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ROUNDTABLE 3: International cooperation: twinnings & exchange, neighbourhood, transboundary water

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Roundtable 3:

Chair and Co-chair:

- Ms. Dolores Pascual, Hydrographic Confederation of the Ebro, Spain
- Mr. Nykola Kuzyo, Vice Minister of the European integration, environment and Natural resources of Ukraine,

Rapporteur and Co-rapporteur

- Mr. Ramiro Martinez Costa, Coordinator REMOB
- Mr. Arnould Lefébure, Secretary general International Scheldt Commission

Keynote speakers

- Ms. Anahi Barrera, Agence Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse, France
- Mr. Dragan Zeljko, secretary general , International commission of the Sava,

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Panelists:

1. **Mr. Antonio Coch**, *Commissioner for Water Hydrographic Confederation of the Ebro, Spain*
2. **Mrs. Andrea Galie**, *Director of Water Management Department, National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management, Romania*
3. **Mr. Arnaud Courtecuisse**, *Artois-Picardy Water Agency, France* & **Ms. Tsevelina Kanevan** *East Aegean River Basin Directorate, Bulgaria*
4. **Mr. Kalmàn Papp**, *previous water director, Hongria*
5. **Ms. Laura Tanco**, *Head of the Hydrological Planning Department Hydrographic Confederation of the Jucar, Spain*
6. **Mr. Dumitru Proca**
7. **Mr. Sean Cazares**
8. **Ms. Cygul Usmanova**, *Chief*

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3 MAIN TYPES OF COOPERATION = 3 DIFFERENT APPROACHES BUT SIMILAR OBJECTIVES

1. REGIONAL : eg REMOC
2. BILATERAL : Twinning or Transboundary
3. INTERNATIONAL: International river commission, INBO,
 - **Why? Purpose:** Improve the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the Floods Directive
 - **How?:** A voluntary system to exchange knowledge on how to implement the Directives, allowing mutual learning between participants (Peers)
 - **Who participates?:** Practitioners from River Basin Authorities involved in the implementation of the WFD (and Floods Directive) OR willing to know it



Main challenges

General Challenges

- **Differences** between the countries (i.e. EU membership, languages, different priorities, ...)
- **Broad scope** of work, demanding process (requires significant resources both in the ISRBC and in the Parties)...
- **Approach**
- **Integration** (whole basin, scope of work, all societal sectors), aligned with the international regulations and standards, pragmatic and practical, participatory, complementary with the processes on the Danube & national levels
- **Public participation:** Stakeholder involvement; Stressed importance of the you

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REGIONAL COOPERATION: different scales, different objectives

Who? REMOC, Ebro-Sardegna, Pirineos F/E, Comision aguas frontalezas (CAF), traite de Bayonne, shared aquifer F/Wallonia/Flanders...

Challenges: from exchange of data & good management practices to practical & specific transboundary issues

Tools: treaties, bi or multilateral protocols, maps, common data bases

Benefits: less conflicts, borders clarification, transboundary water transfert, improve water management, river basin management , neighbourhood cooperation



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BILATERAL COOPERATION and TWINNINGS

Who?

HUNGARIA- NETHERLANDS, HUNGARIA - FRANCE (INBO-AE), HUNGARIA – SPAIN , HUNGARIA – GERMANY, HUNGARIA –UK, HUNGARIA - CHINA , HUNGARIA – MONGOLY,
FRANCE – BULGARIA (AEAP – EABD), FRANCE-MORROCO,
ESPAÑA-ALGERIA,
MEXICO-USA,
MOLDOVA-UKRAINE,
ROMANIA-SERBIA, ROMANIA-UKRAINE, ROMANIA-BULGARIA,.....

Challenges:

- preparation & implementation of the Water Framework Directive
- Water governance & integrated water resources management
- Surexploitation
- hydropower
- Economic analysis (water fees system, recovery costs, ,...)
- Youth involvement ...

Benefits:

- ⇒ useful exchange for the foreign countries cooperating
- ⇒ Building the future in educating and involving the youth

HUMAN IS THE KEY FACTOR OF SUCCESS



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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: River commissions

Who?

SAVA COMMISSION, DANUBE COMMISSION, INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS WITH HONGRIA, ROMANIA, AMU DARYA COOPERATION, MEXICO-US COMMISSION FOR BOUNDARY & WATER

Challenges:

- **Common implementation** of WFD and Flood Risk via international roof Management Plan
- **Floods risk management:** (Danube Floodplain project)
- **Strengthening cooperation** between river basin management planning and flood risk prevention (Tisza River Basin- JOINTISZA project)
- **Water allocation** (Amu Darya)
- **Sediment Management** . (Danube Sediment project)

Tools:

- **Floods:** very early warning system, advanced system for exchange of hydrometeorological data
- **WFD:** international forum, Sava Youth Parliament



MAIN OUTCOMES

Benefits of Regional/international cooperation

- Reducing the flood risk through floodplain restoration along River and tributaries;
- Enhance the status of waters
- Restoration of the Sediment Balance
- Improved cooperation
- Increased level of mutual trust among the countries,
- an opportunity for all Parties to meet their interests.
- implementation of projects/activities of common interest,
- effective data and information sharing,
- sharing of experiences and transfer of knowledge.

⇒ A permanent international body/organization/commission is an effective structure for transboundary cooperation in international river basins.

