** established a cluster on Integrated Catchment Water Modelling (CatchMod). The objective of this cluster is the development of common methodologies for the integrated management of water at river basin or sub-basin scales, including the interface to the coastal zone. Within the CatchMod cluster, the project Harmoni-CA has the objective to create a forum for unambiguous communication, information exchange and harmonisation of the use and development of ICT-tools relevant to integrated river basin management, and the implementation of the WFD. Harmoni-CA is a large-scale concerted action, meaning that it does not carry out a research project, but synthesised available knowledge with the help of Harmoni-CA are meetings and

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The CatchMod TOOLBOX is a product of the Integrated Catchment Water Modelling (CatchMod) cluster that is established by the European Commission in order to support the implementation of the Water Framework Directive.

The specific clustering activities (identification of complementarity issues and elimination of potential overlaps, common workshops and dissemination activities, etc.) are discussed in the context of the HARMONI-CA concerted action. One of the tasks of the Harmoni-CA project, is defined within Harmoni-CA Work package 2 "TOOLBOX". The objective of the "Toolbox" is to provide easy and guided access to approved (benchmarked) ICT-tools necessary for the development of River Basin Management Plans in the form of an open, flexible, scientifically sound toolbox for present and future integrated, harmonised ICT-tools. Easy access is not limited to technical access to resources through a web-site but also includes training material, demo case studies, protocols dealing with conditions for utilisation, rights of ownership, intellectual property rights and finance.



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