

How does the UNECE Water Convention support the work of basin organizations?

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The UNECE Water Convention and its key obligations for Riparian Parties



Key obligations for Riparian Parties:

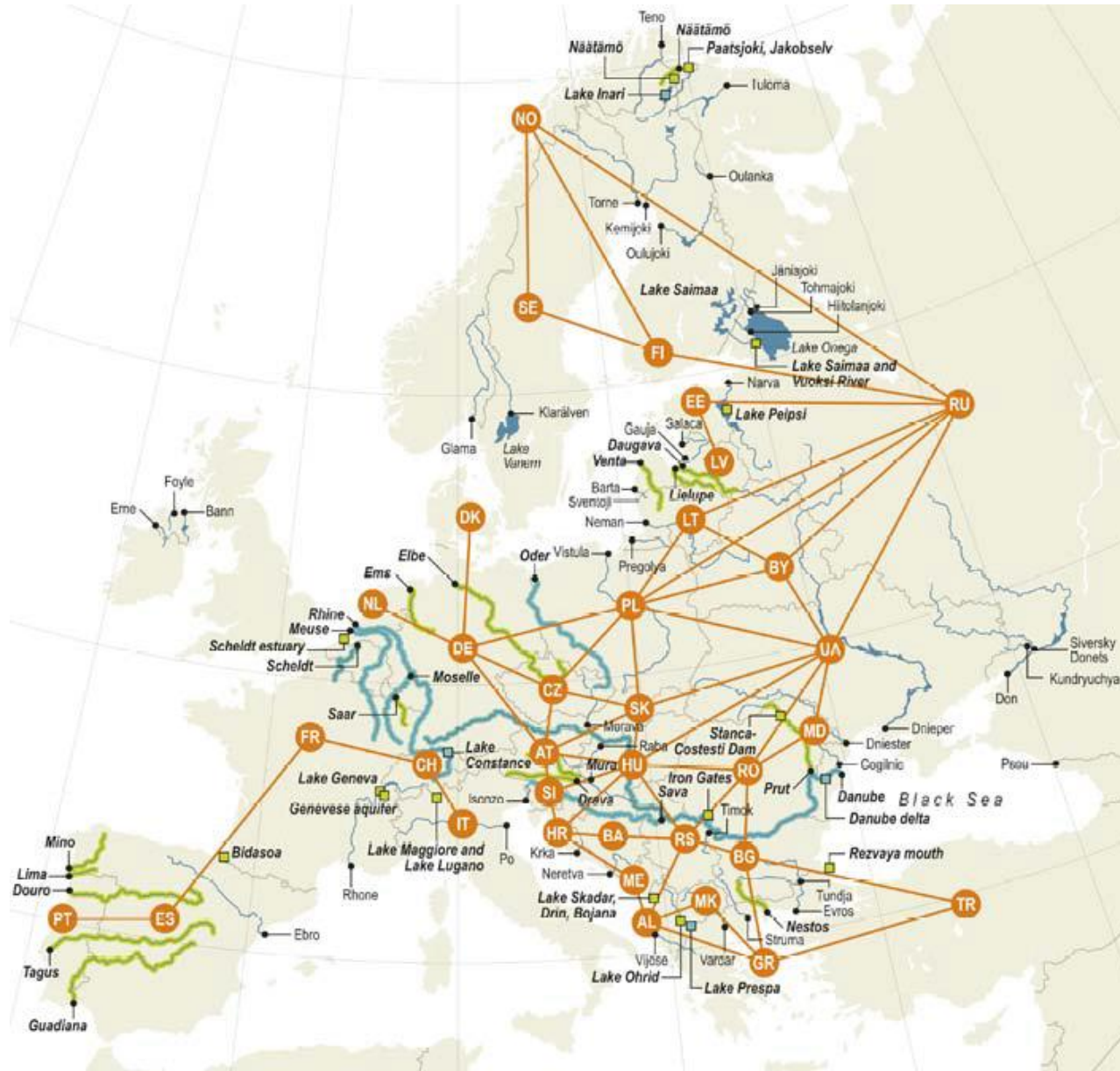
- Conclusion of bilateral and multilateral agreements and creation of joint bodies
- Consultation between Riparian Parties
- Joint monitoring and assessment
- Common research and development

Recent product: Principles for effective joint bodies for transboundary water cooperation, adopted at MOP-7 (Budapest, November 2015)

The Water Convention:

- Adopted in 1992, entered into force in 1996
- Has 41 Parties in the pan-European Region
- As of 1 March 2016 open for accession by all UN Member States

Convention in practice: map of transboundary agreements

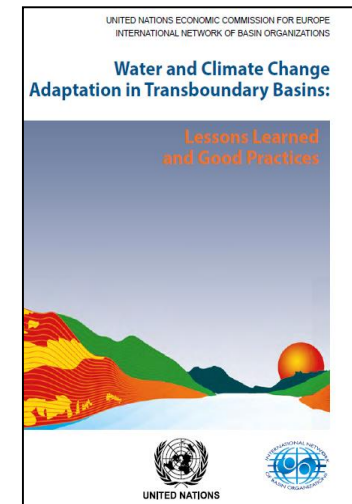
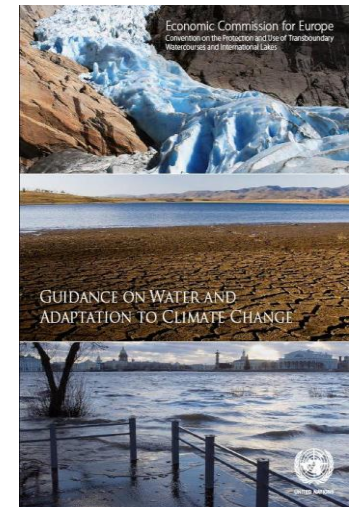


Water and Adaptation to Climate Change

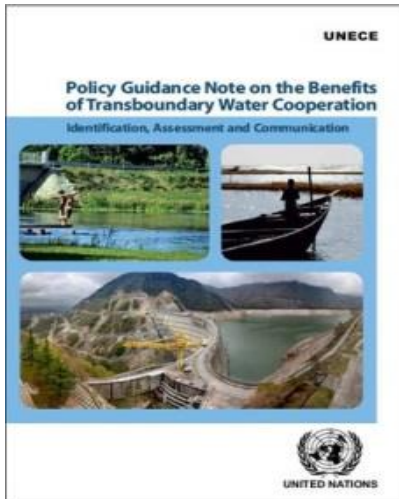
- Task Force on Water and Climate
- Guidance on Water and Adaptation on Climate Change as a roadmap towards adaptation of water management to climate change
- Used worldwide in pilot projects

Cooperation with INBO:

- Publication on Water and Climate Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Lessons learned and Good Practices
- Global network of basins working on water and climate (14 members including Senegal, Congo, Niger, Mekong)
- **Sixth Workshop on Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins (Geneva, 13-14 September 2016)**



Identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary cooperation



Policy Guidance Note on the benefits of transboundary water cooperation: Identification, Assessment and Communication

Supports governments and other actors in realizing the potential benefits of transboundary water cooperation

- *Policy Guidance Note* to be applied in interested pilot basins: Okavango, Juba, Drina, possibly others
 - Workshop to exchange experiences in 2017 or 2018
- Foster improvement of cooperation by highlighting potential to generate broad range of benefits & contributing to reflection on possible accession to the Convention