

1 **EFGP 3rd Congress, Berlin – Draft Resolution**

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3 4 **RESOLUTION AGAINST THE SPANISH NATIONAL WATER PLAN AND ALL** 5 **UNSUSTAINABLE WATER PROJECTS**

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8 It is becoming clear that the treatment the Spanish National Hydrological Plan receives in
9 European institutions will be the "make or break" of the recently approved European Water
10 Framework Directive.

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12 The time has come for the EU to stand firm and refuse to massively subsidise environmentally
13 unsustainable projects. This Plan is almost unanimously rejected by the scientific community
14 and creates a serious social conflict in Spain where over one million people have demonstrated
15 in the streets against it.

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17 This "supply side" plan promotes the expectation of the availability of more water for more
18 irrigated land and unlimited tourist development on the Mediterranean coast. This enters into
19 clear contradiction with the EU objectives both in agricultural policy and sustainable
20 development.

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22 Moreover, many economic experts have pointed out that the plan does not recuperate the costs in
23 water pricing, because if these costs were internalised the economic rationality of the plan would
24 be absurd.

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26 Instead of focusing on modernisation, efficiency and the management of scarcity - in a country
27 with manifest misgovernment of its water resources - the Spanish government is projecting over
28 120 new reservoirs and a massive river transfer of the Ebro River by building over 1000 km..of
29 canals along the Mediterranean coast.

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31 This plan proposes to flood beautiful inhabited Pyrenees valleys, affect dozens of protected
32 natural areas and to seriously endanger the Ebro Delta ecosystem that is one of the areas richest
33 in biodiversity in Southern Europe.

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35 The Spanish National Hydrological Plan is an irrational project of the past that ignores the latest
36 trends in water management and would be rejected by any independent expert. It is economically
37 untenable and ecologically destructive. What is at stake is the very nature of European
38 legislation and its relationship with EU funding. Billions of European tax-payers money should
39 not be spent on a project with such dubious social and environmental objectives.

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41 Therefore, we ask the III Congress of the EFGP to make the fight against unsustainable water
42 projects, like the Spanish National Water Plan, one of the priorities of green political work in the
43 coming years.

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