

EUROPEAN RIVER SYMPOSIUM 2021

Session 14:

Participatory basin management: how to do it & why it matters!

Thursday 27th May, 14h15 – 15h45 (CEST), Room B

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CONTEXT:

Since the adoption of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in the European Union (EU), significant progress have been made towards a more inclusive decision-making process. The Directive introduces the obligation for all Member States to encourage an active, participatory management of water resources at basin level.

But the degree of participatory management vary greatly in the legal and institutional frameworks established at national (or transboundary!) level, from simply ensuring consultation and access to background information to co-designing River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) with a wide-range of public and private actors.

This session will present how participatory management can be improved at each of step of the WFD process for river basin management planning: how can water users and the public at large can be better involved in monitoring, diagnosis, planning and implementation?

SESSION DRAFT PROGRAM:

Master of ceremony:

Mr. Edouard Boinet, Project manager, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Panel moderator:

Mr. Andreas Beckmann, Regional CEO, WWF-CEE

Introduction (5 min)

Ms. Stéphanie Laronde, Director of International Relations, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Keynote speech (10 min)

Mr. Alexander Zinke, Senior Project Coordinator Water and Environment, Environment Agency, Austria

Poll and exchanges (15 min)

Case studies (30 min) & exchanges (25 min)

Mrs. Helene Masliah Gilkarov, Technical Expert - Public Participation & Communication, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

Mrs. Anna Ek, Senior analyst, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

Dr. Michele Ferri, Director, Eastern Alps River Basin District Authority, Italy

Conclusion (5 min)

Ms. Irene Lucius, Regional Conservation Director, WWF Central and Eastern Europe (WWF CEE)