

Europe-INBO 2017-Roundtable 3

"Stakeholder and public participation in River Basin Management"

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Why Public Participation is important?

- It strengthens democracy
- Helps determine priorities, enhance understanding of problems and challenges
- The involvement of the public make people share responsibility and provide locally held information and knowledge.
- It creates awareness and ownership of decisions
- Provides transparency of actions and accountability.
- Public participation promotes consensus building
- It improves cooperation and coordination of actions.

Who is the public and what is its role?

- the 'general public', the population living within a river basin
- those individuals and organisations with a specific interest in water resources management, potential investors.
- Those that can really contribute to delivering solutions: water companies, wastewater treatment companies
- NGOs, (Non-Governmental-Organizations) such as those promoting environmental protection.
- sectoral stakeholder groups within a river basin (e.g. different water users (agriculture, industry etc.)
- advisory committees, in local level

The new approach

from public information....

to

active public involvement...

Today, the major concern is, how can interested parties agree.

How a consensus between the interested parties will be reached, how mutually satisfactory solutions will be found.

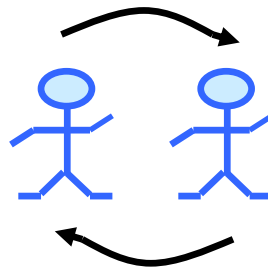
Levels of participation

- **Information**



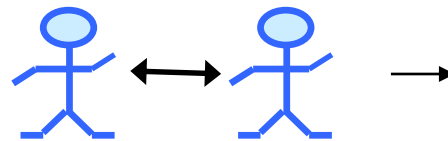
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- **Consultation**

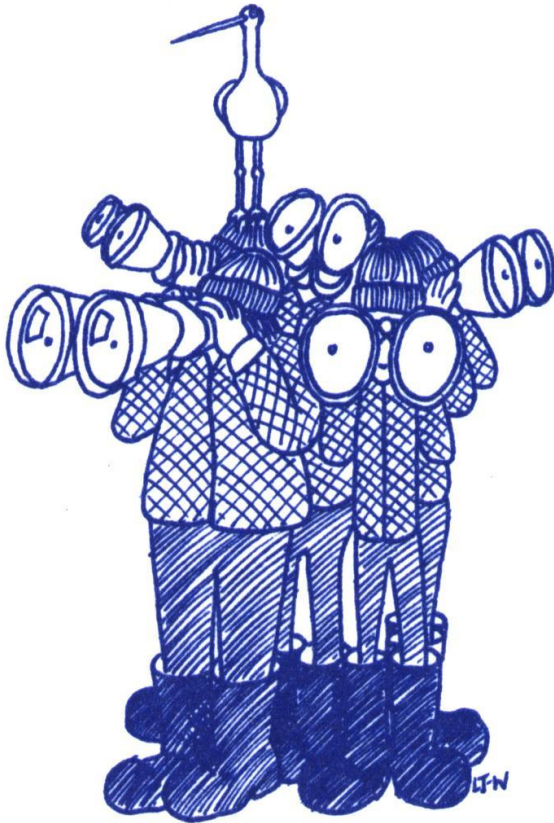


dialogue

- **Active involvement participatory approach**



Barrier 1: Group Interests



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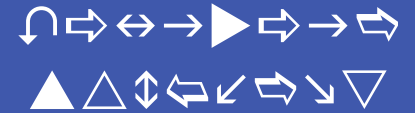
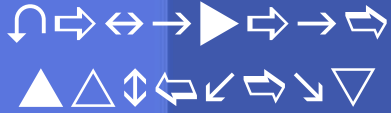


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Language problems



Barrier 2: The Information Divide

- Lack of information can hinder appropriate action
- Upstream countries tend to restrict information exchange
- Downstream countries tend to incriminate upstream countries

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POLITICIANS
[elected representatives
decision makers
policy generators]

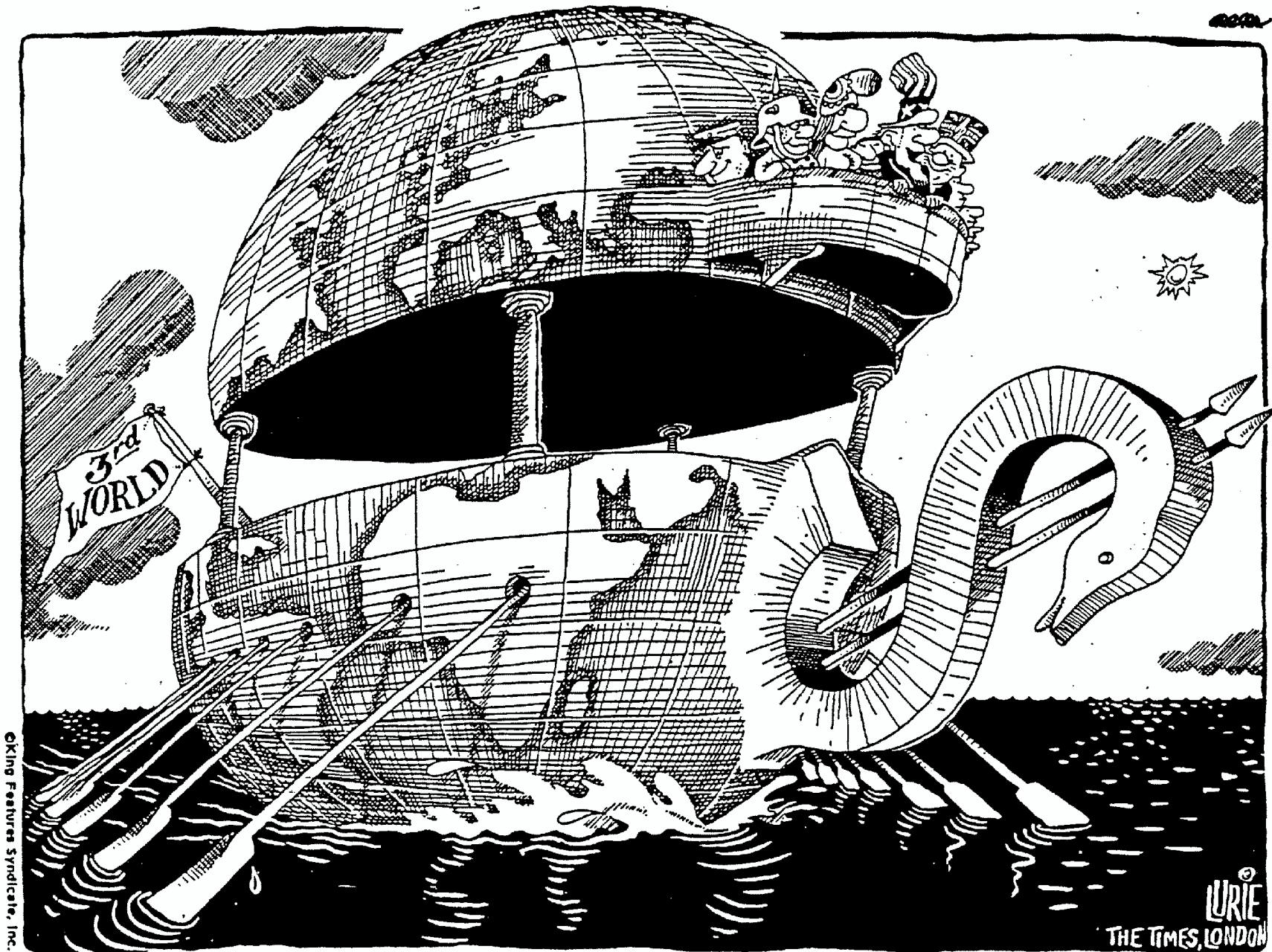
Barrier 3: The Scientific Divide

SCIENTISTS
[knowledge generators
researchers
data & information]

PROFESSIONALS
[implementors
managers]

PUBLIC
[stakeholders
recipients]

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THE GAPS*



"AFTER ALL, WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT."

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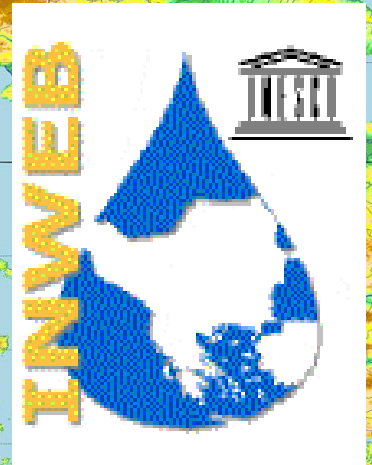
Sharing Benefits, but...

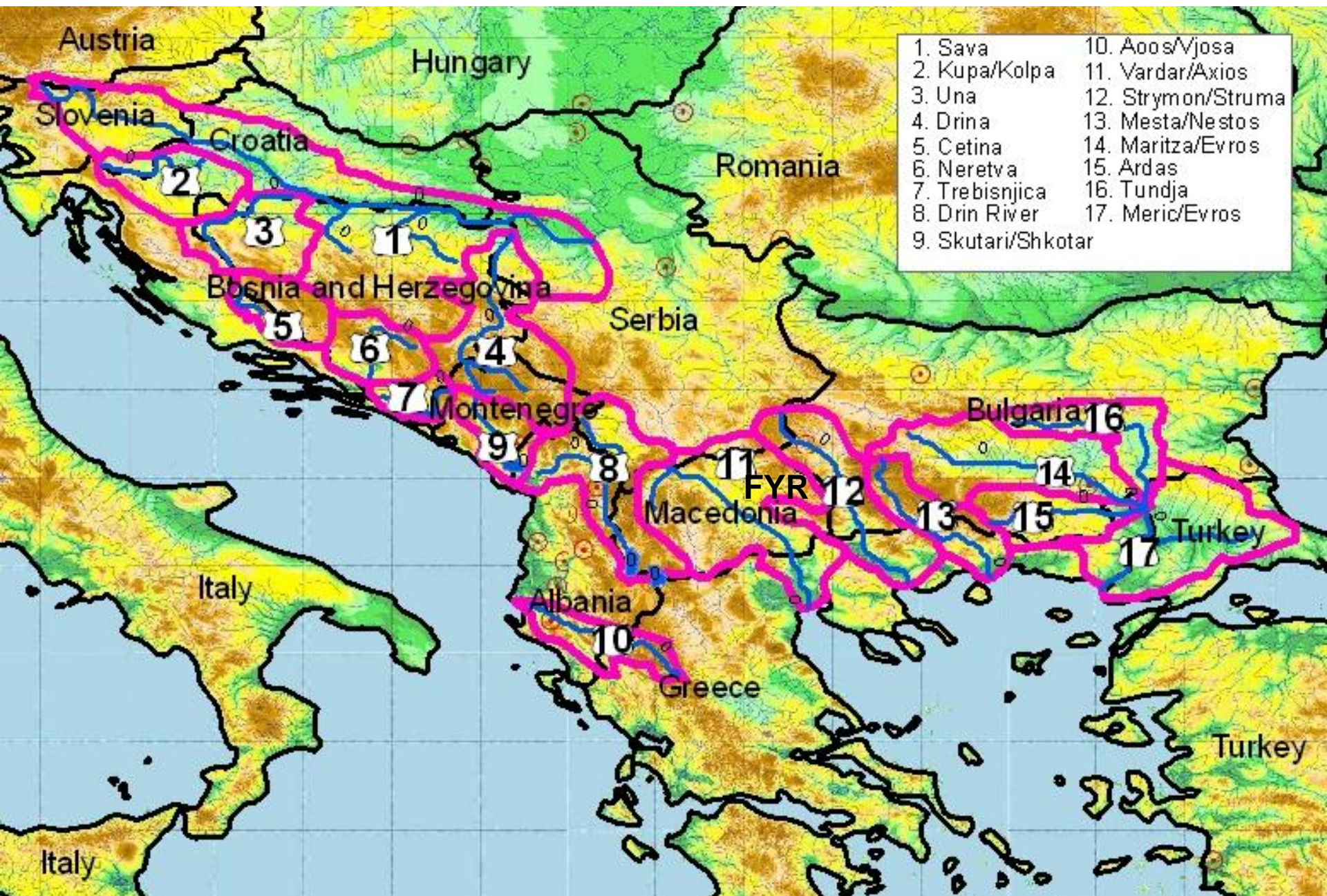
**Living With Risk is a
Matter of**

Sharing Risks

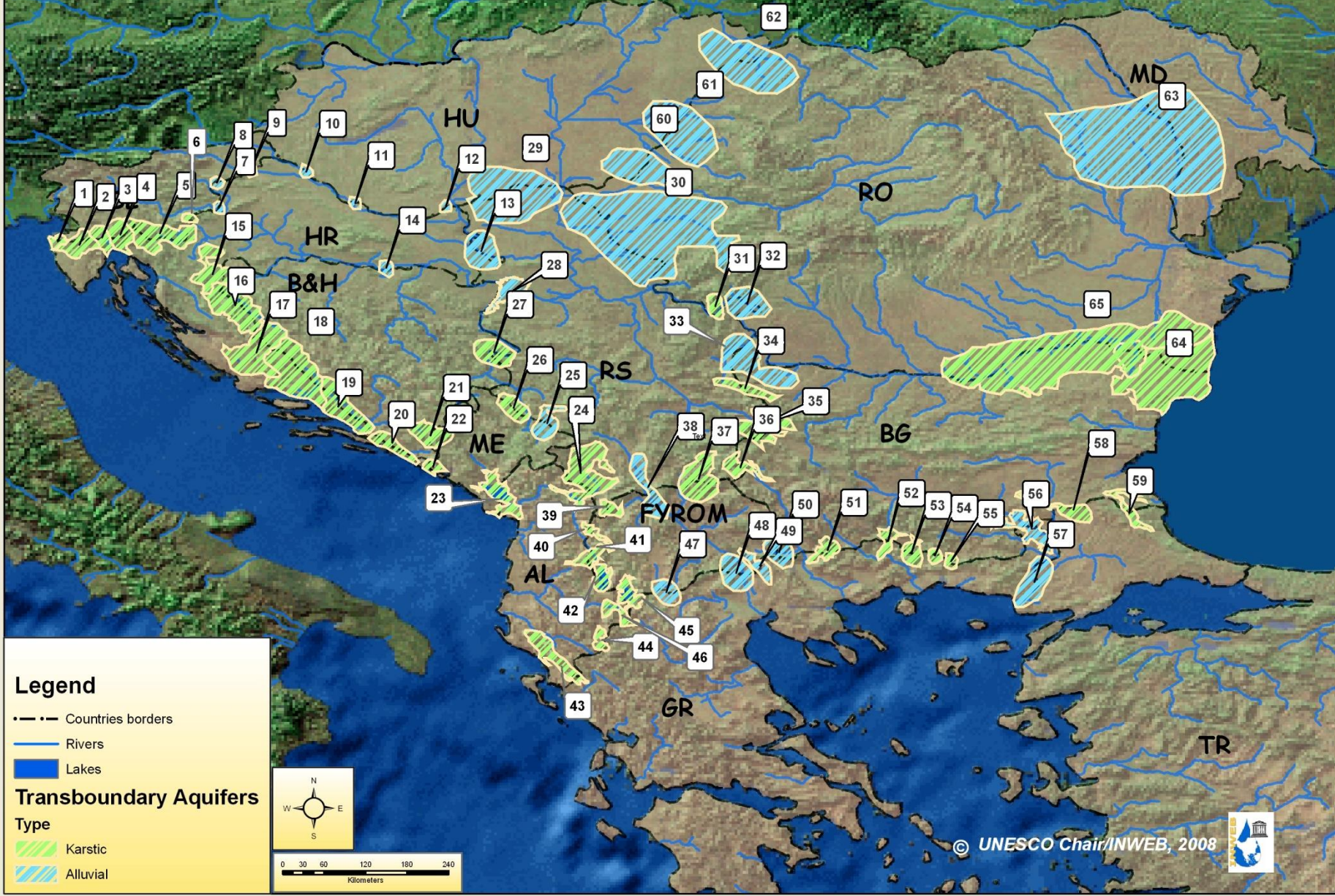
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Transboundary Aquifers in South Eastern Europe (SEE)



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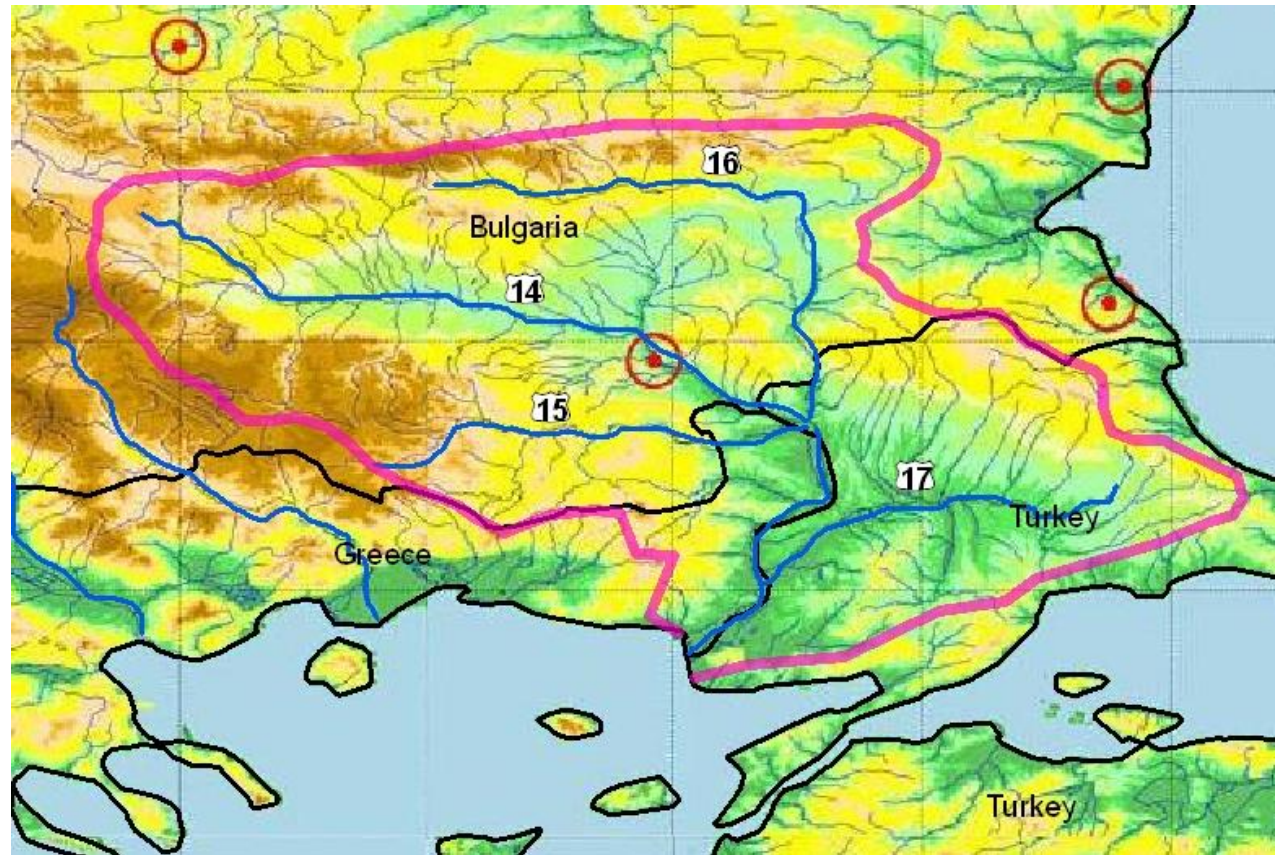
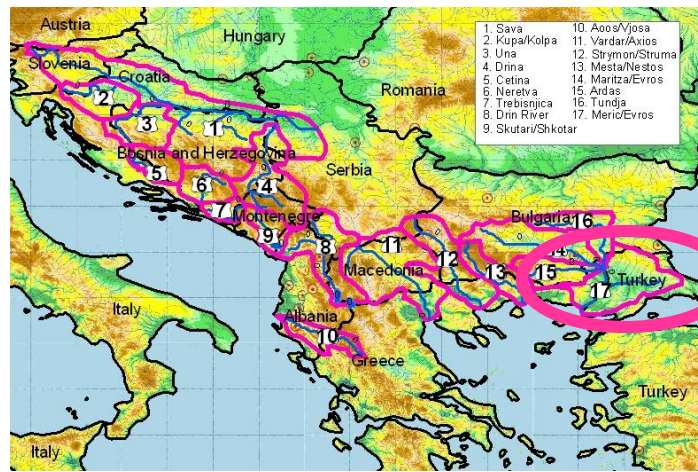
- Countries borders
- Rivers
- Lakes

Transboundary Aquifers

Type

- Karstic
- Alluvial

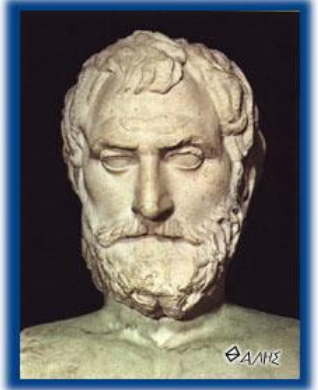




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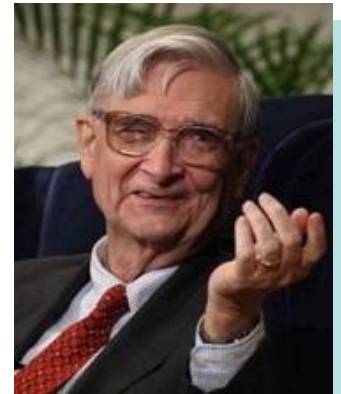
Water is the origin of everything

Thales of Miletus
Greek philosopher, 600bc



"Humanity is not determined by what is developing, but by what chooses not to destroy"

Edward Osborn Wilson (1929-)
American biologist



A scenic sunset over a lake with reeds and a boat. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and the surrounding landscape. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. In the foreground, there are tall reeds and a small boat on the water. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Thank you!

Ευχαριστώ!