

Contacting authorities from another country



Writing a letter to the authorities of your partner team will enable you to show solidarity with people in other countries, who depend on bodies of water, just like you. This approach may have a strong effect on the authorities as it exhibits international awareness of the implementation of the WFD and its status in the region in question.

Session II: Writing the letter

Presentation e.g. by the group coordinator (10 min):

- Present the profile you got from your partner team. If you have not received the profile, then simply use the group profile of your partner on www.bigjumpchallenge.net and the country profile available from <http://en.bigjumpchallenge.net/157.html>

Group work 2-3 persons (20 min):

- Read example letters (they are provided as downloads).
- What do you like / is it valuable in your context?
- What would you like to change / add with regard to the information you got from your partner team?
- Optional suggestion 1: If you also followed the module “Nurturing non-violent communication in youth-expert-policy dialogues”, which changes would you make in order to respect the principles of non-violent communication?
- Optional suggestion 2: If you followed the module “Developing Slogans for the Big Jump” already, you could send along your slogan or poem.

Big group (15 min):

- Formulation of your letter

Tasks to be distributed to small groups to be completed before the next session:

- Post the letter (if possible, include a self-addressed and post-marked envelope)
- Send a copy of the letter to your partner team and the Big Jump coordinators (for example as a scan via email).
- If you are satisfied with your letter and you think that it can serve other teams as an example, you can allow the Big Jump coordinators to post it on the website as a download available for everybody.
- If you are a native speaker of any other European language, you could additionally give a big contribution to the Big Jump by translating the english letter to the authorities into your native language and forward it to the Big Jump coordinators, so that it can also be posted on the website. This will bring one extra drop for your team.
- Once you receive a response, forward it to your partner team (if possible).

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