



7th World Water Forum 2015

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

Regional Process Session Form

INR.4.3.EU - EUROPE REGION

Successful experience of European International Basin Organizations for better managing transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers in Europe

Monday 13 April, 11h20-13h20

Gyeongju HICO, Room GHC_205

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)

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- 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)

EU1. Successful experience of European International Basin Organizations for better managing transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers in Europe.

Session description* (180 words, please kindly use media-friendly language)

Water doesn't know borders! In Europe there are 69 Transboundary river's basins which cover more than 60% of Europe territory: Their efficient management is therefore strategic European issue. Europe's transboundary water management has been fostered through two very specific instruments: the 1992 UNECE – Helsinki Water Convention and the 2000 European Union Water Framework Directive (EU – WFD), complemented by guidance material and implemented by International River Commissions, in a large majority of the cases.

The EU-WFD require all the 28 Members states, candidates and associated countries to manage their transboundary waters at International Basin District, associating also non EU members riparian countries if the case: These very ambitious tools insure also public participation, economic analysis, transboundary coordination and planning within a common implementation strategy in 3 phases from 2010 until 2027.

Transboundary Basins in Europe are thus required and stimulated to reach good ecological and chemical "statute" of water, and aquatic ecosystems, sustainable water resources management, protection against flooding, prevention of drought's effects and adaptation to climate change. Yet its main objective is a peaceful, coherent, green, sustainable, socio-economic development linking together quality, quantity and ecology. There should not be a one-size-fits-all approach to very different situations and many experiences existing in Europe. Many challenges regarding transboundary water management still persist.



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Therefore, the session will examine the experience of 20 years implementation of the Water Convention and of the first Transboundary Basin Management Plans (TBMP) 2010 – 2015 of the EU-WFD and will present which legal instruments and tools, have been successfully developed in Europe to implement those water policy at international scale, to create trust between European countries, to increase peaceful policy integration and implementation with less money and more results?

Session Duration*		<input type="checkbox"/> 90min X 120min		
Order	Estimated lead time (min)	Description of items/presentations	Confirmed speakers	
1	15 min	Introduction to the inter-regional day	- Charles <u>NGANGOUE</u> , AMCOW - Chahra <u>KSIA</u> , Center of Arab Water Security of the League of Arab States - Marta <u>MOREN-ABAT</u> , Environment Directorate General, European Commission	
2	15 min	<u>Regulations and policies to safeguard Europe's water resources:</u> - The 2012 "Blue Print" to safeguard Europe waters, - How the UNECE Water Convention has promoted European transboundary water cooperation, incl. in Central Asia	- Marta <u>MOREN-ABAT</u> , Environment Directorate General, European Commission - Nicholas <u>BONVOISIN</u> , UNECE	
3	20 min	1st roundtable: - Tools to improve coordination between riparian countries in the district of the Scheldt - Transboundary implementation of the WFD between EU & non-EU countries in the Danube and Rhine basin - Main issues of HELCOM Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration	- Jean <u>SCHEPMAN</u> , International Scheldt Basin / Artois-Picardie Basin Committee - Ivan <u>ZAVADSKI</u> , Secretary general ICPDR - Christian <u>HALD-MORTENSEN</u> , Danish Ministry of the Environment	
4	25 min	2nd roundtable: - European transboundary management and assessment programme - Transboundary management tools for sustainable water resources in Wallonia - Implementation of Transboundary water management in the EU-Mediterranean countries (example of the Albufeira Convention) - For a better transboundary flood risk management in the Elbe River basin	- Alice <u>AURELI</u> , UNESCO-ISARM & Neno <u>KUKURIC</u> , GEF TWAP - Mr. Alain <u>PALMANS</u> , CEO Water compagnie of the greater Liège area - CILE (Belgium) - Adriano <u>GARCÍA-LOYGORRI</u> , Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment - Pavel <u>PUNČOCHÁŘ</u> , Czech Water Director, Former president ICPER	
5	20 min	3rd roundtable: - The cost-efficient transboundary public participation in the international district of the Sava river - Youth, a key success factor to achieve European water challenges: the example of the Scheldt youth Parliament - Newly concluded agreements in Caucasus region	- Dejan <u>KOMATINA</u> , Secretary general Sava Commission - Bart <u>DEVOS</u> , World President Youth Parliament for water - Adishirin B. <u>ALAKBAROV</u> , Kura-Araz River Basin	



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	6	25 min	<p>Synthesis and recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transboundary outputs from the 3rd Istanbul Water Forum, - Interactive discussions on lessons learnt and success factors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ahmet SAATCI, President SUEN (Turkey), - Arnould LEFÉBURE, General secretary International Scheldt Commission - Jean-François DONZIER, General Secretary, INBO - André LIEBAERT, DG DEVCO, European Commission
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Session objectives and outputs* (please kindly use media-friendly language)

1. To improve the transboundary water management by sharing good practices and jointly discussing challenges and success factors
2. To improve implementation of EU water policies through transboundary coordination
3. To get a more coherent approach to adapt to Climate change
4. To involve larger public participation and to get the Youth prepared to future challenge.
5. To develop a closer and more concrete bilateral and multilateral coordination and cooperation
6. To improve integration of transboundary water management between inland water and marine water
7. To improve implementation of the UNECE Water Convention and motivate additional ratifications by countries from inside and outside the Pan-European region

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

Preparation meeting for EU countries, Balkans, Central Europe and Caucasus: EUROPE-INBO 2014 -BUCAREST 12 – 15 NOVEMBER 2014. The session will contribute at the preparation of the new International Basin Management Plans 2016 – 2021 required by the EU- WFD.

Targeted audience in your session*

Government/Local government
 International Organization
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 CSO (Civil Society Organizations, NGO)
 Others(Youth)

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Expected number of Participants(room size)¹⁾ *

- Less than 50pax 50~100pax 100~150pax **+ 150~200pax** More than 200pax () pax)

Preferred Room Type²⁾ *

- + Theater Type** Classroom Type **Roundtable Type** Others()

Use of Translation English -Korean(FREE of charge)³⁾ *

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- French Spanish Arabic Chinese Russian Others(Please indicate language(s))]

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