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Stefan M.M. Kuks (1961) works as senior research associate and lecturer at the University of Twente within the faculty of Business, Public Administration and Technology, in particular the Center for Clean Technology and Environmental Policy (www.utwente.nl/cstm). His research and educational work is focusing on institutional aspects of water management. Next to his university affiliation, Stefan Kuks is an elected member in the executive committee of the Waterboard Regge and Dinkel (www.wrd.nl) since 1999. He holds responsibility for the portfolio 'finance and economic affairs'.

Stefan Kuks studied Public Administration and Public Policy at the University of Twente from 1980 to 1988. He specialised in policy evaluation, policy design and policy communication. He graduated with a master's thesis on the Evaluation of Manure Policy in the Netherlands. During his study, he worked from 1983 to 1985 as junior consultant and interim-secretary on a formal evaluation of the Dutch Art Council in The Hague, as part of the project 'Reorganisation of the State Service', supervised by the Ministry of the Interior.

After his graduation in 1988 he joined the Center for Clean Technology and Environmental Policy (CSTM) at the University of Twente. From 1988 to 1989 he developed a course on Environmental Policy for the Dutch Open University in Heerlen. From 1989 to 1992 he worked as lecturer and course developer in the MBA Program 'Environmental Management' at the University of Twente. During a five-month period in 1992 and 1993 he was visiting researcher at Auburn University in the United States, with a travel grant from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO). In 1993 he became director of the MBA Program 'Environmental Management' at the University of Twente, which he continued until 2000. During the period 1990-1995 he co-authored various books in the field of environmental management in industries.

In 1993 he initiated together with prof. Hans Bressers the European research project 'European Water Supply Authorities Preventing Agricultural Pollution', which got funding from the 4th Framework Program for European Research. From 1993 to 1996 he worked as a researcher on the Dutch case study within this project. In 1995 he was a visiting researcher at the University of Florida in the United States, with a travel grant from the Netherlands Institute of Government (NOB). This has been the preliminary start for a dissertation study on water governance.

In 1999 he initiated together with prof. Hans Bressers the European research project EUWARENESS (European Water Regimes and the Notion of a Sustainable Status; www.euawareness.nl), which successfully applied for funding from the 5th Framework Program for European Research. From 1999 to 2003 he has been daily coordinator for this project, in which more than 20 researchers from six European countries participated. He was also responsible for the Dutch case study and - together with Bressers - for the comparative work. This work resulted in two international books on water resource regimes and integrated water resource management, published with Springer (Kluwer Academic Publishers) in 2004.

From 2002 to 2005 he works as co-researcher in the European research project AQUADAPT (Strategic tools to support adaptive, integrated water resource management under changing utilization conditions at catchment level: a co-evolutionary approach; www.aquadapt.net), also based on the 5th Framework Program for European Research. Since 2003 he participates in the European Cluster on the Human Dimension in Water Management, in which many European projects in the field of socio-economic research on water management cooperate.