NeWater activities aim at the development of common and integrated approaches to implement sustainable development of water resources, taking into account environmental, economic and social aspects, as well as the impact of global change on different countries and regions. It will facilitate the convergence of European and national research efforts for common approaches of sustainability and integrated vulnerability assessment, and encourage international co-operation to respond to global change issues. The focus will be on the water cycle and the development of new flexible adaptation strategies, in order to decrease vulnerabilities. NeWater will integrate socio-economic and technological aspects to provide the bases for management of water systems, to mitigate the impacts of global change.