Europe Regional Process Session Proposal Form
INR.1.3.EU: European examples and instruments for effective adaptation to climate change
Wednesday 15 April, 9h-11h
Gyeongju Hyundai Hotel, room GHH_B103
VF: 23 February 2015

1. Session

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Session title* (please kindly use media-friendly language)
European examples and instruments for effective adaptation to climate change

Session description* (180 words, please kindly use media-friendly language)

Climate change is greatly affecting water resources in Europe, with projected increases in temperature throughout Europe, increasing precipitation in Northern Europe and decreasing precipitation in Southern Europe. Extreme weather events currently have significant impacts in Europe in multiple economic sectors as well as adverse social and health effects and are expected to increase through climate change.

Reduction of snow cover and melting of glaciers will change very quickly the regime of all European rivers.

Many European countries have already or are in the process to develop adaptation plans and strategies. However, it remains challenging to apply these general instruments and implement them on the ground, especially in transboundary context in order to decrease vulnerability of water-related sectors and communities. In addition, funding for adaptation is lacking. The session will therefore review good practice examples on adaptation in water sector, in particular in transboundary context and also cases where the general policy instruments have helped to decrease vulnerability on the ground. This will help to identify success factors, funding opportunities and other relevant lessons learnt. For the EU Member-states, adaptation measures must be introduced in all their Basin Management Plans before December 2015 to be implemented during the next EU planning round 2016 – 2021. Specific European policy instruments which can support climate change adaptation such as the UNECE Water Convention, the EU Water Framework and Floods Directives, the European Adaptation Strategy or the Blueprint on the Future of European Waters and the EC’s Natural Water Retention Measures will be discussed.
## Session schedule in detail (Insert as many items as you wish)

### 1st slot
**Session Duration**: 40 min

- **Order**: Opening keynotes speeches
  - **Estimated lead time**: 20 min
  - **Description of items/presentations**: Welcome and Introduction on climate change impacts as well as relevant policy frameworks in Europe (EU Water Framework and Flood Directives, Blueprint, ECE Conventions)
  - **Confirmed speakers**:
    - Marta MOREN-ABAT, DG Environnement - EU Commission
    - Nick BONVOISIN, UNECE Water convention
    - Jean-François DONZIER, INBO General Secretary

- **Order**: 1st slot
  - **Estimated lead time**: 40 min
  - **Description of items/presentations**: Presentations of good practice examples of adaptation strategies, measures and technologies and application of the specific European policy instruments
  - **Confirmed speakers**:
    - Ivan ZAVADSKY, ICPDR General Secretary
    - Gherman BEJENARU, Dniester river basin Moldovan State Hydrometeorological Service
    - Dr. Maria E. MILANÉS MURCIA, Spain Aqueduct Tajo-Segura
    - Richard MULLER, Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe
    - Martin GUESPEREAU, Director General, Rhone Méditerranée Corse Water Agency

- **Order**: 2nd slot
  - **Estimated lead time**: 50 min
  - **Description of items/presentations**: Moderated panel discussion on best practices in transboundary climate change adaptation in Europe focusing on how to translate the specific European policy instruments into concrete action on the ground, financing and other challenges. Discussion with participants
  - **Confirmed speakers**:
    - Peter GLAS, Dutch Water Authorities
    - Frédérique MARTINI, CIS-SPI/ONEMA
    - Sorin RINDASU, Apele Romane, Romania
    - Edouard BOINET, EU-NWM- project
    - Dejan KOMATINA, Secretary General Sava International Commission

- **Order**: Closing
  - **Estimated lead time**: 10 min
  - **Description of items/presentations**: Synthesis of the works and remarks by the session coordinators
  - **Confirmed speakers**:
    - Animated by:
      - Jean-François DONZIER, INBO General secretary
      - Nick BONVOISIN, UNECE Water Convention

### Session objectives and outputs* (please kindly use media-friendly language)
- Identification and dissemination of good practices identified on climate change adaptation in Europe in particular in the areas of financing, measures and technologies for adaptation, science-policy interface, transboundary cooperation on climate change adaptation
- Discussion on how European actors can contribute to the COP21 in December 2015 in Paris
- Discussion on how the European policy frameworks and directives, the Water Framework Directive, EC Natural Retention Measures, ECE Conventions etc. can help adaptation on the ground and what is needed to enable this

### Targeted audience in your session*
- x Government/Local government
- x International Organization
- □ Public Corporation
- □ Academia, Research Institute
- x Industry (Enterprises, etc.)
- x CSO (Civil Society Organizations, NGO)
- □ Others(*)

### 2.1 Session Convenor (Working group coordinator)*

**Title**
- □ Mr.  □ Ms.  □ Prof.  □ Dr.

**First Name** Sonja  **Last Name** Koeppel

**Organization/Affiliation Name** UNECE Water Convention

**Type of Organization**
Working Group Members* (convening the session)

- UNECE
- INBO

Partners of the meeting: ONEMA, the French Ministry of Ecology and French Water Agency

2.2 Session Convenor-Additional Contact Information (only if you are a co-Coordinator)

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Organization/Affiliation Name
French Water Partnership/IOWater

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3. Session Format/Logistics

Expected number of Participants (room size)3)

- □ Less than 50pax
- □ 50~100pax
- □ 100~150pax
- □ 150~200pax
- □ More than 200pax (pax)

Preferred Room Type3)

- □ Theater Type
- □ Classroom Type
- x Roundtable Type
- □ Others(

Use of Translation English-Korean (FREE of charge)3)

- + Yes

Use of Translation another languages (charged service)3)

- □ Yes [□ French □ Spanish □ Arabic □ Chinese □ Russian □ Others(Please indicate language(s)]
- + No

1) The room size is subject to changes.
2) The room type is subject to changes.
3) The 7th World Water Forum Secretariat provides a simultaneous translation English-Korean only. Please note that the use of translation service for other languages will be charged to the session convenors. The guidelines for the extra services of translation including the price and other details will be announced shortly.

- All rooms will be equipped with 1 computer, 1 video projector, 1 screen, 2 microphones and 1 staff.
- Additional equipments or services (furniture, catering service, additional staff, etc.) will be charged to the session convenors. The guidelines for the extra equipment and catering services including the price and other details list will be announced shortly.

(Contact information is different depending on themes. Please refer to the contact information on the bottom of the page)

I agree with the terms and conditions as stated in this form on behalf of this group.

Date 20/09/2014

Organization UNECE
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