

2-day workshop - Public Participation theory and methodology for the sustainable management of groundwater

2-3 February 2016

Location: ISEG - University of Lisbon, Rua do Quelhas nº 6

Rooms: 302-STAPLES, 305-IAPMEI, 306 and 308 - Quelhas Building

Trainers : Marta Varanda, Sofia Bento, Maria Helena Guimarães

Contextualization : this two day workshop fits/addresses the learning objectives of the following thematic areas included in the MS Programme in Groundwater and Global Change - Impacts and Adaptation : TA5 – Integrated river basin and water resource management; TA7: Groundwater, society and policies; TA8 – Groundwater in adaptation to global change. It is based on the rationale that the participation of society is a requisite for sustainable development.

The main learning goals of this workshop are:

- a) To improve understanding of the relevance and the challenges related to public participation in water governance processes
- b) To teach/illustrate participatory methods and tools useful for addressing complex issues in water governance processes; and
- c) To develop interpersonal and reflexive capacities required for engaging and leading participatory water governance processes.

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2nd of February

9h30: Presentation: trainers + agenda

9h40: Students presentation with an Ice breaker exercise

9h45: Contextualization of the ice breaking exercise as an introduction to participative methodologies

10h00: Brainstorming on the understanding of participative approaches for water management.

10h30: Introduction to public participation in water governance (big picture) and participative methodologies

11h00: Coffee break

12h00: Pros and cons of participative and transdisciplinary approaches in the management of groundwater (Breaking into groups)

13h00: Lunch

14h15: Energizer

15h00: Presentation of the group work – pros and cons of public participation –and group discussion

15h45: Coffee break

16h00: Presentation of AQUIMED research project

17h00: Wrap up

3rd of February

9h30: Systemic approach: 2 case studies

11h00: Coffee break

11h20: Construction of a conceptual model characterising the current situation of groundwater and global change (breaking up in group discussions)

13h00: Lunch

14.15: Energizer

14h30: Presentation and discussion of results of the group discussion

15h30: The participation of stakeholders in water management: challenges, pitfalls and value added

16h00: Coffee break

16h15: Back to the first day brainstorming on the understanding of participative approaches for water management.

17h00: Wrap up and evaluation