ALBUFEIRA CONVENTION:
SPAIN’S EXPERIENCE IN TRANSBOUNDARY
COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL
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### Question 1 Area Concerned

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<th>International River Basin</th>
<th>Total Area (km²)</th>
<th>Portugal</th>
<th>Spain</th>
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<td>Area (km²)</td>
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*Area and percentage calculations for each international river basin.*
Question 2 ¿ Which were Albufeira Principles??

Legal framework for cooperation and coordination
- Environmental global protection of surface water and groundwater bodies and related ecosystems
- To guarantee sustainable water use and mitigate effects
  - floods,
  - droughts
  - water scarcity.
- Cooperation based on three principal elements:
  - Active, regular and systematic exchange of information and consultation
  - Harmonise technical, administrative and legal measures
  - Define a flow regime in international rivers
- Coordination of water management plans and programme of measures (WFD)
  - Common environmental objectives
  - Coordination of works & Programme of measures