EUROPEAN RIVER SYMPOSIUM 2021

Session 2

Adaptation to climate change:

the interest of basin management planning

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CONTEXT:

Climate change primarily affects our societies through the water cycle: unpredictable rainfall patterns, aquatic ecosystems degradation, altered river flows, sea level rise-induced salinization of coastal groundwater and more frequent and intense floods and droughts. In Europe, these climate change impacts further limit the capacity of EU Member States to achieve the WFD objectives.

But cooperating for adaptation to climate change at basin level is part of the solution.
Basin organizations, both at national and transboundary levels, are showing us how to meet the challenge, by opting for cooperation through the elaboration of coordinated development plans at the scale of hydrographic district and with the integration of all water uses and climate change impacts.

This session will present how cooperation and planning of water resources uses at basin level helps to improve adaptation (but also avoid maladaptation!) and achieve the objectives of the Water Framework Directive.

SESSION DRAFT PROGRAM:

Master of ceremony (1min)

***Mr. Eric Tardieu**, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)*

Introduction (4 min)

***Mr. Timo Jokelainen,** Europe-INBO President 2019-2020, Chair of both the Finnish-Swedish Transboundary River Commission and the Norwegian-Finnish Commission on Transboundary Waters*

Keynote speech (10 min)

***Mr. Ivan Zavadsky,** Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)*

Poll and exchanges (15 min)

Case studies (35 min) & exchanges (20 min)

Moderated by:

***Mrs. Hanna Plotnykova,** Environmental affairs officer,*

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

***Mrs. Françoise Goulard**, Senior climate expert, Adour-Garonne Water Agency (France)*

***Mrs. Nikola Schulte-Kellinghaus**, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine 13h20*

Mr. Fernando Magdaleno, Water Protection and Risk Management Subdirectorate, 13h30

Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain

***Mr. Leon Dhaene**, Secretary General, International Scheldt Commission) 13h40*

Conclusion (5 min)

***Mrs. Sonja Koeppel**, Secretary of the Water Convention,*

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe