



International Conference on the Implementation of the WFD
Sibiu (Romania), 01-04 October 2008



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Preparation of the 5th World Water Forum



European Regional Document

Preparation of the chapter

« Basin management & transboundary cooperation »

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Structure of the European Regional Document



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- ◆ Future of Water in Europe
 - ◆ Climate Change and Adaptation
 - ◆ Water for Energy, Energy for Water
 - ◆ **Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation**
 - ◆ Finance
 - ◆ Water Scarcity and Droughts
 - ◆ Water Science and Technologies
- INBO



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Role of the EUROPE-INBO group



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- ◆ **Mobilisation of the experience of professionals implementing IWRM at river basin level and WFD**
- ◆ **A place for exchanges between Basin Organisations**
- ◆ **A major step before the 5th World Water Forum**
 - **Elaboration of a very first draft before the Sibiu meeting in order to present, discuss it and collect contributions during and after the meeting**



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Objectives



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- ◆ **Give an overview of the actions taken in Europe since the 4th WWF and the current challenges we are facing**
- ◆ **Show the work done and focus on best practices developed, especially in the frame of WFD (core of our current challenges and actions)**
- ◆ **Draw recommendations to address those challenges and give an input in the political process : how can European experiences contribute to manage water issues elsewhere in the world ?**



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Proposed structure of the chapter



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- ◆ **1 - Implementation of the WFD**
- ◆ **2 - Transboundary cooperation**
- ◆ **3 - Recent developments in the European Water Policy**
- ◆ **4 - European Networks of Research on IWRM**
- ◆ **5 - Information Systems**
- ◆ **6 - The European experience at the service of basin management**
- ◆ **Conclusions and recommendations**



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Part 1 – Implementation of WFD



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- ◆ **1.1. The WFD principles**
- ◆ **1.2. WFD implementation at European level : the CIS**
- ◆ **1.3. WFD implementation at national and basin organisations levels**
- ◆ **1.4. Specific issue of basin islands & overseas islands**



◆ 2.1. Contribution of the Helsinki Convention (UNECE 1992)

◆ 2.2. Activities under the OSCE

◆ 2.3. WFD contributions in transboundary basins

Example : Cooperation Romania / Hungary, Körös/Crisuri pilot basin

Other examples ?



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Part 3 – Recent Developments in the EU Water Policy



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- ◆ **Groundwaters (directive)**
- ◆ **Priority Substances and EQS (directive)**
- ◆ **Marine Strategy (directive)**
- ◆ **Floods (directive)**
- ◆ **Water Scarcity and Droughts (communication)**
- ◆ **Agriculture (WFD / CAP)**
- ◆ **Climate Change**
- ◆ **And also : pesticides strategy, revision of IPPC Directive**

Example : The Loire Action Plan against floods

Other examples ?



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Part 4 – European Research Networks on IWRM



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- ◆ The IWRM-Net project (ERA-Net)
- ◆ Other networks : other ERA-Net project, WSSTP (Water Supply & Sanitation Technology Platform), Euraqua, SPI-Water project, future interface group scientists - users under the CIS
- ◆ Other examples ?



Part 5 – Information Systems



- ◆ **5.1. Basin information systems**
Example ?
- ◆ **5.2. Transboundary information systems**
Example ?
- ◆ **5.3. National information systems**
Example : French Water Information System
- ◆ **5.4. The Water Information System for Europe (WISE)**
- ◆ **5.5. Other regional information systems**
Examples : Mediterranean, Balkan region, EECCA



Part 6 – The European experience at the service of water management



- ◆ 6.1. The European Water Initiative (EUWI)
- ◆ 6.2. The European Water Facility in ACP countries
- ◆ 6.3. The Neighbourhood Policy
- ◆ 6.4. Twinbasin : twinning agreements between basins
- ◆ 6.5. WFD: can its principles be exported ?

- ◆ Proposed examples : support to IWRM in the Niger river basin, support to an African Water Information System, Performance indicators for transboundary management in Africa, management of the Irtysh Basin
- ◆ Other examples ?



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Discussion on Tuesday 1st October



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- ◆ **Draft chapter sent to participants on 26th September**
- ◆ **Guidelines of World Water Council defined on 29th Sept : 5-10 pages only per chapter !**
- ◆ **Keep this document for a complete information**
- ◆ **Prepare a summary focused on key messages : river basin management, planning process, importance of economics, public participation, interest of WFD principles for non EU countries, ...**



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Timetable



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- ◆ **1-3 October : presentation and discussion of the very first draft during the conference in Sibiu**
- ◆ **3 – 30 October : consultation period (comments)**
- ◆ **15 Nov : 1st drafts of all Chapters to be integrated in the European Regional Process for dissemination & comments**
- ◆ **8 January : Second drafts Chapters Regional Document**
- ◆ **1 February : Editing**
- ◆ **15 February : Printing**
- ◆ **1st March : Finalisation and dissemination for Istanbul**



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**Please send your comments
(key messages, examples,...)**

before 30th October

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