

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS European Group of Basin Authorities « EUROPE-INBO »

INVITATION - LAST URGENT REMINDER



15th "EUROPE-INBO 2017" International Conference FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN WATER DIRECTIVES 20-23 SEPTEMBER 2017 - DUBLIN, IRELAND Grand Hotel Malahide

Dear Colleague,

Let me remember you that, on behalf of all the European Members of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), you are kindly invited to personally participate in our next 15th "EUROPE-INBO 2017" international conference, organized by the "Group of European Basin Authorities for the Implementation of the European Water Directives", that will take place, at the invitation of the Irish Authorities, from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd September 2017, at the Grand Hotel Malahide, Dublin, IRELAND.

THIS IS AN URGENT REMINDER TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED YET: If you have already registered, please apologize for this last general reminder.

I would like to tell you again how much your presence in this event would be appreciated and the interest of all the participants in your presentation of the practical application of the water policy in your Organization and your proposals for the future, especially regarding the large priority topics we have selected for this great opportunity with the goal of "Better water management at river basin level to face the major European challenges", especially for better adapting to the effects of climate change.

The Assembly will also be an opportunity to present an assessment of the implementation in Europe and neighboring countries of the commitments made on water and adaptation on the occasion of the COP21 in Paris and COP22 in Marrakech and to define operational prospects for the "Water and Climate" Conference in Rome next October and COP23 in Bonn, next November.

Our International Conference will be organized around a **preparatory workshop** and **4 roundtables**, dealing with the updated issues of the field Implementation of the WFD and other European Water Directives:

- **The Workshop** on "Water data management organization and electronic reporting" will take place on 20 September in the afternoon,
- **The 4 thematic Roundtables will be organized in plenary sessions on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 September on:**
 - **WFD, upcoming milestones:** 2019 Review, 3rd RBMPs and beyond...
 - **Adaptation to Climate Change:** Pressures, impacts, priorities, non-regret measures for adaptation and resilience,
 - **Public Participation:** Statutory consultation for RBMP, SEA, NIS and PoMs, development and participation of the stakeholders,
 - **New Threats to Aquatic Environments:** Degradation of natural capital and ecosystems, emerging contaminants and hazardous substances, micro pollutants including Plastics entering the Food-Chain, non-point source pollution, hydromorphology, alien species...

The works will be in English and French.

A Technical Visit will be organized on coastal and Inland Waters in Dublin and surrounding Counties, on Saturday 23 September.

The meeting is open to the Water Directorates, to all River Basin District Authorities, to all INBO member organizations and observers, and also to the water administrations and organizations, interested in the implementation of the Water Framework Directive, and of its "Daughter and related Directives", of the member and candidate countries of the European Union and of all the other countries of Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia and of the Mediterranean basin.

Information on the event (programmes, papers, logistics) as well as the online registration form will be available on INBO website: www.inbo-news.org/inbo/agenda/article/europe-inbo-2017.

VIP REGISTRATION TO THE "EUROPE-INBO 2017" CONFERENCE IS FREE OF CHARGE, BUT COMPULSORY. You will find the form necessary for your registration directly online:

[Click there!](http://www.inbo-news.org/inscription/europe-inbo-2017.php)

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In order to facilitate the good organization of the meeting and your best welcoming in Dublin, I thank you in advance for filling up online or returning, **as soon as possible now**, this participation form to inbo@inbo-news.org or by Fax: +33 1 40 08 01 45.

CONFERENCE VENUE AND HOTEL BOOKING:

The event will be organized at ***The Grand Hotel Malahide*** (address: Grove Rd, Malahide, Co. Dublin, Ireland – about 10 minutes in taxi from Dublin International Airport).

Our Irish hosts have negotiated a discount rate with this hotel, including your invitation at the Welcome Cocktail, lunches on 21 and 22 September, the Gala Diner, the Closing Cocktail and also the technical visit.

Proceed to the booking online at (www.thegrand.ie) and use the following code in the "PROMO" box: **1146204**.

You can also call the following phone number and mention that you are booking to participate in Europe-INBO 2017: +35 318 450 000.

We invite you to book very quickly and if possible now by return, due to the limited number of rooms still available at the hotel venue.

I would advise you to arrive on **Tuesday 19 September 2017** and, if your agenda allows it, you could leave Dublin on **Sunday 24 September**.

WARNING

Finally, I remind you that **an entry visa in the REPUBLIC OF IRELAND may be required for citizens of several countries neighbouring the European Union, which must be obtained before departure from your country at the nearest Irish Consulate.**

Please note, to avoid confusion, the Republic of Ireland is not a member of the "European Schengen Area" and that, of course, it is not a Member of the United Kingdom either ...

Looking forward to meeting you again in a month in Dublin, Ireland, next September, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

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The **registration form** can be directly filled up [online](#).

The **previous EUROPE-INBO Conferences** can be consulted [online](#).



Liffey River and the "Four Courts" in Dublin



The Grand Hotel Malahide