



# ***Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organizations***

15<sup>th</sup> EUROPE INBO Conference, INBO Liaison Bureau  
DUBLIN, 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2017

## Objective of CEE NBO (regional network created in February 2002)

- 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 *State and problems on the implementation of the EU Directives related to water*
- In 2003, as a result of an official request of CEE NBO Secretariat, our Network was welcomed to participate as **Observer in the Strategic Coordination Group of EC meetings**
- CEE NBO countries involvement within **EC TWINBASIN programme** (2004-2006) – results : **43 % eligible proposals had at least a partner (Basin Organisation / country) from CEE NBO Network**
- Involvement in signing and dissemination of **Marseille Pact**
- Involvement in **Peer Review – phase I** (EC project, LP – IOW)
- A lot of **meetings & workshops**

➤ **Signing the Pact on behalf of CEE NBO during WWF (March 2012, Marseille)**

➤ **Dissemination of the Marseille Pact within Romanian 11 RB Authorities (through CEE NBO Secretariat) for agreement & signature**

➤ **Marseille Pact signed in Romania by 11 RBA**



**International Network of Basin Organizations**

**World Pact for better basin management**

Gathered in Marseille on the occasion of the 12<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum on 16 March 2012, we, representatives of river, lake or aquatic 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.

We must address 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 include active fighting against natural disasters, widely 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, wastewater treatment, tourism and recreational activities, promoting and controlling pollution of all kinds to preserve aquatic ecosystems, support fish production and more generally promote the biodiversity of water-related environments.

All these tasks cannot be tackled on a sectoral or local basis, or separately from each other. The search for solutions must involve several stakeholders in an integrated and joint approach, agreed in cooperation with the river basin users and for the sustainable use of water resources.

- Part 1:**
- Recognizing the need of urgent actions, we, representatives of the organizations, subscribers of the "World Pact for better basin management", express our will to work closely under our statutory powers and within the limits of our own resources, to commit 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 services and policies for sustainable water management and the programmes required for their implementation on 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 2:**
- 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 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 water performance indicators;
  - making better use of water and ensure the conservation of this scarce resource by better control of the demand, encouraging more efficient uses, and according to the case, the use of environmental 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 decisions for the development and management of our river basins;
  - implementing priority actions especially needed in drinking water supply, sanitation, health, energy, agriculture and fishing, wastewater treatment, 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 actions, ensuring a long-term good basin governance and empowering the stakeholders' action and investment plans needed and ensuring their ongoing 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 situation and their evolution;
  - supporting initiatives of regular cooperation mechanisms for harmonizing policies and regulations in the field of water and for developing and implementing joint action plans particularly at the basin level and monitoring high changes;
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# Meetings

- Sinaia / Romania, *Feb. 2002* – **1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of CEE NBO / Creation of the Network**, Analyse et Acceptance of the CEE NBO Statute, Elections;
- Warsaw / Poland, *July 2002* – **Workshop** “*Impact and pressures*”
- Calimanesti / Romania, *Nov. 2002* - **CEE NBO Liaison Bureau & Workshop** “*Delineation of surface water bodies - Designation of heavily modified water bodies*”
- Tulcea / Romania, *Sept. 2003* - **CEE NBO Liaison Bureau & Workshop** “*Characterisation of hydrographic districts : steps and procedures, case studies. Specific aspects of wetlands*”;
- Valencia/ Spain, *Nov. 2003* – **CEE NBO Liaison Bureau & EUROPE INBO 1<sup>st</sup> Conference, 123 participants**;
- Voina / Romania, *May 2004* – co-organisation of the **1<sup>st</sup> Liaison Bureau – Network of International Commissions and Transboundary Basin Organizations**;



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- Krakow / Poland, *September 2004* - Co-organise the **General Assembly of CEE NBO** and participation to **EURO-INBO Conference**, 126 participants
- Namur / Belgium, *September 2005* - Co-organisation of the **Liaison Bureau of CEE NBO** and participation to **EURO-INBO Conference**, 175 participants ;
- Mexico-city, Mexico, *Mars 2006*, Participation in the **IIIrd WWF** and co-organisation of the **EURO-INBO Conference**;
- Bucharest / Romania, *June 2006*- Organization of the **CEE NBO** workshop “GES”;
- Megeve, France, *September 2006* - Participation in the **EURO-INBO** meeting, **TWINBASIN Steering Committee** and **INBO Liaison Bureau**, 172 participants;
- Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic, *October 2006* - Co-organisation of the General Assembly of **CEE NBO**;



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- Debrecen / Hungary, *June 2007*- **CEE NBO Liaison Bureau meeting joint to the General Assembly of INBO** - 217 participants
- Rome / Italy, November 2007 - **CEE NBO Liaison Bureau joint to the plenary meeting of EURO-INBO** - 191 participants.
- Sibiu / Romania, *October 2008* - Organisation of **CEE NBO Liaison Bureau joint to the plenary meeting of EURO- INBO**– 195 participants;
- Stockholm / Sweden, *August 2009* - **CEE NBO Liaison Bureau joint to the plenary meeting of EURO- INBO**;
- Bruxelles, *November 2009* - EC SCG meeting: EC invited **INBO&CEE NBO** to **present the Conclusions of the Sibiu Conference**;
- Paris, *November 2009* - Water Directors meeting: **INBO** communication on « **WFD contribution in transboundary basins**»;



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- Megeve / France, *September 2010* - meeting of **EURO- INBO-** 177 participants;
- Minsk / Belarus, *October 2010* – **Participation to IVth International Water Forum;**
- Plovdiv, Bulgaria, *March 2011* - **CEENBO Liaison Bureau** joint the meeting of the **Conference “Integrated Water Management in the Balkans and Eastern Europe”;**
- Porto, Portugal ,*September 2011* - **CEENBO Liaison Bureau** joint 9th meeting of **EURO-INBO “European conference on the water framework directive implementation”;**
- Marseille, France , *March 2012*, **The signature of the Pact of Marseille;**
- Sofia, Bulgaria , *20-22 May 2012*, **CEENBO Liaison Bureau** joint the 10th meeting on **EURO-INBO International conference Water Management in Central and Eastern Europe – Problems and Challenges;**



# Meetings

- Istanbul, Turkey , *October 2012* - **CEENBO Liaison Bureau** joint the 10th meeting of **EURO-INBO “European conference on the implementation of the WFD”**;
- Fortaleza, Brazil , *August 2013* - participating on behalf of the **CEENBO Secretariat** to the **9th World INBO General Assembly**;
- Moscova /Russia Federation , *November 2013* - participation on behalf of the **CEENBO Secretariat** to the **EECCA NBO Conference**;
- Plovdiv /Bulgaria *November 2013* - **CEENBO Liaison Bureau** joint the 11th meeting of **EURO-INBO “European Conference on the implementation of the WFD”**;
- Bucharest /Romania, *November 2014* - **CEENBO Liaison Bureau** join the 12th **“EUROPE-INBO 2014” International Conference** for the Implementation of the European WFD;
- Korea, *April 2015*, **6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**





# Meetings

- Thessaloniki, Greece, 21-24 October 2015 – 13th “EUROPE-INBO 2015”;
- Paris, 30 November - 11 December 2015 - Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
- Lourdes, France, 19 – 22 October 2016 – 14th “EUROPE-INBO 2016”;



# Presidency and Secretariat of CEE NBO

## ► CEE NBO Presidency

- 2002 - 2004 - Romania / Mr. Ovidiu GABOR, Director of N. A. "Apele Romane"
- 2005 - 2006 - Poland / Mr. Mieczyslaw OSTOJSKI, Director of IMGW
- 2007 – 2011 - Czech Republic / Mr. Petr KUBALA, Director of Povodi Vltavy
- 2011 - 2013 - Bulgaria / Mrs. Atanaska TUNTOVA, Director of East Aegean RB Directorate
- 2013 - 2015 - Bulgaria / Mr. Nikola KARNOLSKI, Director of East Aegean River Basin Directorate
- since 2015 - Bulgaria / Mr. Georgi SEMERDJIEV - Director of East Aegean RB Directorate

## ► CEE NBO Secretariat

- ensured by Romania, through the N. A. "Apele Romane" & National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management (Mrs. Daniela RADULESCU, Director of N.I.H.W.M.).


## *Same conclusions ...*

The **role of CEE NBO was extremely useful** to :

- ▶ **facilitate the practical implementation of the acquis communautaire in the MS during the pre-accession period, but also in the post-accession years;**
- ▶ **strengthening cooperation between water management institutions in Central and Eastern Europe, through projects, study-tours, technical workshops;**

### *Considering that:*

- ▶ After EU accession ...
  - the interest of EU countries to activate within CEE NBO has been diminished, which is logical;
  - the IOW financial support for covering participation of the CEE NBO representatives (states became EU) stopped (which is logical)
  - the only countries interested in the main objective of CEE NBO, remained the ex-Soviet countries ...
- ▶ The founding in 2007 of the Caucasus Central Europe Basin Network in Central Asia (not a Network with juridical personality but a language network), many CEENBO players from MD, UA, UZ, BE preferred EECCA NBO instead of CEE NBO.

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- The founding in 2003 of the EUROPE INBO (not a Network with juridical personality but an WG focused on exchange between countries faced with the same problems related to the implementation of the EU Directives), became, in time, a sort of an alternative to the Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organizations (which is logical)
  - The fee contribution of the member countries has not been paid since 2007, the activity being supported in the last 10 years by the “Apele Romane” National Administration and the National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management, only based on their own sources.

Taking into account the above arguments, we propose according to art. 13 of the Statute of CEE NBO and based on INBO LB advice, to **close the Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organizations.**

In the same time it is proposed to **integrate CEENBO in EURO INBO**, which has the objective to develop permanent relations with the organizations interested in comprehensive river basin management – **dedicated to the practical implementation of the WFD and the FD** and facilitate exchanges of experience and expertise amongst them.

Throughout this period the CEE NBO Secretariat has collaborated very closely with the INBO Secretariat.

We express our gratitude and thanks to Mr. Jean - Francois Donzier for the support, cooperation and friendship for more than 15 CEE NBO years !



12<sup>th</sup> EURO INBO Conference, Bucharest, Romania – November 2014



14<sup>th</sup> EURO INBO Conference, Lourdes, France – October 2016



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13<sup>th</sup> EURO INBO Conference Thessaloniki, Greece – October 2015

