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BOOSTER BLUE

October 2017 marked a milestone for Water Agora with the beginning of two exciting research endeavors. The first one, [BOOSTER BLUE](#), is an AXA Fellowship that takes over the research conducted in WATER INCENT to further expand its geographical scope and methods. The second one is AGRO ADAPT, a Climate KIC-funded project that aims to offer a service for policy-makers and business operators based on the methods developed in WATER INCENT and WATER AGORA. Both projects have originated as a result of the activities developed within Water Agora, and many of you are directly involved –this network is gaining *momentum* and I thank you again for your support.



[BOOSTER BLUE](#) (*Economic Instruments For Sustainable Water Management And Resilient Growth In Water Stressed Areas*) is an AXA Post-Doctoral Fellowship awarded by the AXA Research Fund. BOOSTER BLUE builds upon the research being conducted under [WATER INCENT](#). The objective of BOOSTER BLUE is twofold: 1) Link the microeconomic models developed within [WATER INCENT](#) with a Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) **macroeconomic model** to complement the estimation of the direct (through microeconomic models) impacts of the proposed instruments with an estimation of indirect impacts (through the macroeconomic model); 2) **Expand the geographical scope** of the research to validate the robustness of the (micro and macro) methodologies and assess their transferability.

AGRO ADAPT (*Service for local and economy wide assessment of adaptation actions in agriculture*) is a Climate-KIC project within the Climate Smart Agriculture Booster (CSAb). Building on the methods developed in WATER INCENT and BOOSTER BLUE, AGRO ADAPT will deliver a service able to anticipate, design, and prepare the ground for autonomous or policy induced climate adaptation to the increasing frequency and intensity of floods and droughts in agriculture. The service will (i) enable business operators (e.g. insurers) to anticipate the regional transformations of agricultural market and production, and farm holding structure; and (ii) make it possible for regional and national authorities to understand the local and cumulative effects of the farm-level adaptation to climate variability and change on regional economic output (i.e. gross added value, tax proceeds, employment) and underlying natural resource (e.g. water, land) demand.

Visiting period. I have been awarded the Giner de los Ríos visiting fellowship from the University of Alcalá and will be visiting Spain during the months of November and December. This will be an opportunity to conduct research with leading water research groups in Spain and strengthen ongoing collaboration with Spanish Water Agora partners.



Upcoming events. The Climate Innovation Summit 2016 will be held in Frankfurt, 8th November. AGRO ADAPT Project and its first results will be presented during the session on *Sustainable Land Use: Boosting Climate Smart Agriculture: Methods and Challenges*. Register for the event [here!](#)



COP22 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco, November 7 to 18. Final outcomes from the research conducted in WATER INCENT will be presented at the event. Learn more [here](#) or [make contact](#).

Results obtained in the context of Water Agora-related projects will be presented at the American Geophysical Union [AGU Fall Meeting 2016](#) to be held in San Francisco, USA, during the session *H42F: Water and Society: Water Resources Management and Policy in a Changing World I*.

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