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Public Banks, Public Water Exploring the Links in Europe



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Rationale for Research

- Massive investments needed
- Insufficient gov't spending
- Cost recovery inadequate
- Limited private sector investments

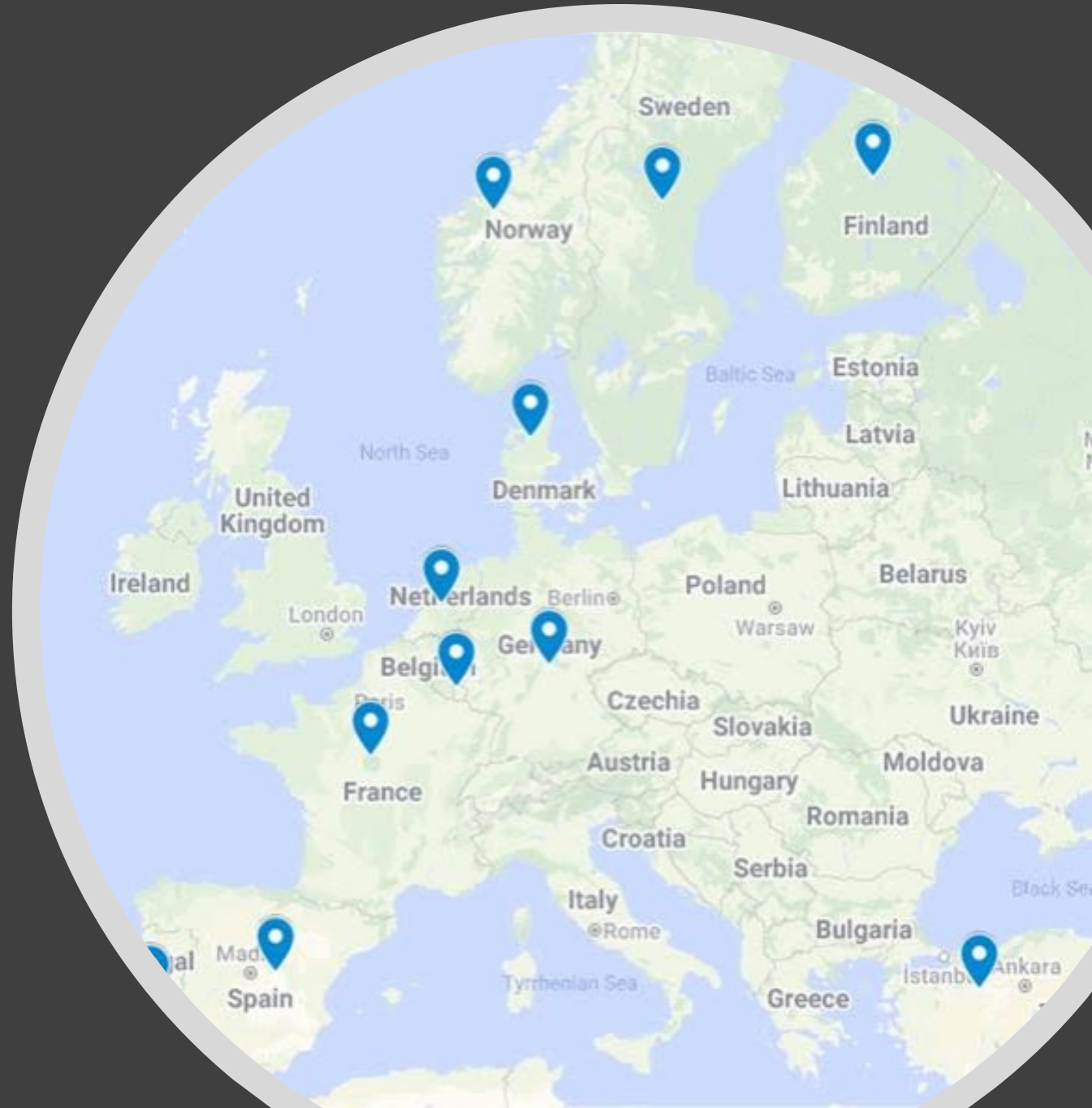
Why public banks?

- Public mandates
- History of financing public water
- Massive potential
- ...but no research



Eight case studies in the European Region

- Geographic spread
- Different types of banks
- Availability of researchers
- Links with EAPB and APE



List of Case Studies

Nordic region

- MuniFin
- Kommunalbanken
- KommuneKredit
- Kommuninvest

France

- Caisse des dépôts et consignations (CDC)
- Agence de l'Eau Seine-Normandie (AESN)

Netherlands

- Dutch Water Bank (NWB)

Portugal

- Caixa Geral de Depósitos (CGD)

Spain

- Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO)

Turkey

- Ilbank

Germany

- KfW (in Latin America)

EU

- European Investment Bank

Research methods

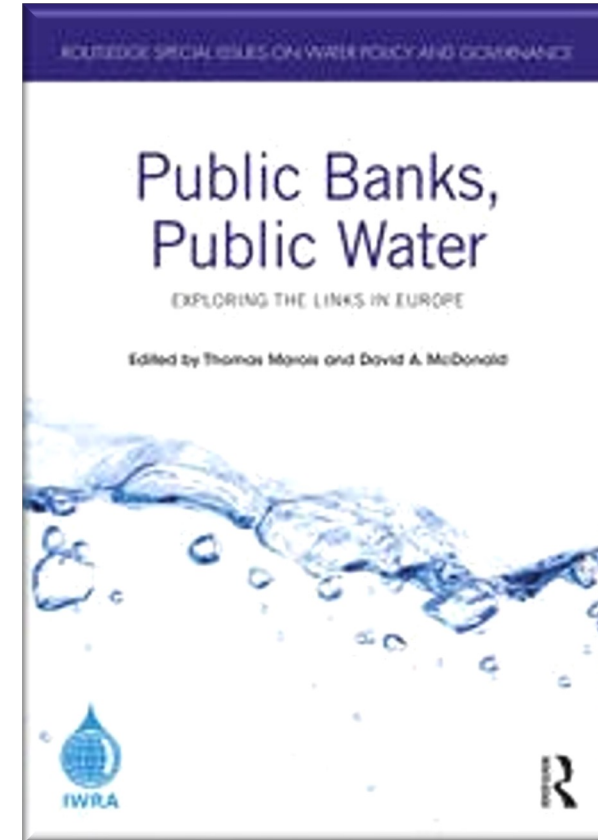
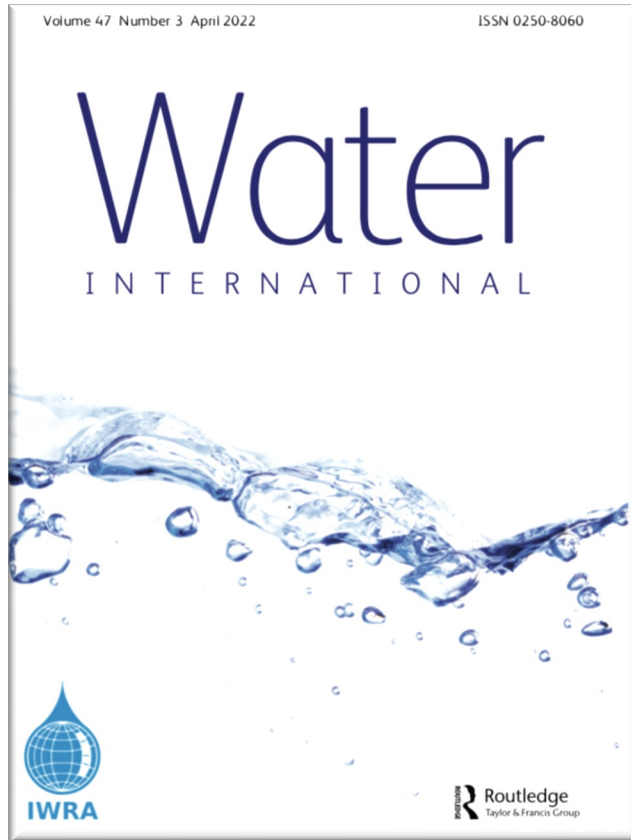
Interviews

Background documents

Planning workshops

Working with EAPB and APE

Outputs



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... the
potential

- **Patient**, low-cost, appropriate finance
- **Universal** lending to public sector
- **Democratic** ownership and governance
- **Expertise** in infrastructure
- **Pursue social mandates**
- **Collaborate** with other public banks
- **Persist** through political cycles
- **Recycle returns** back into public sectors

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... the pitfalls

- **Not a 'silver bullet'**
- Susceptible to **cost recovery models**
- **Still massive gaps in infrastructure**
- Risk of **debt traps**
- **Power of ratings agencies over public policy**
- **EU competition laws and state aid rules**

Next Phase

Public Banks + Public Water Globally

