



PROGRAMME OF « EUROPE-INBO 2023 »

20th anniversary of Europe-INBO / MENBO

21st Europe-INBO International Conference

MENBO General Assembly

October 16-19th, 2023

Santiago Grisolia Auditorium, Príncipe Felipe Science Museum,
City of Arts and Sciences,
Valencia, SPAIN



**Debating the future of the European Water Directives
and affirming ambitions**

With simultaneous interpretation in Spanish-English-French



SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

At the Melia Oceanic Hotel (Calle Pintor Maella, 35, Valencia)

20:00: Welcoming cocktail and Badge collection

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

In the Santiago Grisolí Auditorium of the Príncipe Felipe Science Museum of the City of Arts and Sciences (Avenida del Professor López Piñero, 7, València)

8:00 - 9:00: Welcome and badge collection

9:00 - 9:30: Official opening ceremony

Welcome speeches:

- Mr. Miguel Polo, President of the Júcar Hydrographic Confederation (CHJ)
- Mr. Loïc Fauchon, President, World Water Council (WWC)
- Mr Hammou Bensaadout, Director General of Hydraulics, Ministry of Equipment and Water, Kingdom of Morocco
- Mr. Jean Launay, President of the National Water Committee (CNE), France, President of the Europe-INBO 2022-2023
- Mr. Juan Carlos Caballero, Councillor of the Valencia City Council
- Ms. Sabina Galindo, Director General for Water, Valencia Region
- Ms. Pilar Bernabé, Delegate of the Government of the Comunitat Valenciana

9:30 - 10:15: Presentation of water governance in Spain

At national level (20 min):

- Mr. Teodoro Estrela, General Director of Water, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain

At basin level (20 min):

- Mr. Miguel Polo, President of the Júcar Hydrographic Confederation (CHJ), Spain

10:15-10:45 : Objectives and actions of the INBO & EURO-INBO networks

- Dr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

10:45 - 11:15 : Coffee break

11:15 - 12:15 : Opening panel on current EU policies related to basin management and their developments

Co-rapporteurs:

- Ms. Elisa Vargas Amelin, Project Advisor, European Executive Agency on Climate, Infrastructure and Environment (CINEA)
Former Program Officer, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO)
- Mr Yannick Pochon, Project Manager, International Office for Water (OiEau)

Moderator:

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

Keynote speech of introduction of the EU context: 10 min

- Ms. Veronica Manfredi, Director "Zero Pollution" (ENV.C) of the Directorate General for the Environment (DG ENV), European Commission,

Reactions and comments:

- Ms. Marie-Laure Métayer, Deputy Director of Water and Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, France
- Mr. Günter Liebel, Secretary General, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, Austria
- Mr. Teodoro Estrela, General Director of Water, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain

12:15 - 13:00 : Statutory session of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations - REMOC

- Mr. Michael Schembri, Chairman of MENBO
- Mr. Miguel Polo, Permanent Technical Secretary of MENBO
- Mr. Ramiro Martinez, Coordinator of MENBO
- Dr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

13:00 - 14:00: Lunch

14:00 - 15:45 : Session 1. Water and agriculture: management of nonpoint source pollution

Co-rapporteurs:

- Dr. Raffaella Pellegrino, Southern Apennine District Basin Authority, Italy
- Mr. Daniel Chico, Project Manager, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO)

Presidency (5 min) :

- Mrs. Veronica Manfredi, Director "Zero Pollution" (ENV.C), Directorate-General for the Environment (DG ENV), European Commission, Former President of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)

Moderator:

- M. Jean-François Donzier, Secrétaire Général Honoraire, Réseau international des organismes de bassin (RIOB)

Keynote Speaker (15 min) :

- Mr. Alejandro Rodríguez González, Commissioner, Guadalquivir Hydrographic Confederation, Spain

Panel (45 min) :

- Ms. Annika Mikomägi, Chief Specialist, Water Department, Ministry of Climate, Estonia
- Mr. Juan Valero de Palma, President, National Federation of Irrigation Communities of Spain (FENACORE)
- Ms. Sophie Tremolet, Director of Freshwater Europe, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Dr. Molnár Gábor, Managing Director, Lake Balaton Development Coordination Agency (LBDCA), Hungary
- Mr. Raúl Compés López, Director, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (CIHEAM)

Questions and answers (35 min)

Conclusion (5 min)

- Mr. Javier Díaz-Regañón Jiménez, Water Commissioner, Tajo Hydrographic Confederation, Spain

15:45 - 16:15: Coffee break

16:15 - 18:00 : Session 2. New challenges for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive in relation with other European water directives

Co-rapporteurs :

- Mr. Eric Mino, Service Officer Europe, Mediterranean, Central Asia and China, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Mr. Twan Stoffers, Postdoctoral Researcher on Freshwater Biodiversity, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB)
- Ms. Elena López Gunn, Founder and CEO, Icatalist

Presidency and moderation (5 min) :

- Mr. Pascal Berteaud, Director, Center for studies and expertise on risks, environment, mobility and development (CEREMA), President, International Office for Water (OiEau)

Keynote Speaker (15 min) :

- Dr. Jeanette Völker, Head of Inland Water Unit, Federal Environment Agency, Germany

Panel (45 min) :

- Ms. Taina Ihaksi, Hydro-biologist, ELY-Economic Development, Transport and Environment Centre for South-Eastern Finland
- Ms. Marta Mañá Bonfill, Head of Water Quality, Júcar Hydrographic Confederation, Spain
- Mr Bart Fokkens, Associate Expert, European Center for River Restoration (ECRR)
- Mr. Nuno Bravo, Administrator, Central Water Region Administration, Portuguese Environment Agency (APA), Portugal
- Mr. Loïc Mangeot, Deputy Director General, Martinique Water Office, France

Questions and answers (35 min)

Conclusion (5 min)

- Ms. Stéphanie Laronde, Director of International Relations, International Office for Water (OiEau)

20:30: Gala Dinner (Oceanografico)

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

In the Santiago Grisolia Auditorium of the Príncipe Felipe Science Museum of the City of Arts and Sciences (Avenida del Professor López Piñero, 7, València)

9:00 - 10:45: Session 3. Adaptation to climate change: integrating reuse to cope with droughts and water scarcity

Co-rapporteurs :

- Ms. Stéphanie Laronde, Director of International Relations, Office International de l'Eau (OiEau)
- Mr. Javier Ferrer Polo, Deputy Director, Júcar Hydrographic Confederation (CHJ), Spain

Presidency and moderation (5 min) :

- Ms. Claudia Olazábal, Head of Unit "Sustainable freshwater management", Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission

Thematic introduction in the form of a dialogue (20 min):

- Mr. Marc García Manzana, Commissioner, Júcar Hydrographic Confederation (CHJ), Spain, Secretary General of the Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
- Mr. Guillaume Choisy, Director General, Adour-Garonne Water Agency (AEAG), France

Panel (45 min) :

- Mr. Joaquín Páez Landa, President, Guadalquivir Hydrographic Confederation (CHG), Spain
- Mr. Bernard De Potter, General Administrator, Environment Agency of Flanders (VMM), Belgium
- Mr. Michael Schembri, Director of Water Policy, Energy and Water Agency (EWA), Malta
- Mr. Alessandro Bratti, Secretary General, Po Basin District Authority (AdbPo), Italy
- Ms. Averil Gannon, Policy Advisor, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), Ireland

Questions and answers (30 min)

Conclusion (5 min)

10:45 - 11:15: Coffee break

11h15-13h00: Session 4. The role of the different actors in the implementation of the Water Framework Directive

Co-rapporteurs :

- Mr. Björn Lagerdahl, Coordinator, Skagerrak and Kattegatt Water District Authority (SKWDA), Sweden
- Mr. François-Xavier Imbert, International Cooperation Project Manager, International Office for Water (OiEau), Sweden
- Ms. Marta Mañá Bonfill, Head of Water Quality, Júcar Hydrographic Confederation, Spain

Chair and moderation (5 min) :

- Mr. Jean Launay, President of the National Water Committee (CNE), France, President of the Europe-INBO 2022-2023

Keynote Speaker (15 min) :

- Ms. Suvi Sojamo, Leading researcher, Finnish Environment Institute (Syke)

Panel (45 min) :

- Ms. Emma Orejudo, Water Quality Manager, Tajo Hydrographic Confederation, Spain
- Mr. Christian Lecussan, President of FENARIVE (industry federation), Vice President of the Seine-Normandy Basin Committee, France
- Ms Elisabeth Chouters, Deputy Director of Water for the Walloon Region, Walloon Public Service (SPW), Belgium
- Mr. Anders Iversen, National Water Coordinator, National Environment Agency, Norway
- Mr. Martiros Nalbandyan, Vice-Chairman of the Water Committee, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure, Republic of Armenia

Questions and answers (35 min)

Conclusion (5 min)

- Mr. Günter Liebel, Secretary General, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, Austria

13:00 - 14:00: Lunch

14:00 - 14:45: Statutory session of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations - REMOC, and transfer of the presidency of the REMOC from Malta to Spain

- Mr. Michael Schembri, MENBO Presidency
- Mr. Miguel Polo, Permanent Technical Secretary of MENBO
- Mr. Ramiro Martinez, MENBO Coordinator
- Dr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

14:45 - 16:30: Session 5. Transboundary and international cooperation

Co-rapporteurs:

- Ms. Carmen Anahí López del Valle García, Jurist specialized in environmental law, Icatalist and Climate Emergency group of the Valencian Community delegation of Team Europe
- Mr. Pierre Henry de Villeneuve, Project Director, International Office for Water (OiEau)

Presidency (5 min) :

- Dr Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Moderation & concluding remarks:

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

Keynote Speaker (10 min) :

- Ms Marjeta Jäger, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for International Partnerships - DG INTPA, European Commission

Panel (45 min) :

- Mr. Jenő Lábdy, Technical Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Water Management, Hungary
- Ms. Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube (ICPDR)
- Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Head of the Transboundary Cooperation Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Ms. Concepción Marcuello, Coordinator "International Affairs", Directorate General for Water, Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain
- Ms. Ana Jeleapov, Head of the Dniester River Basin District Committee, Moldova

Questions and answers (40 min)

- Dr Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

16:00 - 16:30: Coffee break

16:30 - 17:30 : Official closing ceremony

- Announcement of the INBO World General Assembly (7-11th October 2024, Bordeaux, FRANCE)
- Invitation to the 22nd International Conference "Europe-INBO" (2025)
- Information on the Declaration of Valencia, INBO Secretariat
- Transfer of the INBO Presidency to Spain:

- Mr. Jean Launay, President of the National Water Committee (CNE), France, & President of the Europe-INBO 2022-2023
- Mr. Teodoro Estrela, General Director of Water, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain, President of the Europe-INBO 2023-2025
- Closing remarks:
 - Mr. Hugo Morán Fernández, Secretary of State for the Environment, Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge

20:00: Cocktail of Europe-INBO and Mediterranean regional process of the World Water Forum (Hotel Melia Oceanic)

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

At the Melia Oceanic Hotel (Calle Pintor Maella, 35, Valencia)

9:00 – 12:30: Event on “Innovative water governance”

Concept note:

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Introduction (15 min) :

- Mr. Yannick Pochon, Secretariat of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Presentation of the WaterGOVERNANCE2027 project cluster (25 min):

- Ms Suvi Sojamo, Senior Researcher, Finnish Environment Institute (Syke)

Governance approaches and instruments (1h)

- Workpackage leaders

Work session #2 – “World Croissant & Café” (1h)

- Exchanges between participants of the Europe-INBO Conference and workpackage leaders

Conclusion (20 min)

- Dr. Eric Tardieu, Director General, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Ms Suvi Sojamo, Senior Researcher, Finnish Environment Institute (Syke)

12:30 – 14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 17:00: Workshop on “River management in a climate change context: challenges and opportunities” [only in English]

Introduction (45 min) :

- Mr. Yannick Pochon, Secretary of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- Ms Valentina Bastino, Policy Officer, DG Environment
- Mr Bart Fokkens, Associate Expert, European Center for River Restoration (ECRR)
- Ms. Belén Piñol Gómez, River Restoration Engineer, Júcar Hydrographic Confederation (CHJ), Spain
- Mr. Emilio Real Llanderal, Head of Section of the Environmental Management Area, Júcar Hydrographic Confederation, Spain

Speakers of work session #1 “River management and climate change now” (1h05)

- Ms Irena Likar, Life Stržhen Project Manager, Notranjski Regional Park, Republic of Slovenia
- Mr. Anders Iversen, National Water Coordinator, National Environment Agency, Norway

Coffee break (15 min)

Speakers of work session #2 “Adapting river management to climate change” (1h05)

- Ms. Marlène Rolan-Meynard, Engineer “Ecological restoration of aquatic ecosystems”, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)
&
Mr. Stéphane Jourdan, Hydrobiological Engineer, Artois-Picardie Water Agency, France
- Ms. Alejandra Tierno Cinque, Aquatic ecology expert, Eurofins Cavendish, Spain

Conclusion (15 min)

- Dr Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

17:00 – 17:30: Coffee break

17:30 – 18:30: INBO Liaison Bureau Meeting (access restricted to members)

In parallel, from 9:00 to 19:00:

Kick-off meeting of the 5th Mediterranean Water Forum organized by the Mediterranean Water Institute, which will take place in Tunisia in February 2024

(Santiago Grisolia Auditorium of the Príncipe Felipe Science Museum of the City of Arts and Sciences; Avenida del Professor López Piñero, 7, València)

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

9:00 – 14:00: Technical and cultural study visit

- Visit of the lagoon area managed to improve the quality of the waters in the Albufera Natural Park of Valencia.
- Visit to the session of the Valencia Water Court.
- In collaboration with the Oceanographic Foundation, cleaning activity on Saler beach (in front of the Sidi Saler Hotel) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

14:00 – 16:00: Lunch at the Júcar Hydrographic Confederation (Avenida Blasco Ibáñez, 48, 46010 Valencia), offered by the Júcar Hydrographic Confederation.

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