



7th World Water Forum 2015

April 12-17, 2015, Daegu & Gyeongbuk, Rep.of Korea

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

Region

(Multiple selection is possible, in case of the join with other regions)

- Africa (Sub-Region)
- Americas (Sub-Region)
- Arab
- Asia –Pacific (Sub-Region)
- Europe
- Economically Water Insecure Region (EWI)
- Mediterranean

Session type*	<input type="checkbox"/> Concluding Session(Design Group only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue Session(Session Group)
Joint Session with different processes	<input type="checkbox"/> Thematic Process (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Political Process (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Science and Technology Process (please specify)

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 particularly 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.



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Session Duration*		120min		
Session schedule in detail (Insert as many items as you wish)	Order	Estimated lead time (min)	Description of items/presentations	Confirmed speakers
	Opening keynotes speeches	20 min	Welcome and Introduction on climate change impacts as well as relevant policy frameworks in Europe (EU Water Framework and Flood Directives, Blueprint, ECE Conventions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta MOREN-ABAT, DG Environment - EU Commission • Nick BONVOISIN, UNECE Water convention • Jean-François DONZIER, INBO General Secretary
	1 st slot	40 min	Presentations of good practice examples of adaptation strategies, measures and technologies and application of the specific European policy instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan ZAVADSKY, ICPDR General Secretary • Gherman BEJENARU, Dniester river basin Moldovan State Hydrometeorological Service • Dr. María 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
	2 nd slot	50 min	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter GLAS, Dutch Water Authorities, • Frédérique MARTINI, CIS-SPI/ONEMA • Sorin RINDASU, Apele Romane, Romania • Edouard BOINET, EU-NWRM- project • Dejan KOMATINA, Secretary General Sava International Commission
	Closing	10 min	Synthesis of the works and remarks by the session coordinators	Animated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Session Contribution* (How this session can contribute to the implementation roadmap)

This session will discuss specific aspects of climate change adaptation in Europe, good practices, challenges and lessons learnt.

Targeted audience in your session*

Government/Local government
 International Organization
 Public Corporation
 Academia, Research Institute
 Industry (Enterprises, etc.)
 CSO (Civil Society Organizations, NGO)
 Others()

2.1 Session Convenor (Working group coordinator)*

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Type of Organization*



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