JOINT MANAGEMENT OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES

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Finland - the land of waters:

- 187,888 lakes
- 314,000 km of shoreline
- 178,947 islands
- 22,085 springs
- 647 rivers

Water resources:
- 21,000 m$^3$/a capita
LONG TRADITION IN TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT

- Active involvement in drawing up global rules for management of transboundary waters
- The Finnish-Russian agreement dates back to 1964, the joint commission has been working for more than forty years
- The Finnish-Norwegian commission has been pioneering in transboundary IWRM with the first plan drawn up already in 1990
According to our experience:

- A firm legal and institutional base is necessary
  - well-functioning agreements and joint bodies
- Long-term commitment of cooperating institutions
- Cooperation should be developed at all levels
  - National, regional, local
Support to cooperation in the Mekong Basin
Thank you!