



# 9th European Conference on the Implementation of the Water Framework Directive – Europe INBO



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### **REMOC, EIC and Irrigators Communities**

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## National Spanish Federation of Irrigators Communities (FENACORE)



- Founded on 1.955
- Non-profit association
- The Unique official representative of the irrigation of superficial and ground waters
- With political independence
- Represents more than 50 % of the Spanish irrigation. ( 2 M Ha of irrigation and + 700.000 irrigators).
- Founder member of the Euro Mediterranean Irrigators Community (EIC)

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# Euromediterranean Irrigators Community (EIC). Objectives

1. To represent the members and the European irrigation at the European Union and its Institutions facilitating the participation of the users in water policies of the European Union,(impacts of the EU Water Framework Directive).
2. To represent the members before International Organizations and Associations related to agriculture, water and irrigation.
3. To study the relations between agriculture and the environment favouring its coexistence and promoting the diffusion the benefits and the positive externalities of irrigation for the environment.
4. Technologies and methods that allow to improve and to solve problems in touch with the conservation and protection of the soil, territory and natural resources (R+D+i).
5. To favour the information exchange on irrigation among member countries: irrigation and distribution methods; improvement and modernization of irrigation systems...

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## REMOC – EIC collaboration

- Workshop on “Capacity building on Integrated Water River Management and Irrigation”. Istanbul, 11-13 October 2004
- Several meetings in different countries and Collaborations together with the GWP-Med.....
- REMOC Expert meeting in the frame of the Spanish Congress of Irrigators Communities .Tarragona , 12 may 2010.
- EIC General Assembly in in the frame of the Spanish Congress of Irrigators Communities .Tarragona , 14 may 2010
  
- **MORE COLLABORATIONS IN THE FUTURE!!**

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# Importance of the Irrigators Communities

- Irrigators Communities are Public Law Corporations , assigned to the River Basin Districts
  
- They are a grouping of all the owners of an irrigation area and the other water users, which bind to common and public self-government of waters in a non-profit way.
  
- They permit management and distribution of water for irrigation and the other water users.
  
- The norms on water distribution are based on the Common Law.

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# Objectives of Irrigators Communities

- o Distribution and regulation of granted waters, binding to the norms sanctioned by Public Authority and elaborated by the users themselves.
  
- o Existence of common properties and related equipment, such as:
  - Water (generally with one or several common outlets).
  - Transport and distribution hydraulic networks.
  - Right-of-ways caused by the works.

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## Advantages of the irrigation administrative management in Irrigators Communities

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1. **Independence. The Irrigators Communities must be politically independent.**
2. **Versatility and flexibility of its structure and operation, able to adapt to different types of irrigation:** traditional or new ground or surface waters, an abundance or scarcity of resources
3. **Irrigators Communities do a great job for the Civil Service, managing and pacifying the water use.**

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4. The nature of the Communities of Irrigators as **Corporations of Public Right** is a kind of prolongation from the Water Bodies to the users.
5. **Allow users to participate** in governing bodies, management and participation of the River Basin assuming responsibility.
6. **Make easier the collection** of the operational and exploitation water costs for the Government.

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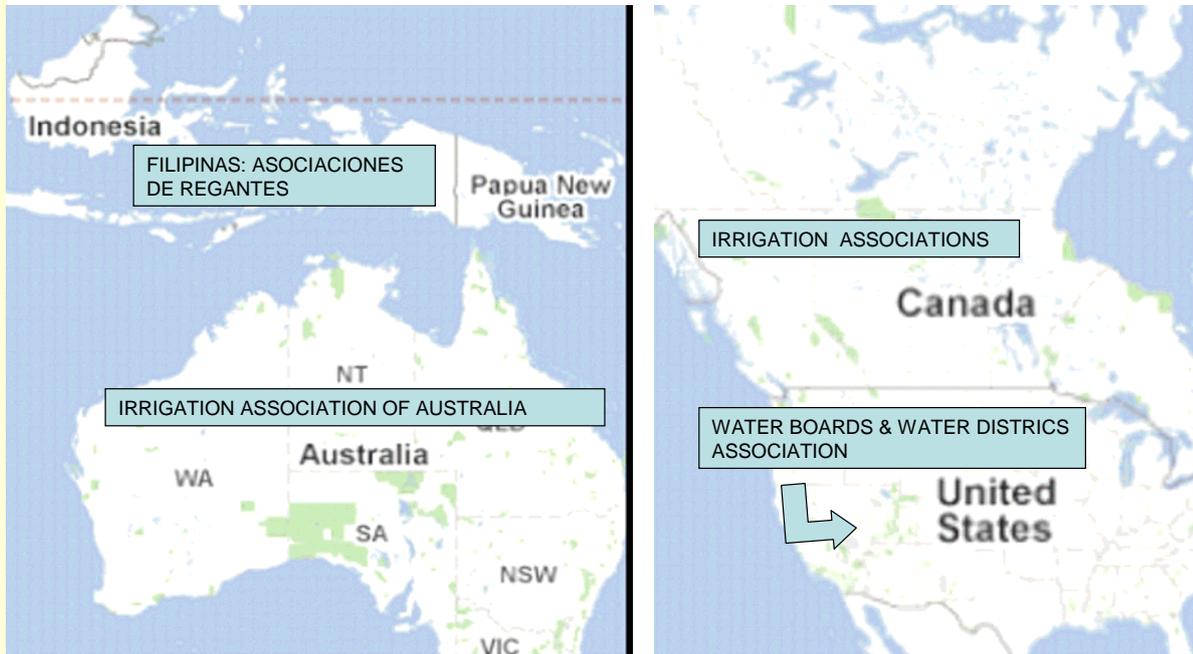
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7. **Control and limit the abuses in the use and administration of water** under the control of the Community which watch over the general interest.
8. **Allow law enforcement to the daily management of water**
9. **Make easier water management, distributing equitably, and pacifying the water use.**
10. **Flexible, open and democratic Model.**

## The institutional organization of the Irrigation on the world



# Australia and North America



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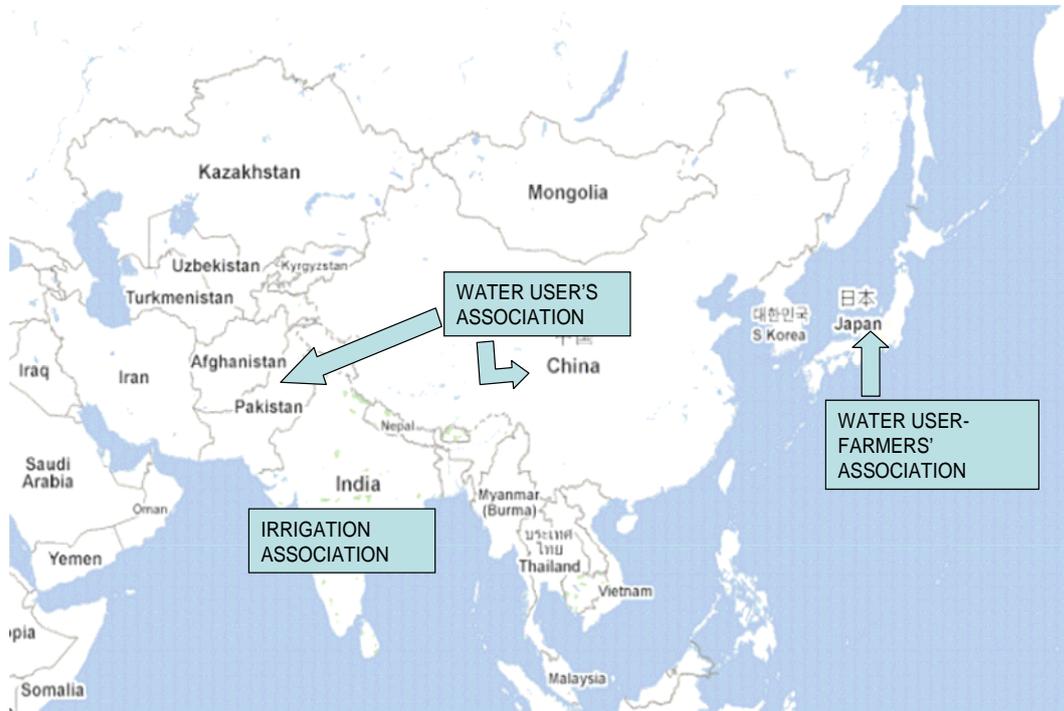
# Central America



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# Asia



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