

EURO INBO 2016 Conference

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COOPERATION - ADDITIONAL POWER



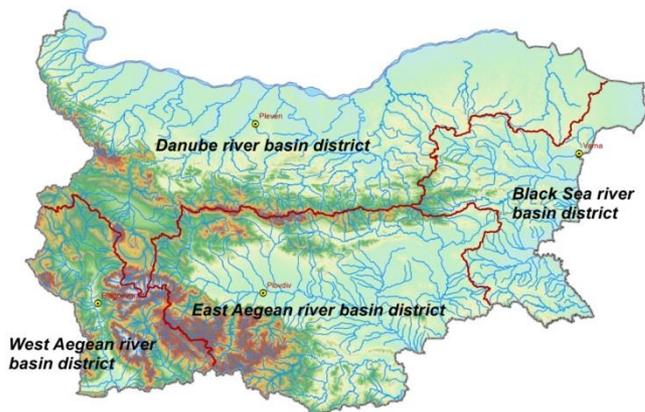
example: East Aeagen River Basin
Directorate (Bulgaria) and Artois – Picardie
Water Agency (France)

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The Context

- 2000 :** start of the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (Water Act)
- 2001/2003 :** start river basin management and establishment of River Basin Directorats in Bulgaria ( French/Bulgarian twinning project BG99 EN-93 with IOW)



The Context

2004 : Study visit of a bulgarian delegation at the water Agency Artois-Picardie (TAIEX programme)

2006 : **first cooperation agreement** between EARBD and AEAP (with support from EU Twinbasin fund)

Focus on: experience sharing on WFD implementation, role of basin committee, water management and economics, public consultation and stakeholders involvement.

TWINBASIN fund used for supporting cost of missions(Douai => Plovdiv or Plovdiv=>Douai)

2006/2009 : facing together the WFD challenges!

- development of *programmes of measures*
- **Communicate on WFD**: Stakeholders involvement and public consultation
- based on the cooperation experience was shared through **meetings with other river basin authorities** in Bulgaria in a workshop

The cooperation strenghtened by

- ❑ a new EU twinning (2009/2010) , implemented by IOW

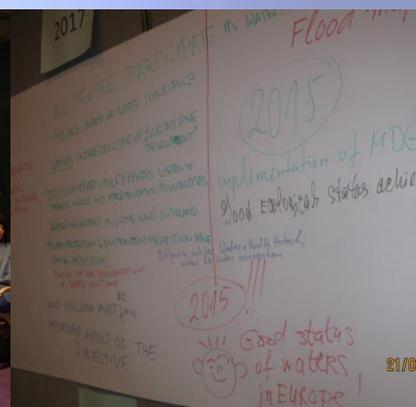


- ❑ the renewal for 5 years of the Cooperation Agreement

- WFD implementation

2011 – 2015: New Challenges and new Opportunities

**2011: CEENBO Presidency – Director of EARBD
CEENBO International Conference *INTEGRATED
WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE BALKANS AND
EASTERN EUROPE* & *first Preparatory meeting for
region Europe for the 6th World Water Forum,
Marseille 2012* - Plovdiv, 21-22 Mart 2011**



2011 – 2014: New Challenges and new Opportunities

2012: International conference “*Water Management in Central and Eastern Europe: Problems and Challenge*”, Sofia, 21-22 may 2012 & **EU Green week satellite event**



2011 – 2015: New Challenges and new Opportunities

**2013: EURO INBO 2013 conference ,
& workshop Water monitoring , Plovdiv, 13- 16
November 2013 - EARBD & APWA – Co-president**



2011 – 2015: New Challenges and new Opportunities

2015: FR GR RBMP – a tool to meet CC issues, Sofia, 18- 19 June 2015 & Preparation for COP 21 in Paris



2011 – 2015: New Challenges and new Opportunities

Youth Water Parliament

Eco schools



Some Conclusions and Perspectives

need of shared enthusiasm for facing together the complexity of EU Directives implementation and CC impact

move from cooperation to project development approach (and always have another project in the pipe)

Decline the EU Directives at a local level in a more efficient way (make sure the programmes of measures are really efficient and implemented)

involve other partners (University, NGOs,.....)

find financing support !

EARBD/ AEAP willingness to support improving water management Balkans and Eastern Europe Process

**Thank you for your
attention!**

