

Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)



INBO General Assembly
Debrecen - June 2007
Teodoro Estrela



KEY EVENTS

- March 2006: 5th Liaison Bureau of MENBO and participation in the IV World Water Forum celebrated in Mexico





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- 19-20 October 2006: World Liaison Bureau Meeting of the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO), **Debrecen** (Hungary)
- 5th November 2006: Organisation of a Cooperation Session on the Mediterranean and MENBO 4th General Assembly, **Athens**, Greece.
- 6-7 November: Participation in the Euro-Mediterranean Water Directors Conference, celebrated in **Athens**, Greece.
- 19-21 March 2007: Participation in the Water Demand Management, Progress and Policies regional Workshop, celebrated in **Saragossa**, Spain. MENBO elaborated the **Spanish National Report** "*Monitoring progress and promotion of water demand management policies*".
- 11-12 April 2007 Participation in the Workshop "Integrated Water Resources Management", **Tripoli**, Libya.



ON-GOING PROJECTS

“TWINBASIN” (Basin Twinning) promoted by INBO for the exchange of staff, experience and knowledge between basins

- MENBO: Leader of the working group “Twinning” and member of the Steering Committee
- Collaboration and establishment of the work methodology



- Elaboration of working documents
- Development of numerous twinings:
 - Jucar/Spain and Buzau-Ialomita/Romania.
 - Segura/Spain and Crete/Greece
 - Ebro/Spain and Moulouya/Morocco
 - Segura/Spain and National Water Research Centre/Mauritania
 - Jucar/Spain and West Aegean/Bulgaria, Sydara-Amudara/Uzbequistan.





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“MELIA”: Mediterranean Dialogue on Integrated Water Management

- Promoted by “Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas” (CSIC) and the International Center for Med. Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM-IAMB)
- Objective: create an efficient regional management of water resources under scarcity conditions and to improve communication amongst Mediterranean countries.
- Started in September 2006





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SPI-Water: Setting up a mechanism to enhance the use of RTD tools and extend the implementation of the WFD to non-EU countries

- MENBO is the leader of working group related to the EUWI (pilote river basins: Sebou, Morocco and Litani, Lebanon)
- Kick off meeting celebrated in Brussels in November 2006



**More information: www.spi-water.eu
www.wise-rtd.info**



NETWORK PROGRESS

NEW EUROPEAN PROPOSALS

- **MIRAGE**: 7th Framework Programme. Project on Temporary Water Bodies. “**M**editerranean **I**ntermittent **R**iver **M**an**A**gement”.
- **DiaFRAFF**: 7th Framework Programme. Project on Flash Floods. “**D**iagnostic **F**ramework for **R**isk **A**ssessment for **F**lash **F**loods”.



INITIATIVES

- Active participation in the EU Water Initiative (EUWI) and collaboration in the Joint Process EUWI-Med-WFD.



Elaboration of a report on Groundwater management in the Mediterranean (section on overexploitation and international cooperation).

- **MENBO** will be co-leader of the Thematic Working Group on Water Scarcity and Droughts during the 2nd Phase of the Med JP.



NEXT EVENTS

- Autumn 2007: MENBO will celebrate its 5th General Assembly, in Italy (location and exact date to be confirmed) jointly with the EUROPE-INBO next meeting.
- New president of the Network will be elected



MENBO MEMBERS

- The Network is open to all Mediterranean basin organisations, governmental administrations in charge of water management and bi and multilateral cooperation agencies that support IWRM.
- Most members: River basin organisations, Ministries of Environment and water resources
- Currently there are 29 members from 15 different Mediterranean countries.

MENBO MEMBERS



Mediterranean Countries MENBO MEMBERS

	Has members		Collaborating international organization
	No members		Contacted/ waiting replay
	Waiting Reply		Foundational member
			Member
			External observer

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Current state of recruitment members
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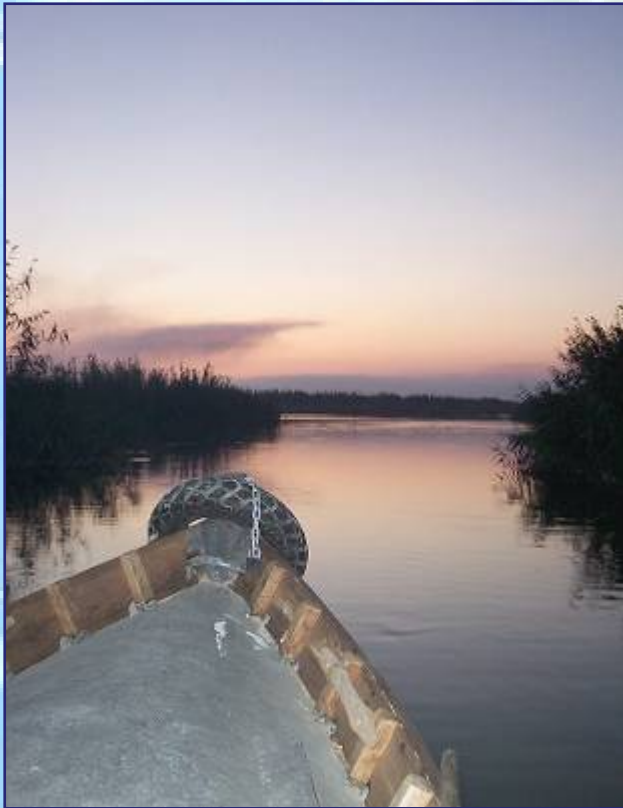
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