

Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organizations - CEE NBO -

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Created in February 2002, Sinaia, Romania

Objective of CEE NBO

- to promote **integrated water resources management at the level of river basins**, as an essential tool for sustainable development:

Main activities focused on :

- organizing **joint activities of regional interest** - technical seminars on the *Stage and problems on the implementation of the EU Directives related to water*; **joint projects** (TWINBASN); **exchange of experience** (study-tours); application & approval to become **Observer within SCG of EC**, etc ...

Presidency and Secretariat of CEE NBO

- **CEE NBO Presidency :**

- 2002 - 2004 : **Romania** - Mr. Ovidiu GABOR
- 2005 - 2006 : **Poland** - Mr. Mieczyslaw OSTOJSKI
- 2007 - 2011 : **Czech Republic** - Mr. Petr KUBALA
- 2011 – till present : **Bulgaria** - Mrs. Atanaska TUNTOVA
Mr. Nikola KARNOLSKI

- **CEE NBO Secretariat :**

- ensured by **Romania**, through the ***National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management (NIHWM)***, within ***Apele Romane National Administration***.

Main last activities under BG Presidency

- 2011 – **International Conference** joint to the meeting dedicated to the preparatory process of region Europe for the 6th WWF, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- 2012 – **International Conference** – satellite event of “Green Week”, related to the 10th anniversary of CEE NBO and RB management in Bulgaria, joint to the LB of CEE NBO



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International Network of Basin Organizations

World Pact for better basin management

Gathered in Marseilles on the occasion of the 2nd World Water Forum on 16 March 2012, we, representatives of river, lake or aquifer basin organizations, from different parts of the world, subscribe to the present "World Pact for better basin management" in view of the development of integrated and joint water resources management at national, regional and transboundary level to meet the challenges facing our planet.

Indeed, we must achieve the Millennium Development Goals and ensure "green growth" and face the global changes associated with the rapid world population growth, migration, increasing urbanization, climate change, etc. Our efforts should indeed allow fighting against natural disasters, reliably meeting the drinking water needs of urban and rural populations to improve hygiene and health and prevent epidemics, securing food sufficiency, developing industry, energy production, waterways transport, tourism and recreational activities, preventing and controlling pollution of all kinds to preserve aquatic ecosystems, support fish production and more generally protect the biodiversity of water-related environments.

All these stakeholders should be tackled on a tactical or local basis, or separately from each other. The search for "holistic initial" involved include all stakeholders in an integrated and joint approach, supported in cooperation with the river basin users and for the sustainable use of water resources.

Part 1 :
PREAMBLE

Through our commitment to this Pact, we recognize that:

- It is becoming imperative to introduce and/or permanently strengthen new forms of governance of water resources, such as those already recommended at Dublin (1991), Rio (1992), Paris (1998), The Hague (2000), Johannesburg (2002), Kyoto (2003), Mexico (2006) and Istanbul (2009) in particular;
- River, lake and aquifer basins are the relevant territory for the organization of joint management of water resources, aquatic ecosystems, and all water-related activities;
- The different ecosystems found in river basins are very important both for biodiversity and environmental services, including for the regulation of the hydrological cycles and risk prevention, as well as for the treatment of pollution;
- The basins of transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers are to be paid special attention and to be jointly managed by the riparian countries.

Part 2 :
COMMITMENTS OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS

Recognizing the need of urgent actions, we, representatives of the organizations, signatories of the "World Pact for better basin management", express our will, in what comes under our statutory powers and within the limits of our own resources, to control ourselves alongside our national governments and international institutions for:

- acting to improve water governance, facilitating the creation of basin organizations where they do not exist, strengthening existing organizations, helping the concerned authorities develop useful reforms and policies for sustainable water management and the programmes needed for their implementation in the field;
- supporting processes of sustainable, integrated, joint and participative management of water resources and environments organized on the appropriate scale of local, national or transboundary basins according to the case;

Part 3 :
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- organizing dialogue with the stakeholders recognized in our basins and their effective participation, to achieve a truly shared vision of the future, to identify the necessary agreements on priorities and the resources to mobilize, coordinate initiatives and projects, analyze the results;
- based on a prior assessment, facilitating the agreement of the various stakeholders on a "shared vision" of the future of their basin and developing, through dialogue and transparency, management plans or basin master plans for setting out the goals to be achieved in the medium and long term;
- developing successive action and investment plans that meet the economic, social and environmental priorities of the basins, set out in the management plans, and establishing mechanisms for evaluating their results while using suited performance indicators;
- making better use of water and ensure low consumption of this scarce resource by better control of the demand, encouraging more efficient uses, and according to the case, the use of unconventional resources, the reuse of treated wastewater or artificial recharge of aquifers for sustainable development in particular;
- better taking into account the significance of ecosystems and of their services in planning processes for the development and management of our river basins;
- implementing priority actions especially needed in drinking water supply, sanitation, health, energy, agriculture and fishing, waterways transport, protection against risks and biodiversity conservation, thus contributing to sustainable development and poverty alleviation;
- mobilizing the financial resources in an adequate manner, using mechanisms for guaranteeing their sustainability, for carrying out these governance reforms, ensuring a long-term good basin governance and implementing the stakeholders' action and investment plans needed and ensuring their lasting operation;
- organizing in each basin, in cooperation with the major data producers and managers, harmonized data collection as part of integrated information Systems, which are permanent, reliable, representative, interoperable and easily accessible, allowing a precise vision of the environmental situations and their evolution;
- supporting initiatives of regional cooperation institutions for harmonizing policies and legislation in the field of water and for developing and implementing joint action plans particularly at the basin level, and monitoring legal changes.

Signed in Marseilles, on 16 March 2012

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Basin Organization: **ABA SIRET**

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We wish that donors would recognize the essential role of basin organizations in sustainable water resources management, by financially supporting projects related to the above commitments and principles.

In order to fulfil our commitment, we will also take the necessary actions to:

- strengthen institutional and technical cooperation with counterpart basin organizations in our region or other parts of the world, particularly within the existing INBO networks to quickly disseminate best practices, jointly develop innovative solutions and ensure the required training of the various stakeholders involved;
- organize better liaison with research organizations to better focus their work on the priority aspects of basin management and rapidly disseminate their practical findings;

We are fully committed to report, on the occasion of the next World Water Forum in 2015, our actions and to share the progress made by our basin organizations.

We are also committed to promote this Pact to the basins organizations that could not come to Marseilles and extend them the invitation to join us and eventually becoming signatories to the same as well.

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- Signing the Pact on behalf of CEE NBO during WWF - March, 2012, Marseille



Main last activities under BG Presidency

- The **CEENBO** website has been fully redesigned with the support of CEE NBO Secretariat (NIHWM) – www.ceenbo.org



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- **Facilitate through CEENBO Secretariat the collaboration with BG and HU experts in RESTORE Project (*Rivers: Engaging, Supporting and Transferring knOwledge for Restoration in Europe)*)**
 - organising the Workshop : “*Sharing River Restoration Knowledge and Experience in Europe*”, Iasi, RO (May 2012);
 - organising the Seminar “*River Restoration –an important activity in water management field*”, Ruse, BG (Nov. 2012).

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- Participation to the **9th World General Assembly of the INBO, Fortaleza (Brazil) 13 - 16 August 2013;**
- Participation to the **Conference of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia NBO (EECCA) Community of water professionals – a framework for interstate water cooperation – Moscow, Russia, 8 - 9 Nov 2013**
 - Invitation addressed to **EECCA** to join CEENBO as **Observer**
- Organisation of the **Liaison Bureau of CEE NBO, 13 Nov. 2013, Plovdiv, Bulgaria**

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- Preparation of the **proposal together with INBO and MENBO** - a *peer review* mechanism envisaged by the **EC**, based on TWINBASIN project experience.
- **Activities regarding the extension of cooperation between GWP Romania and CEENBO ;**
 - Workshop “National stakeholder consultation on water: supporting the post-2015 development agenda”, organized within and the support of NIHWM which holds the Permanent Secretariat of CEENBO 19 March 2014

Main last activities under BG Presidency

- **Presentation within the 6th International Conference ECRR Vienna, 27-30 October 2014 in side event C, of the coming EUROPE-INBO 2014 Conference;**
- **CEE NBO Secretariat had organized the 12th EURO-INBO Conference 2014 in Romania, with the support of *Apele Romane* National Administration and National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management, and Water International Office –Paris;**
- **The participation of almost 140 experts and specialists on water management, from 32 countries of Europe , Middle Asia and Africa was a real success of the goals proposed by the organizers;**
- **Organization of the Liaison Bureau of CEE NBO, 12 Nov. 2014, Bucharest, Romania;**
- **Participation of Permanent Secretary of CEENBO, Mrs. Daniela Radulescu to the 7 World Water Forum - Korea April 2014**

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- **Presentation within the regional sessions dedicated to Europe: *European Examples and instruments for effective adaptation to climate change and Best practices in transboundary climate change adaptation in Europe focusing on how to translate the specific European policy instruments into concrete action on the ground, financing and other challenges.***
- **Correspondence between Permanent Secretary of CEENBO and the representatives of National Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Water Management – Branch Cracow, in order to renew the cooperation between Poland and CEENBO and nominate two representatives from Institute in LB ;**

CEE NBO perspectives

- ▶ Keep the **exchanging of experiences & practices inside CEE NBO** (not only on WFD, but also on Flood Directive, Climate Change, River Restoration)
- ▶ **Transfer of knowledge** regarding the EU Water Directives implementation and IWRM approach to the **Balkan countries and Black Sea** countries (providing support in harmonisation of legislation, organisational aspects, etc)
- Develop the CEE NBO website in a such a way to exchange info on : **WM organization** in each member country, stage of **WFD & FD implementation, good practices** and **main difficulties**, including practical **questions / proposals** (to be further submitted to SCG of EC !)
- To strength the **cooperation between CEE NBO and ECRR** (European Center for River Restoration)

Thank you for your attention !