



Panel of Experts for hydrogeology 2019 Report

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Main activities in 2019

- Dissemination activity on the past H2020 project KINDRA
- Launch of the new Working Group for the application of the UNFC (United Nation Framework Classification) on groundwater (coordinator: Marco Petitta, participants: 23 members)
- Presentation of the new Working Group Groundwater for UNFC at international conferences and meetings
- E-meetings of the UNFC working group on Groundwater for the preparation of a guidance document to be submitted to UNECE in February 2020 to be presented during the Resource Management Week in April 2020





Challenges

- Rise the relevance of groundwater to the non-technical audience, but also to stakeholders, ONG and associations
- Continue to promote the use of KINDRA inventory (EIGR) at national and international levels (publications are under preparation)
- Highlight the peculiarity of groundwater resources in the field of natural resource (UNFC classification), to demonstrate the central role of groundwater in the transition from a economic vision of natural resource (UNFC) to a sustainability approach (the future UNRM), as required by UN
- Continue to contribute to the CIS-Working Group on Groundwater promoted by the European Commission (2 meetings each year)





Outlook

- Reinforce the involvement of the Panel members (I did not promote internal meetings during 2019)
- Prepare a position paper with EFG Coordinator colleagues as previewed for 2019 (Position Paper on soil, water and climate change)
- Involve EFG in the activities previewed for 2022, when the UN have established the international year of groundwater (“Groundwater: Making the invisible visible”)
- Publish the final results of the KINDRA project (postponed due to personal difficulties in 2019)
- Presentation of a guidance document for the use of groundwater in UNFC classification system





Thank you for your attention!

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