

# DREAMPIPE II IS NOW OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

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**Dear members and partners,**

We are pleased to inform you about the launching of a **new prize competition** focusing on Non-Revenue water (NRW) reduction that may be of interest to water utilities, to consultants and NGOs that work in the water supply sector.

The competition under the denomination **Dreampipe II prize competition**, is funded by DFID, with focus on efforts to **reduce non-revenue-water** in developing countries. The cash prizes to be awarded total **GBP 1,000,000 for not more than ten (10) winners expected**.

To upload the flyer for a brief description of the contest, please click [HERE](#). Further details may be found at the Dreampipe website: [www.dreampipe.org](http://www.dreampipe.org).

Indeed, the main objective of Dreampipe II is to find ways to bring financing from non-traditional sources (i.e. not from IFIs, bilateral development agencies or governments). There is financing out there, and the top-priority NRW-reduction interventions can pay for themselves in three to seven years. The potential for more commercial financing is there, but it's not being realized.

Dreampipe II is structured as a tournament in three distinct phases, with prizes to be awarded to the winners of each phase.

- **Phase 1** (*open for applicants now*): Contestants will need to prepare a business plan (there will be up to 10 winners, for a prize of GBP 30,000 each).
- **Phase 2** will involve implementing a small NRW-reduction demonstration project in a selected water utility in a developing country.
- **Phase 3**: Contestants will need to negotiate a fully structured deal for an expansion project in the same utility company – with much of the financing coming from non-traditional sources.

The deadline to register for **Phase 1 is 15 February 2017**. We urge you to take a look at the website (and especially the Applicants' Guidance Document found there) and to consider applying – and please pass the word along to others, including consultants and NGOs who you think might be interested.