INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS (INBO)

« EUROPE-INBO 2019 » 17th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN WATER DIRECTIVES

Discussing the future of the European Water Directives and showcasing ambitions!

17-20 June 2019,
Lahti, FINLAND

Venue: Sibelius Hall

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MONDAY 17th OF JUNE (all events on Monday will be in English only; rest of the conference in English & French)

Arrival of participants.

Registration of the participants

10h30-16h30: Workshop "Integration of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) into WFD Programs of Measures (PoMs) for basin restoration with a focus on lakes: governance, implementation, assessment" (in English only)

11h00-12h00: INTRODUCTION

- Registration and welcome coffee
- Welcoming address, Finland host representative
- NBS State of play in Europe, Intervention from IUCN-France
- Finland National strategy on NBS, Finland host representative
- Example of good practices in France, French Agency for Biodiversity (AFB) and Artois-Picardie Water Agency

13h30-15h30: WORKING SESSIONS

- 2 working sessions addressing:
  - Concrete implementation and governance,
  - Objectives, assessment and effectiveness of NBS for their integration into Programme of measures,

15h30-16h00: COFFEE BREAK

16h00-16h30: CONCLUSION

- Working groups reporting and discussions,
- Overall conclusion

17h00: INBO World Liaison Bureau

Rapporteur: Mr. Eric TARDIEU, INBO, Secretary General,

Participants:
Presidents and/or Secretaries of regional networks of basin organizations,
Other members of the International Liaison Bureau

20h00: Welcome cocktail at the kind invitation of the Finnish Ministry of the Environment, at the Solo Sokos Hotel Lahden Seurahuone

(address: Aleksanterinkatu 14 ; phone number: +358 201 234 600)

TUESDAY 18th OF JUNE

8h00-8h45: Registration of the participants

9h00-10h00: Official opening of ceremony

Master of ceremony:

- Mr. Eric TARDIEU, INBO, Secretary General,

Opening speeches:

- Ms. Hannele Pokka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- Mr Pekka Timonen, Mayor of Lahti,
- Ms. Milla Bruneau, Chairman of Board, Lake Vesijärvi Foundation
- Mr. Alejandro Rodríguez González, Europe-INBO Presidency (2018-2019), Commissioner for water resources of the Hydrographic Confederation of the Guadalquivir, Spain
- Mr. Ramiro Martinez, General coordinator, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO),
- Mr. Viktor Dukhovniy, Secretariat of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia Network of Water Organizations (EECCA-NOW),
- Mr. Jacques Ganoulis, Special State Secretary for Water, Ministry of Energy and Environment

10h00-10h30: Message of the DG Environment

- Ms. Bettina Doeser, Head of unit water, recorded video message

10h30-11h00: Message of the EEA on its 2018 assessment of status and pressures on European waterbodies

- Mr. Stéphane Isoard, Head of Group "Water and Marine", European Environment Agency,

11h00-11h30: Coffee break

11h30-12h15: Presentation of the water governance in Finland

- **National governance of water resources:**
  Mr. Antton Keto, Ministerial adviser, Ministry of the Environment

- **Water resources management at regional and basin level:**
  Mr. Heikki Mäkinen, Programme Director, Lake Vesijärvi Foundation

12h15-13h00: Objectives and actions of Europe-INBO

- Mr. Eric TARDIEU, INBO, Secretary General,

13h00-14h00: Lunch

14h00-15h45: Roundtable 1 "Water Quality":
The objective of good ecological status and the challenge of microplastics

- **Chair (5 min)**:
  Mr. Seppo Hellsten, Head of Unit, Finnish environment institute (SYKE)
- **Co-chair (5 min):**
  Mr. Stéphane Haussoulier, Mayor of Saint Valéry sur Somme, President of the International cooperation commission of the Artois-Picardie Basin Committee and Sustainable Development (AEAP), France
- **Rapporteur**:
  Ms. Sanna Kipinä-Salokannel, ELY-Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment of Southwest Finland
- **Co-Rapporteur:**
  Ms. Yamna Djellouli, Professor, Le Mans University, France
- **Keynote speaker (15 min):** Mr. Christian Lecussan, President of the FENARIVE (industry federation) and Vice President of the Seine-Normandy Basin Committee, France
- **Panelists (50 min):**
  1. Mr. Bernard De Potter, Water Director, Flanders Environment Agency (VMM), Belgium
  2. Mr. Marko Järvinen, Finnish Environment Institute
  3. Ms. Ina Coseru, Chair, National Environmental Center, Moldova,
  4. Ms. Laura Tanco, Head of technical service, Jucar Hydrographic Confederation, Spain
- **Questions & answers with all participants (30 min):**

15h45-16h15: Coffee break

16h15-18h00: Roundtable 2 "Agriculture and climate change": *Agroecology, non-point source pollution, water availability*

- **Chair (5 min)**:
  Mr. Jacques Ganoulis, Special Secretary for Water, Ministry of Energy and Environment, Greece

- **Co-chair (5 min):**
  Ms. Tarja Haaranen, Director, Water protection Programme, Ministry of the Environment, Finland

- **Rapporteur**:
  Ms. Jovana Rašeta, Principal engineer for Water Protection, Public water management Company, Serbia

- **Co-Rapporteur:**
  Ms. Eija Hagelberg, Project director, Baltic Sea Action Group, Finland

- **Keynote speaker (15 min):**
  Ms. Marja-Liisa Tapio-Biström, Ministerial adviser, Ministry of Agriculture, Finland

- **Panelists (50 min):**
  1. Mr. Víctor Cifuentes, Head of the planning bureau, Hydrographic Confederation of the Guadalquivir, Spain,
  2. Ms. Stéphanie Laronde, Director of International Cooperation, International Office for Water (IOWater), France
  3. Mr. Aliaksandr Pakhomau, Head of Sector, Central Research Institute for Complex Use of Water Resources, Republic of Belarus
  4. Dr. Galina Stulina, Lead expert on climate change, Interstate Coordination Water Commission of Central Asia (SIC ICWC), Uzbekistan,
  5. Dr Mariusz Adynkiewicz-Piragas, Assistant Professor, Head of Environmental Research Department in Wrocław, Institute of Meteorology and Water Management National Research Institute, Poland

- **Questions & answers with all participants (30 min):**

20h00: Official conference dinner at the kind invitation of the City of Lahti, at the restaurant "Ravintola Voitto"

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WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE

8h15-8h45: Registration of the participants

09h00-10h45: Roundtable 3 "WFD review":
Towards a practical review of the WFD application: how to deal with exemptions and "one-out all-out" principle

- **Chair (5 min)**:
  Mr. Juhani Gustafsson,
  Ministerial adviser, Ministry of the Environment, Waters and Seas, Finland

- **Co-chair (5 min):**
  M. Jean-François Donzier,
  Honorary Secretary General, INBO

- **Rapporteur**:
  Ms Sini Olin, Coordinator,
  Finnish Environment Institute

- **Co-Rapporteur:**
  Ms. Adeline Blard-Zakar,
  WFD reporting officer,
  French Biodiversity Agency

- **Keynote speaker (15 min):** Ms. Maria Babukchieva,
  State expert, of River Basin Management Department, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria

- **Panelists (50 min):**
  1. Ms. Taina Ihaksi, hydrobiologist, ELY-Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southeast Finland
  2. Mr. Philippe Gouteyron, Director of planning and assessment, Loire-Brittany Water Agency (AELB), & Mr. Eric Taufflieb, President of the planning committee of the Loire-Brittany Water Agency (CB-LB), France
  3. Mr. Ioannis Chronis, Research associate, Soil and Water Resources Institute, ELGO-DIMITRA, Greece
  4. Mr. Bart Fokkens, Founding member and Associate Expert, European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR), The Netherlands
  5. Mr. Pierre-Nicolas Libert, Attaché for water and environment, Public Service of Wallonia (SPW), Belgium

- **Questions & answers with all participants (30 min):**

10h45-11h15: Coffee break

11h15-13h00: Roundtable 4 on "Sea / basin interface": *Integrated management of basins and coastal waters: strengthening consistency*

- **Chair (5 min)**:
  Mr. Alejandro Rodríguez González, Europe-INBO Presidency (2018-2019), Commissioner for water resources of the Hydrographic Confederation of the Guadalquivir, Spain

- **Co-chair (5 min):**
  Ms. Anna-Stiina Heiskanen, Director of Freshwater Centre, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

- **Rapporteur**:
  Ms. Tiina Ahokas, Inspector general, ELY-Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Uusimaa, Finland

- **Co-Rapporteur:**
  Mr. Mhamed El Fasskaoui, Director, Souss-Massa Hydraulic basin agency, Morocco

- **Keynote speaker (15 min):**
  Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Water Agency (EWA), Malta

- **Panelists (50 min):**
  1. Mr. Viktor Dukhovniy, Director, Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Commission For Water Coordination In Central Asia (SIC-ICWC), Uzbekistan
  2. Mr. Tom Jilbert, Researcher in Aquatic Biogeochemistry, University of Helsinki
  3. Ms. Hanna Plotnykova, Environmental Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
  4. Ms. Géraldine Aubert, International and institutional affairs officer, Artois-Picardie Water Agency, France

- **Questions & answers with all participants (30 min):**

13h00-14h30: Lunch

14h30-16h00: Special Session
International and transboundary cooperation (including under the framework of the WFD, between EU and non-EU Countries)

- **Chair (5 min)**: Mr. Seppo Rekolainen, Director of International Water Cooperation Ministry of Agriculture, Finland
- **Co-chair (5 min):** Mr. Harry Liiv, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia, Vice Chair of the Bureau of the 1992 Water Convention

- **Panelists (60 min):**
  1. ***Transboundary cooperation between Finland and its neighbors:***
     - Mr. Timo Jokelainen, Director of the ELY-Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment of Lappland, Chair of both the Finnish-Swedish Transboundary River Commission and the Norwegian-Finnish Commission on Transboundary Waters
     - Mr. Marko Keskinen, Senior University Lecturer, Aalto University, Finland
  2. ***Cooperation on transboundary river basin management in the Balkans:***
     - Mr. Dragan Zeljko, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)
  3. ***EUWI+EAST & Results and perspectives of the international cooperation testing and adapting the French and European basin management planning tools in Moldova:***
     - Mr. Stéphane Haussoulier, Mayor of Saint Valéry sur Somme, President of the International cooperation commission of the Artois-Picardie Basin Committee and Sustainable Development (AEAP), France,
     - Mr. Dumitru Proca, Senior specialist, State Agency for Water Resources Management, Republic of Moldova
  4. ***Agreement and projects of transboundary cooperation between Romania and Serbia:***
     - Dr. Mihaela Madar, Director of the Timis Hydrotechnical System - Banat River Basin Administration, Romania
  5. ***The interest of innovative financing mechanisms such as decentralized cooperation to boost collaboration between local authorities:***
     - Mr. Jacky Cottet, Vice-President of the Board, Solidarity for Water Program (pS-Eau),France

- **Questions & answers with all participants (20 min):**

16h00-16h30: Coffee break

16h30-17h40: Official closing ceremony:

16h30-16h55: REPORTING ON:

- the Workshop Nature-Based Solutions
- the 4 roundtables

16h55-17h00: Invitation at the next "Europe-INBO" Conference 2020 in Malta

- Mr Michael Schembri, Deputy Water Director, Malta

17h00-17h05: Presentation of the World General Assembly of INBO

- Mr. Mhamed El Fasskaoui, Director, Souss-Massa Hydraulic basin agency, Morocco

17h05-17h20: Presentation of the "Declaration of Lahti" and call for an host country for Europe-INBO 2021

- Mr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- Mr. Daniel Valensuela, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

17h20-17h40: Concluding speeches

- Presidency of Europe-INBO (2018-2019): Mr. Alejandro Rodríguez González, Europe-INBO Presidency (2018-2019), Commissioner for water resources of the Hydrographic Confederation of the Guadalquivir, Spain
- New President of Europe-INBO (2019-2020): Mr. Timo Jokelainen, Director of the ELY-Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment of Lappland, Chair of both the Finnish-Swedish Transboundary River Commission and the Norwegian-Finnish Commission on Transboundary Waters, Finland

18h00: Closing cocktail, at the Sibelius Hall, offered by Lapland Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment.

THURSDAY 20th JUNE

Technical and cultural study visit

Option 1: Local Life in Finnish countryside -Tour with a lake cruise

Finnish Lakeland and summerly countryside scenery at its best!
Come aboard and enjoy a 2 Hour lake cruise from Lahti to Vääksy Canal. After arriving in summer village Vääksy, a tasty Lunch with seasonal local fish from Lake Päijänne will be served in a local restaurant. After lunch guided visits in Vääksy Mill & Shop and a family owned microbrewery Kanava Brewery – with some tastings too!

Vääksy canal combines two lakes; Lake Vesijärvi and the second largest lake in Finland - Lake Päijänne.
The canal is one of the busiest water routes in southern Finland. This area is also one of the most famous summer cottage areas in Finland due to the beautiful lake nature. On this guided tour you'll learn all about the local life and nature surrounding. Return to Lahti by bus, 40 Min.

Duration: 4,5 hours. Starts: 10h00 Lahti Passenger Harbor. Ends: 14:30 in Lahti city center.
Group size: min 20 max 45 persons

Please note: Cruise departs from the harbor at 10h00, so be there latest at 09h45.

Option 2: Guided Canoeing excursion

Canoeing Excursion starts from Lahti Passenger Harbor where local instructors of Lahden Vesisamoilijat (local canoeing club) give participants a short instruction on canoeing in a safe way. All equipment incl. life vests are included. Group paddles together to Myllysaari island where a delicious soup lunch will be served in a local Sailing Club's home harbor restaurant. After lunch, return by canoeing to Lahti passenger harbor. Previous experience is not required, this excursion is perfect also for beginners.

Duration: 3,5 hours. Starts: 10h00 from Lahti Passenger Harbor. Ends: 13h30 at Lahti Passenger Harbor. Group size: min 5 max 10 persons

Please note: Take some dry changing clothes with you - you might get wet during paddling. Excursion is depending on Weather conditions (wind), confirmation of the tour will be given day earlier.

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