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Entre el 14 de junio y el 14 de septiembre, la Exposición Internacional "Agua y desarrollo sostenible" en Zaragoza, mostrará a millones de visitantes la belleza y los valores de los ecosistemas del agua, así como la batería de herramientas técnicas y de gestión disponibles para aprovechar sus recursos y asegurar su conservación. Lo curioso –y a la vez lo interesante– de esta propuesta es que se produce en un contexto territorial y temporal en el que el agua levanta pasiones, pero aún estamos lejos de poder presumir de hacer una gestión sostenible de los ríos, humedales y acuíferos. Particularmente, en el Ebro, se siguen considerando infinitos planteamientos contradictorios de



Between 14 June and 14 September, the International Exhibition '**Water and sustainable development**' in Zaragoza will show millions of visitors the beauty and the values of water ecosystems, as well as the battery of technical and management tools available for exploiting their resources and ensuring their conservation.

What is curious – and in turn interesting – about this exhibition is that it is being held within a territorial and temporal context in which water is a contentious issue; yet we are still far from being able to presume that we are sustainably managing rivers, wetlands and aquifers. Regarding the Ebro River in particular, there continue to be myriad contradictory approaches made to the subject of water transfers, reservoirs, irrigation, tourist developments, the management of floodplains, ecological flows and the recovery of riverbanks. As a true reflection of these disputes, each one of these standpoints will have its own particular platform at or around the Expo, and so, in all probability, this summer promises a glut of different visions and messages.

Accordingly, the Expo's most challenging task will be to make visitors aware of the complexity of water management, as a vital resource for life and the economy and an essential component of virtually all ecosystems, which in turn provide us with major environmental services, such as, for example,