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Roundtable 4: Water governance in transboundary basins

HOW IMPROVING BILATERAL GOVERNANCE ?



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New important water question of the
Scheldt district-WFD N°10/10:

Improve bilateral Governance



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Idea: get 1 basis for discussion

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- Water governance in transboundary river basins = ?
 - **TRANSBOUNDARY COHERENCE**
 - **ADDED VALUE**
- 1. Reliable transboundary **agreement**
- 2. **International tools** as permanent secretariat, common analysis, , joint monitoring network, roof management plan,...
- 3. **Bilateral tools** to get also **continuity** at the borders and to get **bilateral local exchanges**



Standard forms for all surface & ground water,

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□ Standard forms to exchange on:

1. **Cartography**: common localisation, joint maps
2. **Characterization** (art. 5 WFD,..)
3. **Monitoring** : stations, parameters, frequency, methodologies
4. **Status**: quality and quantity, risk,...
5. **Objectives** considering ecology, good quality & quantity status floods, water scarcity, ...
6. **Implementation** : measures, importance of investments,...



Standard forms for each problem,

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□ Standard forms to exchange on:

1. **WFD**: for each border water body :quality and quantity status, objectives and measures
2. **Floods directive**: for each transboundary water course :risk of flooding, flows, alert systems
3. **Fish migration**: for each transboundary river: priority to take off obstacles, sort of fish, ecological continuity,
4. Climate change, droughts,...??



Conclusions

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1. The bilateral fiches are the basis for the roof management plans and for their coherent and concrete implementation.
2. EC have asked for them, to improve assessment.
3. For the ISC they'll be part of the 2 roof management plan for WFD & floods directive



Discussion

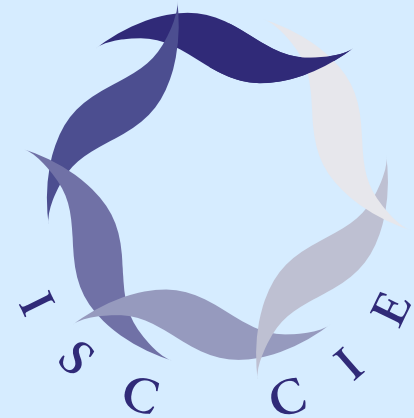
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Questions:



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