Thematic Process 4.5: Enhancing Education and Capacity Building

4.5.4 “Facing the changes in due time: Specific training for basin organizations”

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Role of EURO INBO in exchange of experience and dissemination of the good practices in the field – General aim and works

- The "EUROPE-INBO" group of basin organizations for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive was created in Valencia, Spain, in November 2003; it gathers European member organizations and observers from INBO.
- The work of the «EUROPE-INBO» group aims at enriching the WFD CIS with analyses coming directly from field practitioners.
- EUROPE-INBO mobilizes European Basin Organizations and District Authorities through regular meetings, to exchange on their practical approach and experience, identify operational problems, share difficulties and successes.
Role of EURO INBO in exchange of experience and dissemination of the good practices in the field - **Annual meetings**


**Dissemination of outcomes (exemples)**
- report of the outcomes to the EURO-INBO Conference
- dissemination of the outcomes to the SCG and other EU WGs
- publication.
Role of EURO INBO in exchange of experience and dissemination of the good practices in the field - Twin Basin project

- “Twin Basin project”, supported by the European Union, sponsored twinning agreements between basin organizations for exchanges between their staff (involving expertise from River Basin Organisations)

- In 4 years, the project has obtained very interesting results:
  - 41 financially supported twinning agreements,
  - more than 100 missions for the exchange of experience, involving 70 Basin Organizations from 42 countries.
Role of EURO INBO in exchange of experience and dissemination of the good practices in the field - Establishment Peer-Review Mechanism for the improvement of WFD implementation

- The Commission, in the 2012 Blueprint proposed "in the framework of the CIS, to set up a simple and voluntary peer-review system through which river basin district authorities could submit their draft RBMPs to the review by other district authorities, within the same or in other Member States".

- The objective is to set up a simple, voluntary and targeted system to allow mutual learning between peers about WFD implementation and participative river basin management planning.

- Who? Practitioners from RBDs and their competent authorities responsible for the implementation of the WFD

- How? After preliminary exchanges of information; Organising Peer Reviewer mission in a receiving CA; Reports on lessons learnt.
Agenda for the peer review project:

- on 15 September 2014, the Commission has signed a 2 years contract with a consortium in charge of setting up and coordinating the peer-review mechanism. The Peer Review Secretariat will be responsible for launching and collecting expressions of interest from RBDs and from experts to participate in the review, organisational issues, facilitating the contacts between peers, covering expenses, etc.

- November 2014: establishing the protocol to perform the peer-reviews, like a "manual of procedures".

- January 2015: call for expression of interest for both RBDs and experts is launched.
Agenda for the peer review project:

- an initial tentative timetable for first peer reviews is presented at the SCG meeting

- First peer-reviews should be performed.
- The calendar of each specific review will be set in the Terms of Reference developed by the RBDs which participate in the exercise.

- Continuation of peer reviews…
- Reports
- Lessons learnt

All materials related to the Peer review mechanism can be found on the project website: www.aquacoope.org/peer.review/
**Recommendation related to floods**

- Need of clear guidance with respect to the level of detail for measures within FRMPs.
- Closer collaboration between water and spatial planning authorities in building up FRMPs (problems caused by fragmented responsibilities and financing)
- CC will induce potential conflicts even in UE – need to have an overall approach at RB level in correlation with dialog between water professionals and experts from another fields- Role of the INBO and its regional networks & EURO INBO WG
- Transfer of knowledge and good practices from scientific / research to policy makers in an appropriate way - Role of the INBO and its regional networks & EURO INBO WG
THANK YOU!