

# D. 4.3.3: Report on the Twin2Go Policy Briefs

**Twin2Go** Coordinating twinning partnerships towards more  
Adaptive governance in river basins

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## The Twin2Go policy briefs

Two policy briefs were prepared by adelphi.

The first policy brief covers Twin2Go's main insights on *"Responding to climate change: towards more adaptive water governance systems"* and was compiled based on the project deliverable *"Synthesis Report. Context-Sensitive Comparative Analysis of Associations between Water Governance Properties and Performance in Water Management"* (Deliverable 2.3). The brief summarises the main outcomes of the governance analysis carried out within Twin2Go and provides recommendations for policy and decision makers in governments and international donor organisations that are involved in water governance reforms. It points out that polycentric governance regimes and pro-active approaches towards addressing uncertainties increase the ability to respond to climate change.

The second policy brief provides *"Lessons learned for successful transfer and implementation of better practices in water governance"* and was compiled based on the Twin2Go brochure *"Best Practices Guidelines and Tools for Knowledge Transfer and Implementation of Adaptive Water Governance"* (Deliverable 3.3). The main success precondition for water governance reforms lies in achieving adequate compatibility between the new practices and the pre-existing settings – in particular regarding legal and organisational frameworks, social organisation, and capacities. This policy brief underlines the importance of strategic planning, coordination, stakeholder engagement, and capacity development for successful transfer and implementation.

The policy brief texts were prepared by adelphi and reviewed by all project partners. The original English version was translated into Spanish and Russian. 500 copies of each policy brief (English version) were printed for distribution at conferences and workshops, the Spanish and Russian versions were disseminated via e-mail by Twin2Go project partners to relevant stakeholders and networks. PDF versions of the policy briefs in the three languages will be available for download from the project's website at <http://www.twin2go.uos.de/downloads/38-policy-briefs>.