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- **For million years, water has been naturally flowing in river basins, disregarding borders and the administrative limits created by mankind.**
- **Depuis des millénaires, l'eau s'écoule naturellement dans les bassins versants sans se soucier des frontières, ni des limites administratives créées par les hommes.**
- **Desde milenios, el agua corre naturalmente en las cuencas hidrográficas sin tener cuenta de las fronteras ni de las limites administrativas creadas por los hombres.**



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**« Water has no boundary »**

**?!?**



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# **INBO General Objective: To Organized better IWRM at basin level!**



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## INBO's GENERAL ASSEMBLY *The Martinique, 24 – 28 January 2004*



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### « DECLARATION OF TROIS-ILETS »

- Indeed, **basins are the natural territories in which water runs on the soil or in the sub-soil,** whatever are the national or administrative boundaries or limits crossed.
- **The search for solutions must pass through an integrated approach, organized at the relevant level of basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers, either local, national or transboundary.**



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# International Network of Basin Organisations, MEMBERS:



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- **“Basin Organizations”**, entrusted by relevant public administrations with integrated water resources management at the level of important river basins, either national, federal or transboundary, as well as the cooperation structures they have developed among them.
- **the governmental administrations in charge**, interested in applying integrated and sustainable water resources management:
  - organized at the level of river basins,
  - associating administrations and local authorities, as well as users,
  - having specific budgetary resources at their disposal, obtained by applying the “user-polluter-pays” principle.
- **bi and multilateral co-operation agencies** supporting activities related to integrated and sustainable water resources management at the level of river basins.



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# International Network of Basin Organisations, OBJECTIVES:



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- to develop relations between basin organizations interested in comprehensive water resource management at the river basin level,
- to favor exchanges of experiences and expertise among them,
- to promote the principles and means of sound water management in cooperation programs,
- to facilitate the implementation of tools suitable for institutional and financial management, programming, organization of data banks, and for models adapted to the needs,
- to promote information and training programs for the different stakeholders involved in water management as well as for the executives and staff of the member basin organizations,
- to evaluate ongoing actions and disseminate their results.



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- **1- Integrated Water Resource Management, at the river basin level,** should aim at meeting, in a holistic, consistent, sustainable and inter - sectoral manner, all essential and legitimate needs, at combating wastage, protecting against risk, preventing pollution, at preserving and rehabilitating ecosystems,



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## INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- OVERALL MEETING OF RATIONAL AND LEGITIMATE DEMANDS
  - Agriculture
  - Domestic uses
  - Industry
  - Fish farming
  - Electricity
  - Transports
  - Leisure
  - Fishing
- WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND RECYCLING,
- CONSERVATION OF ECOSYSTEMS:  
rivers, lakes, wetlands, aquifers, costal areas,
- RISK PREVENTION :
  - Erosion
  - Drought
  - Floods



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- **2-A clear legal framework** must specify, in each country, the rights and obligations, the possible levels of decentralization, the institutional responsibilities of the different stakeholders, the processes and means needed for good water governance,



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# INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT :



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## DEFINING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH:

Multilateral organizations

International commissions

Central or federal government

Local authorities = states (Federation)  
= municipalities  
= villages

Large public regional planners

basin organizations?

Water users : = community

= individuals

Civil Society : = enterprises  
= researchers  
= NGOs



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## **INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT : MAIN BASIC FUNCTIONS**



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- ❑ **International agreements**
- ❑ **Legislation - Regulations**
- ❑ **Standardization**
- ❑ **Authorizations for abstraction or discharge - Water policing**
- ❑ **Monitoring**
- ❑ **Follow-up of the environment and uses**
- ❑ **Warning and protection**
- ❑ **Planning**
- ❑ **Funding - Programming**
- ❑ **Investments**
- ❑ **Operation - Maintenance**
- ❑ **Research**
- ❑ **Training**
- ❑ **Information**



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- **3-**The representatives of populations and local authorities, water users or organizations representing collective interest should participate in this management beside administrations, especially, **in Basin Councils or Committees.**
- Information, awareness and education of populations or users and of their representatives are essential,





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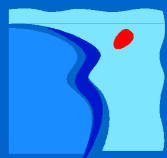
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- **4-Basin management plans or master plans** should be prepared, through dialogue and transparency, to set the objectives to be achieved in the medium term,



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- **5-Integrated information and monitoring systems** which are reliable, representative, harmonized and easily accessible, and specific research should be organized in each basin,



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- **6-**The establishment of specific financing systems, based on the consumers and polluters' contribution and common cause, is required in each basin to ensure the implementation of successive priority action plans and guarantee the smooth operation of the necessary community utilities.
- These contributions, defined by consensus in Basin Committees, should be mainly managed at the basin level, in a decentralized manner, by a specialized, technical and financial basin organization.



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- **7-As regards large transboundary rivers, lakes or aquifers** cooperation agreements should be signed by riparian countries and management plans designed at the level of all the basins, especially in **International or transboundary Commissions, Authorities or Organizations.**
- **Indeed, there are 263 transboundary rivers and lakes and hundreds of aquifers over the world, the basins of which cover an area of about 50% of the emerged lands.**



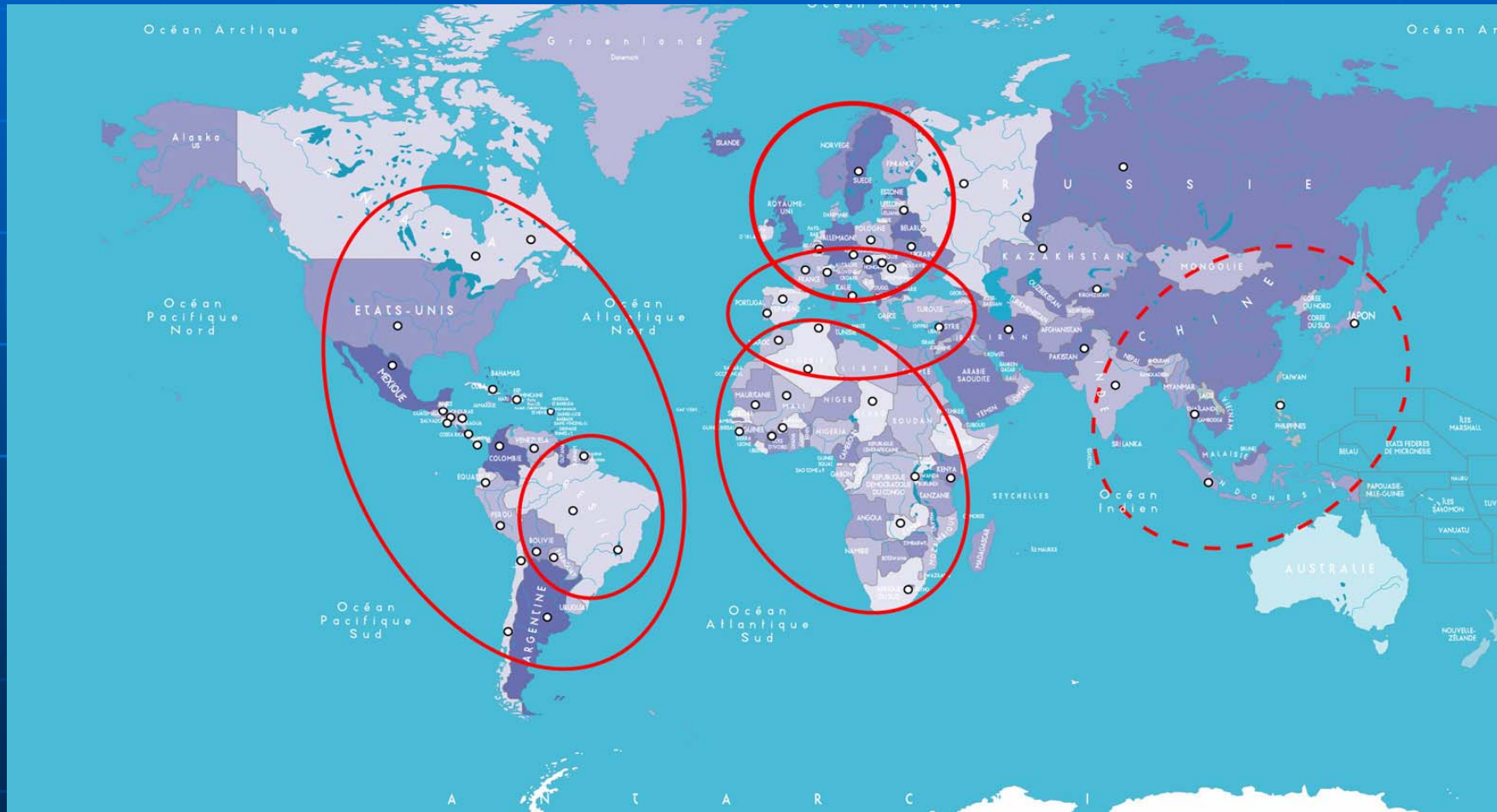
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# International Network of Basin Organisations:

**158 FULL MEMBERS or PERMANENT OBSERVERS  
in 52 COUNTRIES!**



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## INBO's REGIONAL NETWORKS



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**INBO member organizations,  
belonging to the same geographic region,  
may create a "Regional Network",  
if they wish so in order to:**

- **strengthen relations between member organizations from neighboring countries,**
- **develop INBO joint activities in the region,**
- **organize joint activities of regional interest.**

- ❖ **In Africa = ANBO/RAOB,**
- ❖ **In Latin America = LANBO/RELOC,**
- ❖ **In Central and Eastern Europ = CEENBO,**
- ❖ **In the Mediterranean = MED-INBO/REMOB/REMOC,**
- ❑ **International Network of Transboundary Basins Organizations**
- ❑ **"EUROPE INBO" "EURO RIOB" "EURO RIOC"**



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**The creation of a specialized Network  
of  
International Commissions  
and  
Transboundary Basin Organizations  
has been decided  
during the constitutive Assembly,  
held in Thonon-les Bains,  
25 & 26 November 2002 .**



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There are 263 transboundary rivers over the world,  
the basins of which are shared  
by at least two countries!



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## *Transboundary basins per continent.*

	<i>2002</i>	<i>Pourcentage du territoire</i>
<i>Afrique</i>	<b>59</b>	<b>62 %</b>
<i>Asie</i>	<b>57</b>	<b>39 %</b>
<i>Europe</i>	<b>69</b>	<b>54 %</b>
<i>Amerique du Nord</i>	<b>40</b>	<b>35 %</b>
<i>Amerique du Sud</i>	<b>38</b>	<b>60 %</b>
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>263</b>	<b>45 %</b>





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Many agreements were signed  
in the past centuries  
between riparian countries  
of transboundary rivers to ensure:

- **free navigation,**
- **the share of river flows,**
- **the prevention of floods,**
- **the building of hydropower dams.**



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**But, today,  
there are still too few agreements, conventions or treaties  
dealing with:**

- pollution control,**
- aquifer management,**
- a fortiori, the integrated management**

**of shared river basins.**



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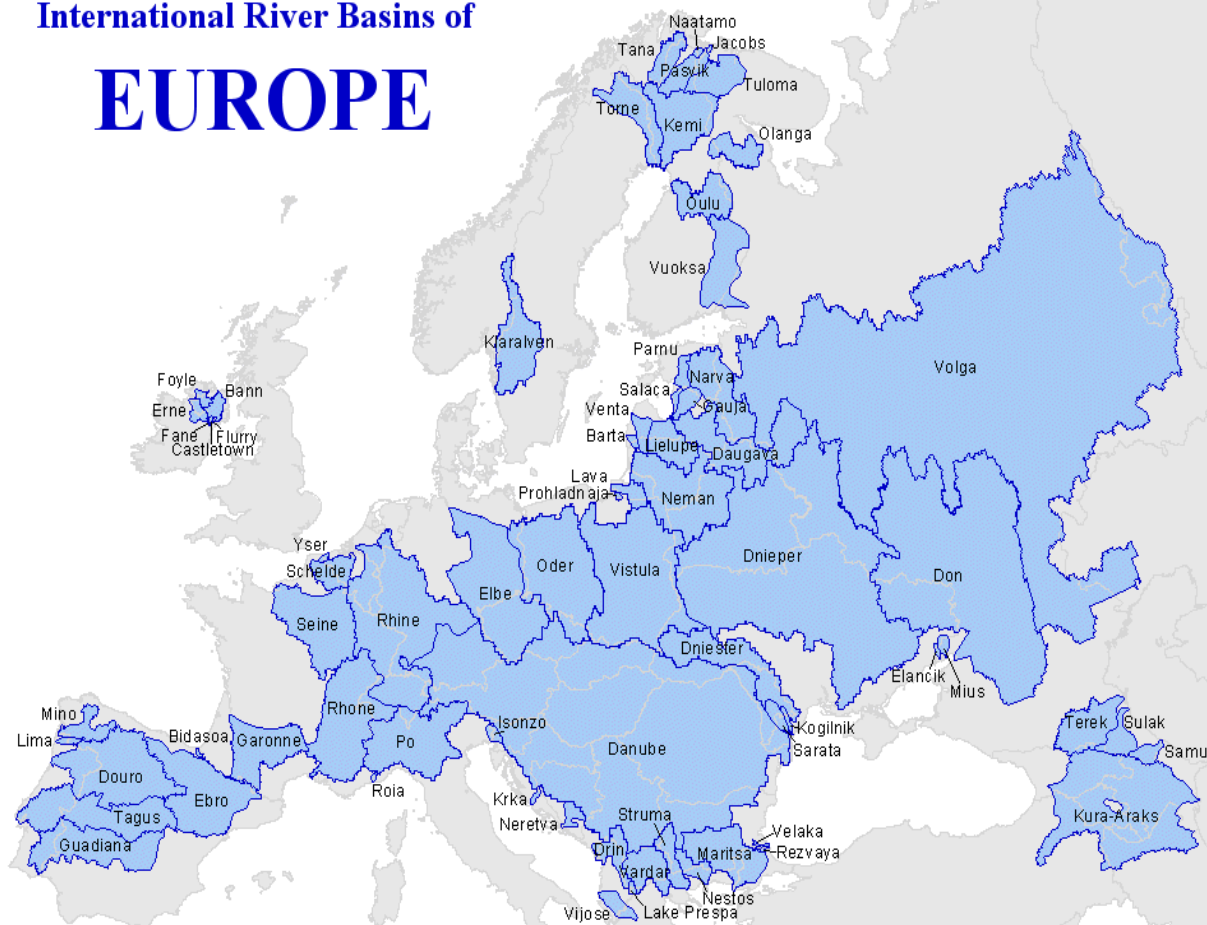
# A lot of them being transboundary ones!



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International River Basins of

## EUROPE



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# Cooperation beyond EU current and future borders



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Danube river basin: 18 countries, 817.000 km<sup>2</sup> catchment area



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## International River Basins of **NORTH AMERICA**



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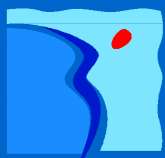
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# **INBO/GWP Associated Program:**

**Global Water  
Partnership**







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**ASSOCIATED PROGRAM :**  
**“DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING  
RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATIONS”**  
**4 MAIN EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

- Direct cooperation established between existing, future or pilot basin organizations through twinning agreements; “TWINBASIN”,**
- Mobilization within existing basin organizations of professional assistance capacities in order to facilitate the setting up or development of new basin organizations and the debate on their management options; “PILOT PROJECTS”,**
- A synthesis of available knowledge and know-how, of best practices, preparation of recommendations or guidelines and drawing-up of training modules; “IWRMNET” & “WFDLEARN”,**
- The networking of water documentation systems to share and get access to useful institutional, legal, economic and technical information at the international level:**

**SEMIDE/EMWIS-Aquadoc-Inter**



**AWIS/SADIEAU?**



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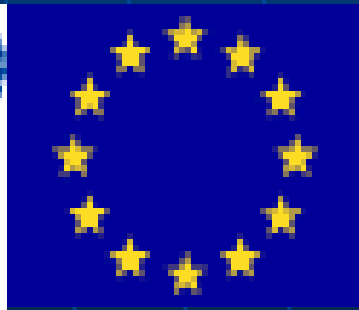
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## 4 main fields of collaboration

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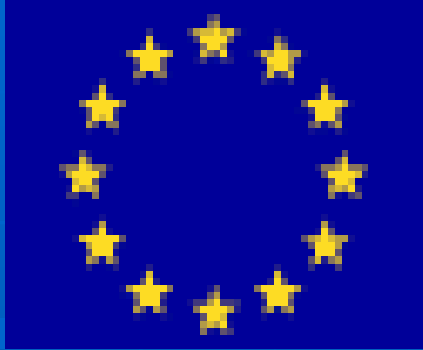
Promoting Twinning between Basins  
Organizations for Developing Integrated Water  
Resources Management best Practices

- **Direct experiences sharing**
- **Exchange of decision-makers and technicians....**





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The "Twin Basins project",  
supported by the European Union,  
give a sponsorship  
for travels and accomodation,  
to basin organizations which sign  
twinning agreement between them  
to exchange their staffs.

At the moment 14 twinning have been signed.



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### □ Output 2:

### ➤ Capacities mobilisation from Basin Organizations:

- Assistance with the implementation of institutional reforms,
- Initiation of basin pilot projects,
- Support to countries sharing a transboundary basin,
- Assisting with the setting-up of new basin organizations,
- Professional training of technical teams,



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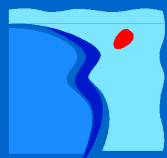
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### □ Output 2:

### ➤ Capacities mobilisation from Basin Organizations

- Design of monitoring networks and databases,
- Assessment to planning process,
- Establishment of institutional mechanisms for users' participation in decision-making,
- Financial and economical studies,
- Assisting with the setting-up of new water taxes ...



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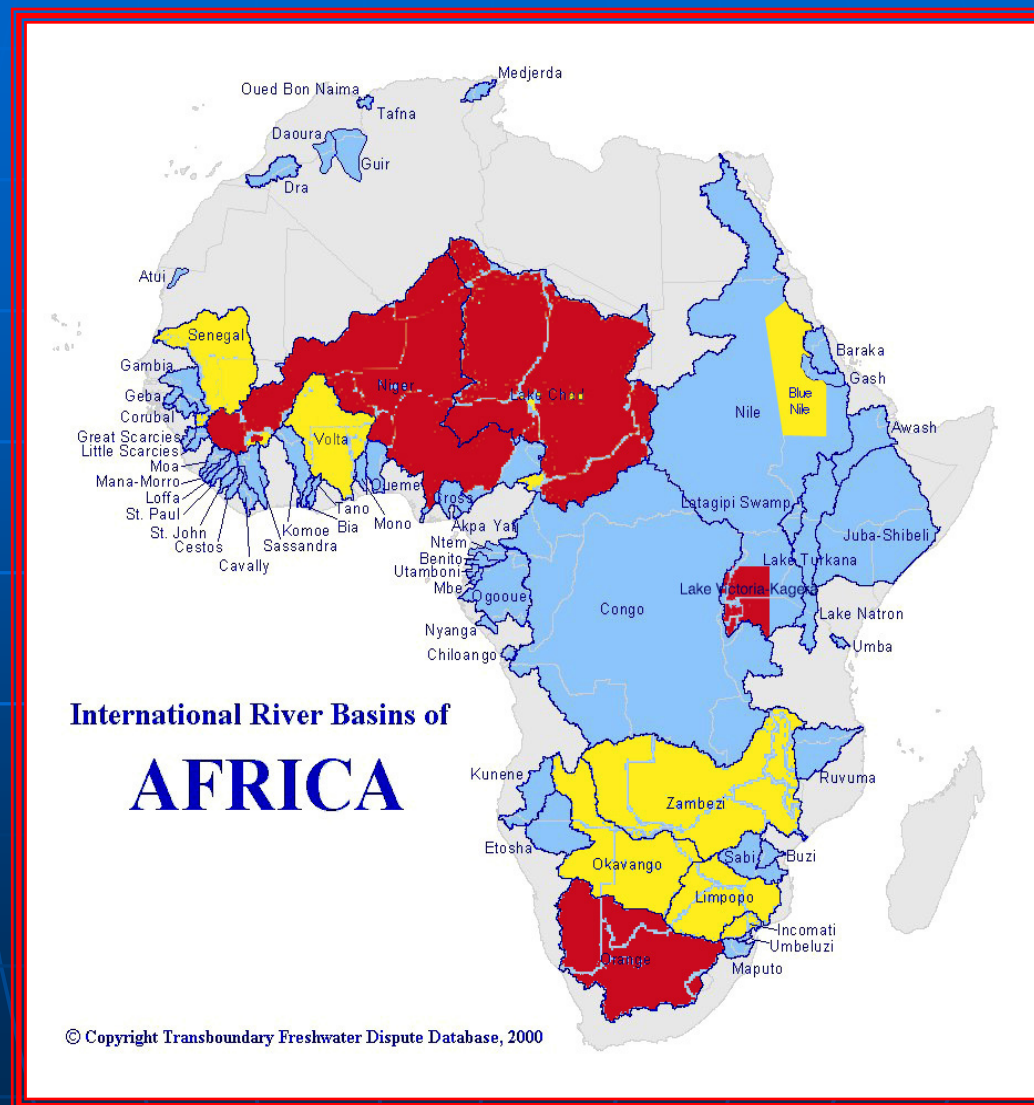
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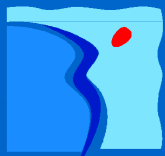
**5 selected  
pilot basins:**

**Orange-Senqu,  
Lake Chad,  
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Victoria/Kagera,  
Niger and Volta.**

**Animated by:**

**the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs &**



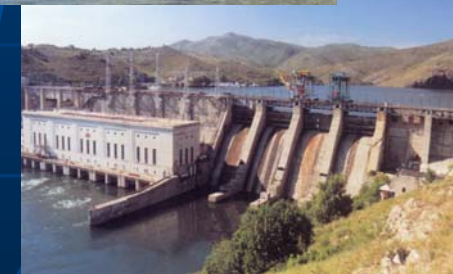


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# **FLOOD CONTROL: FORECAST, PREVENTION, PROTECTION**

- **Foreseeing hazardous events,**
- **Reducing vulnerabilities,**
- **Protecting people and properties,**
- **Warning and educating.**





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### □ Output 3:

#### ➤ Synthesis of knowledge

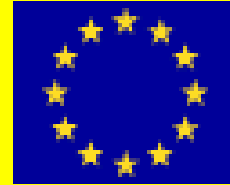
#### and Know-How:

- To identify good practices,
- To set common, easily accessible and measurable performance indicators,
- To train staff and stakeholders from basin organizations,



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## **« IWRM.Net »: a ERA-Net proposal**



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### **Towards a European-wide exchange Network for improving dissemination of IWRM research outcomes:**

- identifying and describing the national research programs which have a relationship to IWRM in UE countries,
- locating the sources of information on recent and current projects,
- identifying and contacting the persons-in-charge of these programs
- organising workshops of these program managers to prepare the basis of a long-term collaboration,
- proposing new ways to develop a more demand-driven research, and a better dissemination of outputs.



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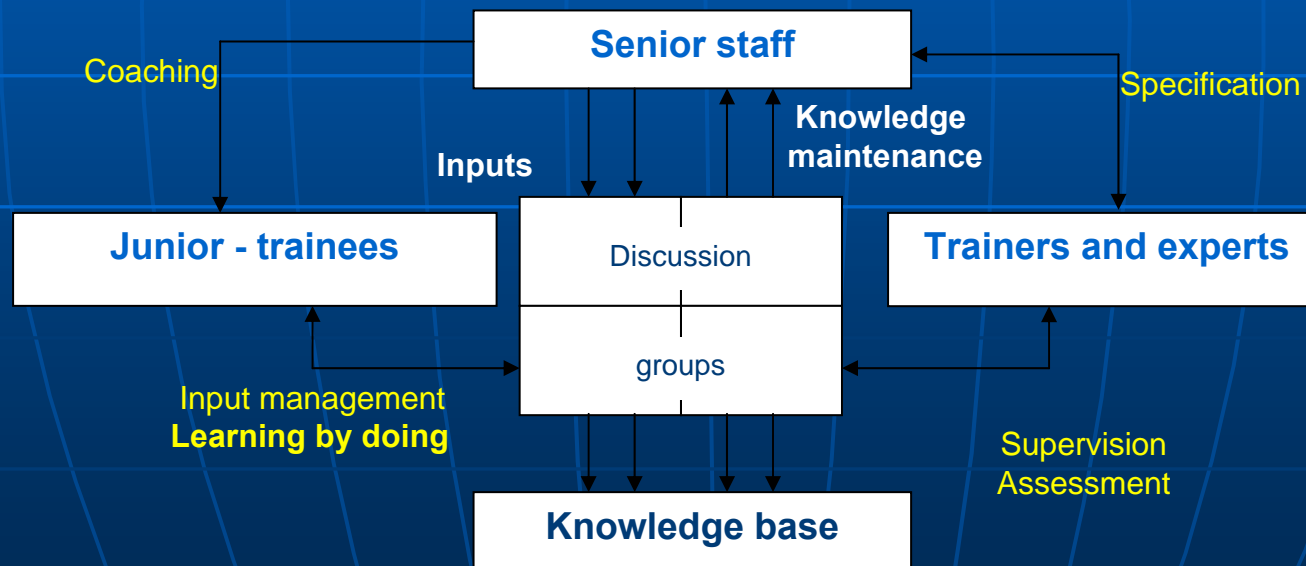


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## « WFD Community »:

a Virtual Learning computing system for Water professionals



**The basis of our future internal Virtual "University"**



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Implementation of  
the European Water Framework Directive  
in the 25 countries  
of the enlarged European Union,  
as well as in the candidate countries for accession,  
is a major milestone for promoting the principles  
of good governance advocated by INBO.  
This theme is a priority for mobilizing its members,  
not only in Europe  
but also in all other interested countries.

Directive 2000/60/EC of 23 October 2000  
*establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy.*



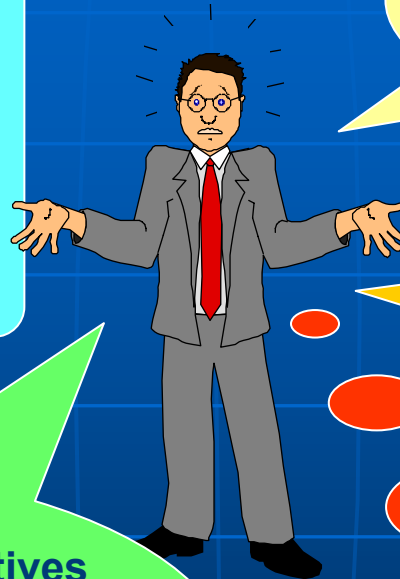
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# Many questions indeed arise!



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Framework  
Directive:  
good status  
for waters  
in the Union  
before 2015



How to define  
'good' ecological  
quality

?

How to define  
the 'sustainable'  
functioning  
of the aquatic  
ecosystems

?

How to achieve  
the environmental objectives  
and ensure a consistent  
implementation  
in the Union

?

... And how to ensure  
comparability  
in the classification  
of ecological status  
and of monitoring  
in the Union

?



# INBO joins the Strategic Coordination Group of the WFD Common Implementation Strategy

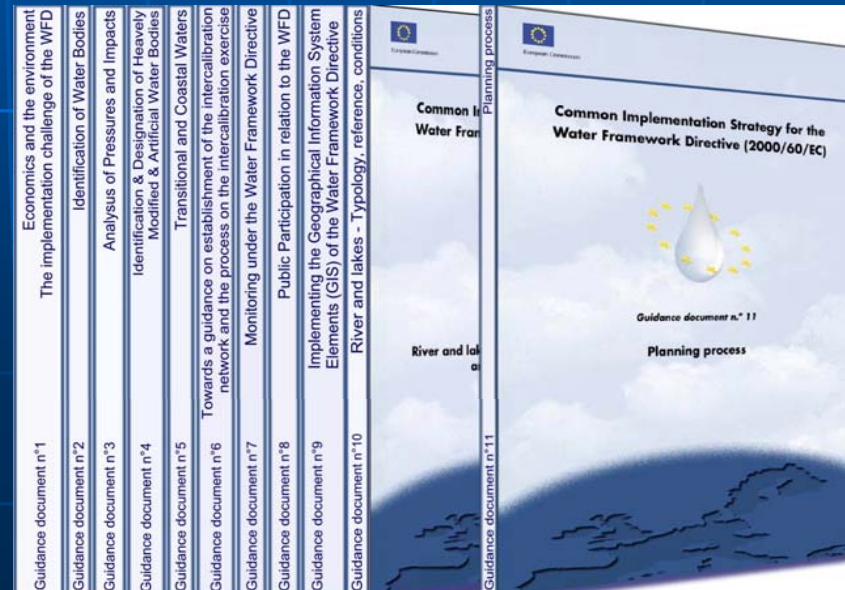
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## Fourteen CIS Guidance Documents:

- 1) Economics and the Environment
- 2) Identification of Water Bodies
- 3) Analysis of Pressures and Impacts
- 4) Artificial and Heavily Modified Water Bodies
- 5) Transitional and Coastal Waters – Typology, Reference Conditions
- 6) Intercalibration Network and the Intercalibration Process
- 7) Monitoring
- 8) Public Participation
- 9) GIS and the WFD
- 10) Rivers and Lakes Typology
- 11) Planning Process
- 12) Wetlands
- 13) Classification
- 14) Reporting





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## **CIS priorities for 2005-2006:**



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- **Climate Change**
- **Droughts and Floods**
- **Intercalibration exercise**
- **WFD and agriculture**
- **Hydromorphology (hydropower and navigation)**
- **New Pilot River Basin exercise**
- **Reporting and WISE**
- **Priority substances / Chemical monitoring**
- **Cost effectiveness**





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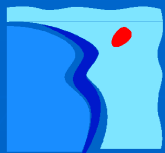
### □ Output 4 :

#### ➤ The networking of water Information- documentation systems

- Exchange of information and documentation,
- Assistance with the structuring of the National Relay Documentation Centers,

#### ➤ **AQUADOC-INTER, SEMIDE or AWIS?**





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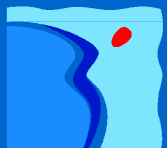
Dissemination by the  
most appropriate means  
(internet, books,  
Q/A, courses,  
newspapers, etc.)

Exchanges  
with the other LFPs  
using Internet  
and common standards

Local  
Focal  
Point

Basin Organizations  
National Authorities  
Local Authorities  
NGOs  
Private sector  
Research and academics  
Other actors

Collection of  
Projects  
Reports  
Papers : thesis  
Learning materials  
Data



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3 Projects  
are on the way  
on the basis of  
linked LFP  
at regional level

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*Full compatibility for access and data sharing*

**EMWIS** : the Euro Mediterranean Water Information System

**AQUADOC** : the European Water Information System

**AWIS** : the African Water Information System



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d'information sur les  
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System on know  
how in the water  
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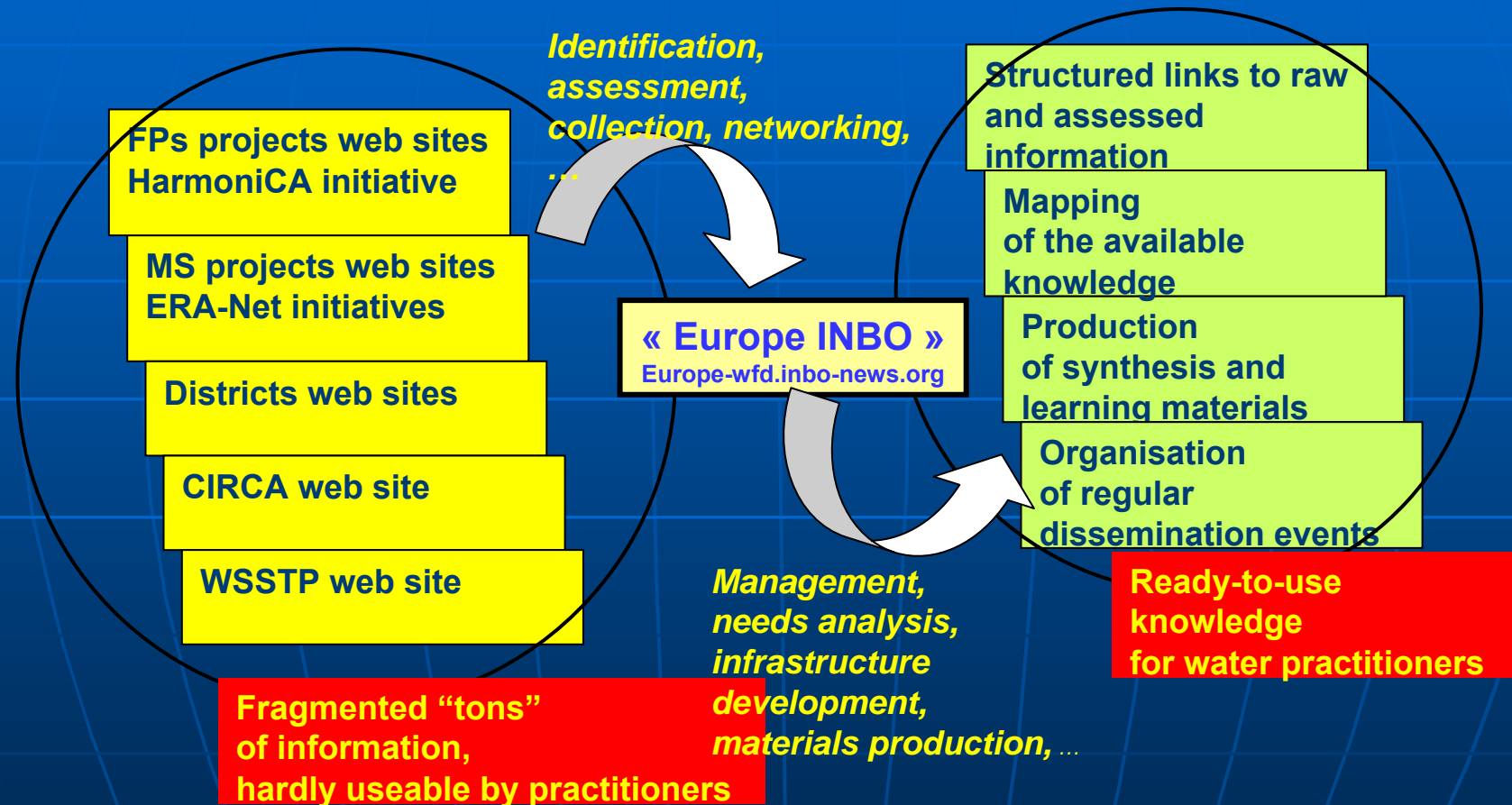
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**for strengthening the common strategy  
for an operational implementation  
of the Water Framework Directive (WFD).**

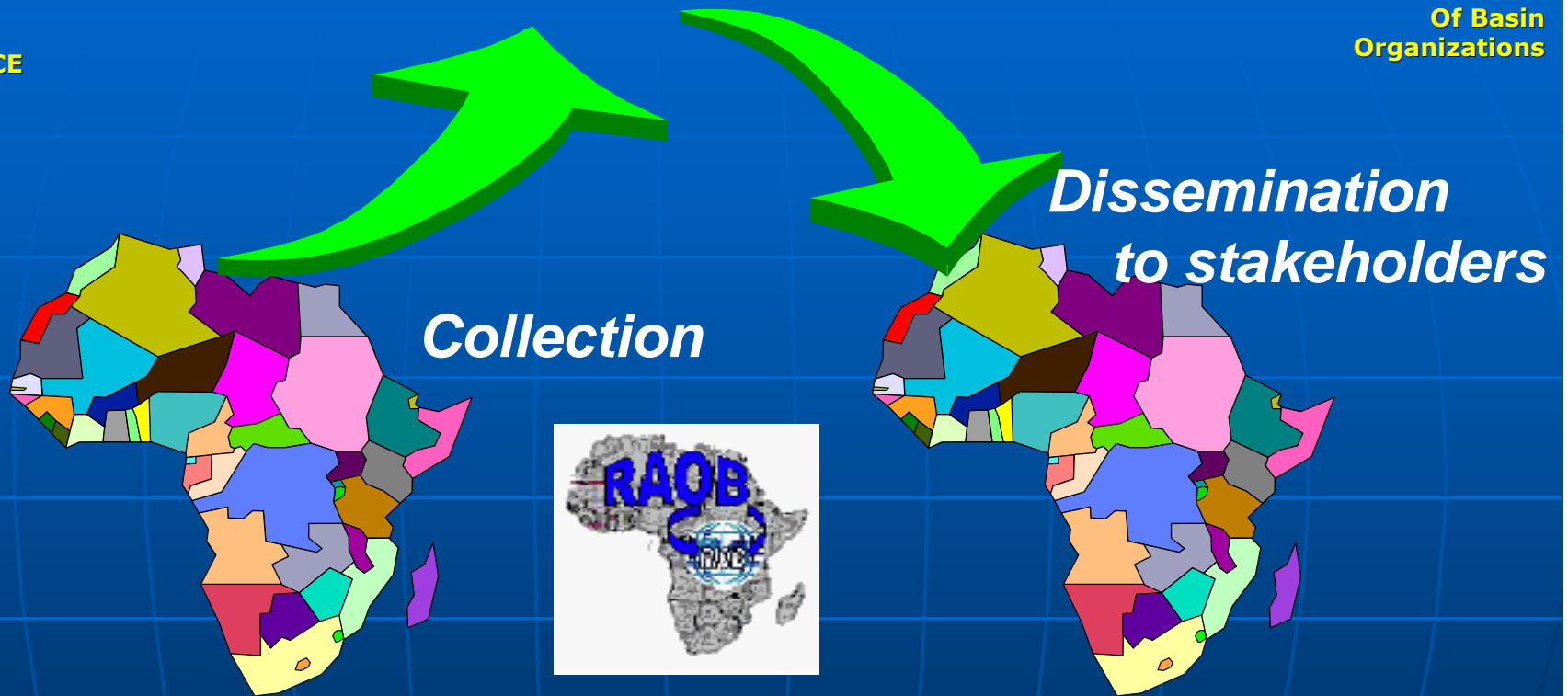


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# AWIS : the African Water Information System

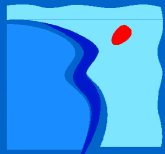


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Local knowledge : lots of valuable information are produced every day (projects implementation plans, evaluation reports, legal documents, ...)

Continent-wide needs:  
no time, no money for reinventing the wheel!



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# INBO / GWP ASSOCIATED PROGRAM



## FOUR MAIN OUTPUTS ARE EXPECTED

### Output ①

Organization of twinning arrangements between basin organizations

*Proposed services:*

- Direct exchanges of experiences between twin basin organizations.

➔ **"TWINBASIN" Project**

The goal of the INBO/ Global Water partnership "Associated Program" is to support all initiatives for the organization of Integrated Water Resource Management at the river basin, lake and aquifer level, whether national or transboundary. It also aims to develop many experiments to reconcile economic growth, social equity, environmental conservation, water protection and participation of the Civil Society.

The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) is responsible for coordinating and managing the Associated Program.

### Output ②

Mobilization of professional support capacities of basin organizations

*Proposed services:*

- Assistance with the implementation of institutional reforms,
- Initiation of pilot projects,
- Support to several countries sharing a transboundary river basin,
- Design of monitoring networks and databases,
- Assisting new basin organizations with the setting-up of technical teams,
- Establishment of institutional mechanisms for the water users' participation in decision-making and activities of basin organizations,
- Financial simulation,
- Audits, ..

### Output ③

Synthesis and dissemination of available knowledge and know-how

*Proposed services:*

- Assessing the performance of the different systems,
  - Contributing to the improvement of knowledge and know-how in the area of basin organizations and IWRM,
  - Making available a set of common performance indicators,
  - Training to good practices.
- ➔ **"IWRM.NET"**
- ➔ **"WFD COMMUNITY"**

### Output ④

The networking of water documentation systems

*Proposed services:*

- Exchange of information, documentation and data, definition of common standards,
- Assistance with the structuring of the **National Relay Documentation Centers** and **Databases** in each country concerned,
- Dissemination of information to professionals and decision-makers.

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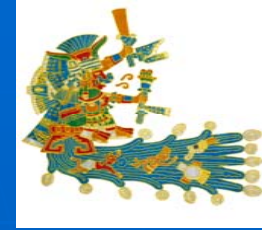




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**IVth World Water Forum**  
on 18 March 2006  
in Mexico City,  
within the « IWRM » topic



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**INBO has proposed**  
**to organize 3 sessions:**

- 1. on the participation of the public and water users in basin management,**
- 2. on the management of transboundary basins,**
- 3. on the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive,**  
*which represents an exceptional example of basin management in more than 27 countries, In the European Union.*



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# MEXICO March 2006

## « IVth World Water Forum »



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Our ideas are progressing,  
let's get mobilized to make our results  
known in Mexico City!

**i Nos idées progressent,**  
**mobilisons-nous**  
**pour les faire connaître!**



**You are all invited!!!**





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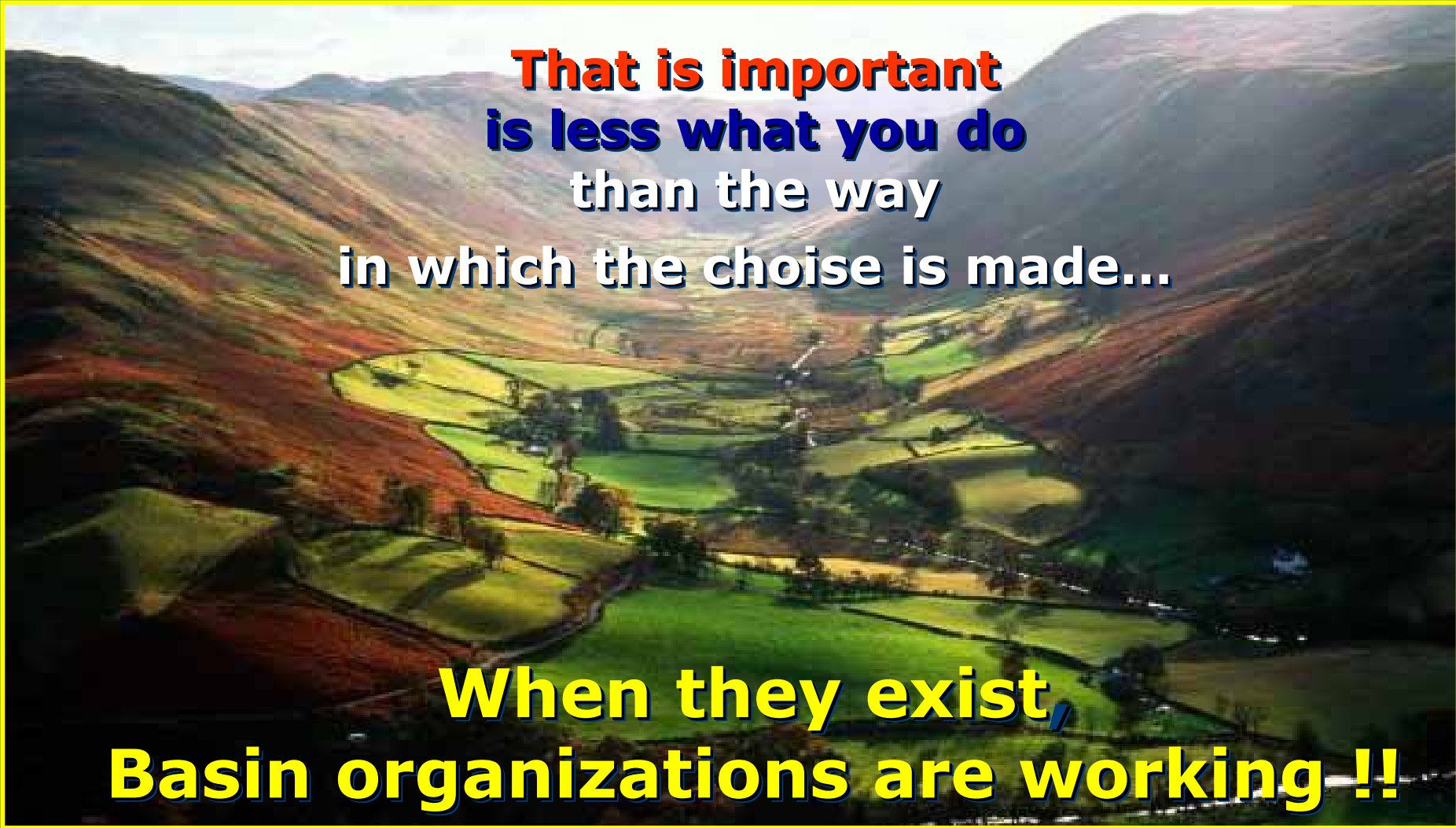
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**That is important  
is less what you do  
than the way  
in which the choice is made...**

**When they exist,  
Basin organizations are working !!**

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**The International Forum  
on Integrated Water Resources Management of  
The Mekong River Basin  
28th-29th November 2005, Chiang Rai, Thailand**



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