

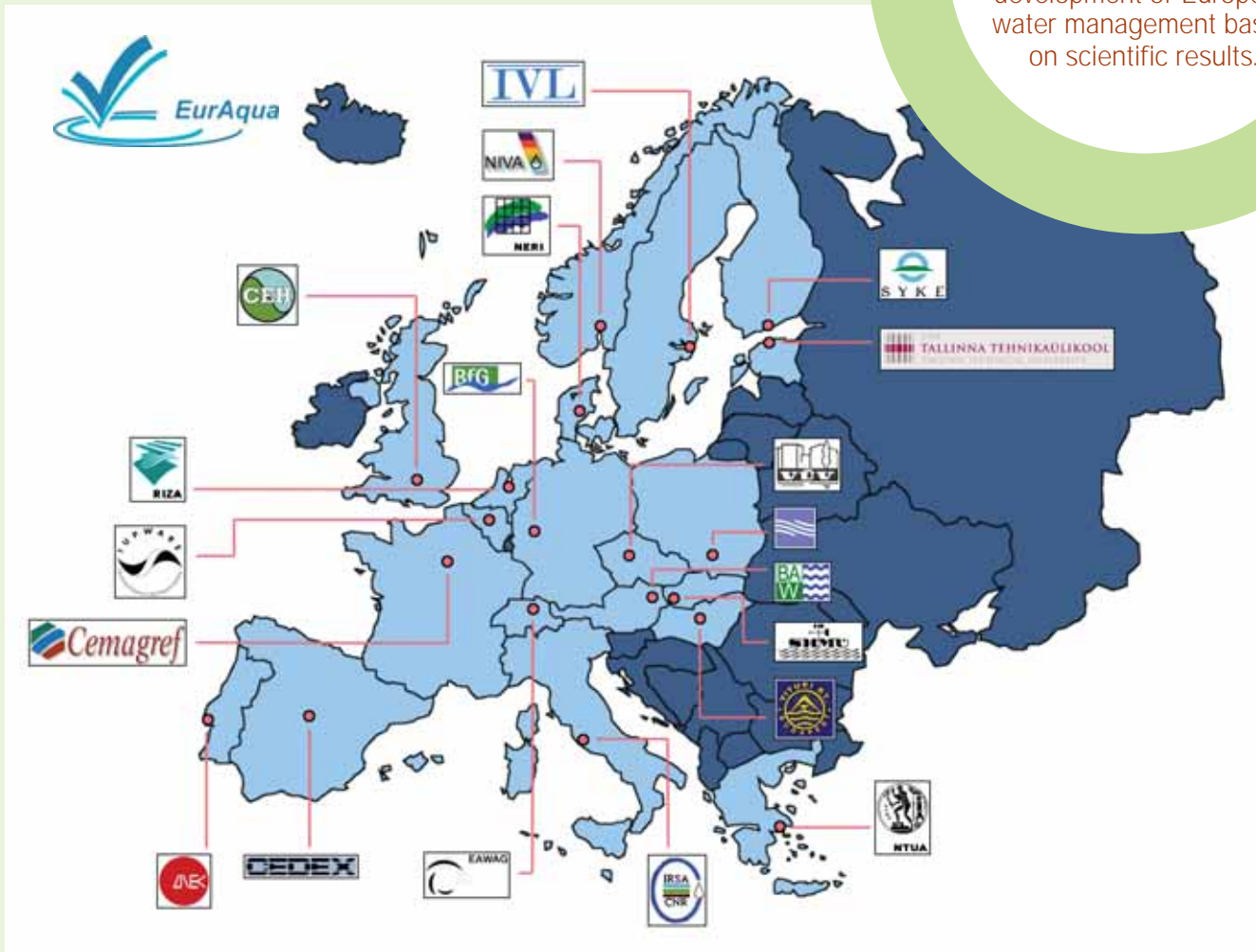
CAN WE SOLVE GLOBAL WATER PROBLEMS?

Water issues are a world-wide concern and even sources of conflicts. The challenge is to develop new knowledge of natural and societal processes affecting our waters and establish the basis for sound water resources management. New abatement strategies and solutions are needed and risks to be evaluated in order to achieve the objectives set by legislation such as the European Water Framework Directive.

The role of the scientific community is to provide knowledge, information, best available technology, experience from management practice and share this information with stakeholders throughout Europe and abroad. It is also vital to identify critical gaps in knowledge, in particular related to climate change and water, as interlinked issues of the global environment challenge.



The development of European freshwater science and its dissemination will have a significant input on the development of European water management based on scientific results.



EURAQUA AND PEER TOGETHER SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN FRESHWATER SCIENCE

Working in close co-operation, EurAqua, the European Network of Freshwater Research Organisations and PEER, the Partnership for European Environmental research address these problems in its entirety and propose technically, environmentally and economically feasible solutions.

Through their activities they

- Participate in the programming processes of the EC and the integration of European research resources*
- Support and endorse interdisciplinary research in water science
- Promote the collaboration and efficient transfer of knowledge between scientific institutions in Europe

- Sharing experience between researchers
- Provide policy support to national stakeholders and EU institutions
- Contribute to the competitiveness of the European water sector on a global scale.

* have been involved in a number of freshwater related projects in FP5 and FP6 in cooperation with other scientific partners of Europe or overseas.

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