

# INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS

# Invitation

## 10th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

### « EUROPE INBO 2012 »

#### ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

European Group of Basin Organizations EUROPE-INBO

**Istanbul – Turkey – 17 to 19 October 2012**

at the Istanbul Grand Cevahir Hotel & Convention Centre



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I remind those of you, who have not yet registered, that the next and 10th “**EUROPE-INBO 2012**” international conference, organized by the “**Group of European Basin Organizations for the Implementation of the European Water Framework Directive**” will take place, **at the invitation of the Turkish Water Institute (SUEN)**, on **17-18-19 October 2012**, in Istanbul Turkey.

As you know it, Istanbul is one of the most prestigious cities of the World at an exclusively strategic location at the intersection of Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and Africa.

The meeting is open to all INBO member organizations and observers, and also to the water administrations and organizations, interested in the implementation of the Framework Directive, and its “Daughter 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.

There will be simultaneous translation into English, French and Turkish.

**Registration to the “EUROPE-INBO 2012” conference is free of charge but compulsory.**

You are invited to present a paper on your practical experiments and you will find [here](#) the form necessary for your registration;

In order to facilitate the good organization of the meeting and your best welcoming in Istanbul, I thank you in advance for also returning, **now as soon as possible**, this form to: [euinbo2012@tusuen.org](mailto:euinbo2012@tusuen.org) and [inbo@wanadoo.fr](mailto:inbo@wanadoo.fr) or by Fax: +33 1 40 08 01 45.

## **URGENT: PLEASE PREPARE THE WORKSHOPS WITH US**

Of course, our meeting will be organized around main and current topics **on the implementation of the Framework Directive (WFD) in the National and Transboundary River Basin Districts** and the prospects for the future, in particular we will discuss on the **"Fitness Check Water Policy"** and the process initiated by the European Commission to prepare the **"BLUEPRINT TO SAFEGUARD EUROPE'S WATER RESOURCES"**.

**Our work will be organized around six round tables:**

**Round Table 1:** Water, food and energy nexus – the dilemmas, experiences, costs and benefits: WFD and Hydropower – Agro-environmental measures in the CAP reform, etc...

**Round Table 2:** Experiences on the implementation of the WFD principles and tools in EECCA and Mediterranean Partner Countries

**Round Table 3:** Improve water governance in transboundary basins: WFD International Districts – UNECE Water Convention 1992, Bi and multilateral cooperation, data sharing, basin modeling and planning ....

**Round Table 4:** Adapt to challenges linked to climate change and prevent extreme phenomena: Implementation of the Flood Directive, drought risk reduction.

**Round Table 5:** Develop new approaches of rivers restoration and protection of water ecosystems: Hydro-morphology, Environmental flows, basin rehabilitation, inter-basin transfers.

**Round Table 6:** Economic analysis, cost recovery under the WFD, value of ecosystems services, Water resources uses efficiency, involvement and solidarity of the stakeholders.

We will discuss also about the **6th World Water Forum** and the UN conference **"RIO+20"** outcomes and we will have an overview of the signatory process of the **« World Pact for Better Basins Management »**.

**Several side events could be organized.**

Any useful information, programmes and papers still received will be continuously available on the website: [www.inbo-news.org](http://www.inbo-news.org) .

## **PLEASE ACT QUICKLY TO CONFIRM YOUR HOTEL BOOKINGS.**

**Your hotel booking at group discount price can be made at the Istanbul Grand Cevahir Hotel & Convention Centre, where the Conference will take place** (Single Standard Room: 140 € + VAT, Double Standart Room: 160 € + VAT, Single Executive Room: 190 € + VAT, Double Executive Room: 210 € + VAT).

**You are requested to make your own reservations urgently, by sending an e-mail to Funda Suleymanoglu ([funda@gch.com.tr](mailto:funda@gch.com.tr)) and Betul Cevahir ([betul@gch.com.tr](mailto:betul@gch.com.tr)) or calling +90 (212) 314 42 36.** English correspondence is preferred.

I would advise you to arrive in Istanbul on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at the Ataturk International Airport, from where shuttles will be organized to drive you to your hotel and to the conference venue. If your agenda allows, you could leave Istanbul on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

Our Turkish hosts will take charge of the shuttles from the airport and local travels in Istanbul, together with lunches and dinners, from Tuesday, October 16 evening to Friday, October 20.

**Unfortunately, INBO cannot support any cost for travel and accommodation in Istanbul.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Some of you will need a Turkish entry visa which must be obtained before your departure from your country.**

**To receive more information and request an invitation letter, please contact:**  
[euinbo2012@tusuen.org](mailto:euinbo2012@tusuen.org)

Looking forward to meeting you in Istanbul next October, and I remain,

Yours faithfully.

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