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**RESEAU INTERNATIONAL DES ORGANISMES DE BASSIN**

**INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS**

**RED INTERNACIONAL DE ORGANISMOS DE CUENCA**

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# **INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS**

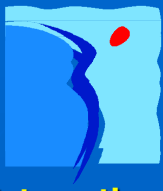
**Created in 1994 to facilitate  
operational exchanges between BO**



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**188 FULL MEMBERS or PERMANENT OBSERVERS  
in 71 COUNTRIES**



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# International Network of Basin Organisations, **MEMBERS:**



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- **“Basin Organizations”**, entrusted by relevant public administrations with integrated water resources management at the level of important river basins, either national, federal or transboundary, as well as the cooperation structures they have developed among them.
- **the governmental administrations in charge** or interested in applying integrated and sustainable water resources management:
  - organized at the level of river basins,
  - associating administrations and local authorities, as well as users,
  - having specific budgetary resources at their disposal, obtained by applying the “user-polluter-pays” principle.
- **bi and multilateral co-operation agencies** supporting activities related to integrated and sustainable water resources management at the level of river basins.



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# International Network of Basin Organisations, **OBJECTIVES:**



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- to develop relations between organizations interested in comprehensive water resource management at the river basin level,
- to favor exchanges of experiences and expertise among them,
- to promote the principles and means of sound water management in cooperation programs,
- to facilitate the implementation of tools suitable for institutional and financial management, programming, organization of data banks, and for models adapted to the needs,
- to promote information and training programs for the different stakeholders involved in water management as well as for the executives and staff of the member basin organizations,
- to evaluate ongoing actions and disseminate their results.



# 9th WORLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS FORTALEZA (BRASIL) – FROM 13 TO 16 AUGUST 2013



**49** Countries were represented



# the « EUROPE INBO » Group



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**Due to the significance of the stakes and the task to be carried out, many Basin Organizations, (INBO members or observers), have expressed the idea of regular meetings among them:**

- ❖ **for exchanging** on difficulties encountered, results or very operational and concrete experiences accumulated in the field
- ❖ **for strengthening** the common strategy for an operational implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR  
VALENCIA (SPAIN) 11 / 12 NOVEMBER 2003**





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# Porto, 27-30 September 2011



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## « EUROPE-INBO 2011 »

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# " EUROPE INBO 2012", A ISTANBUL

17 - 19 OCTOBER 2012



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Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organisations



Сеть водохозяйственных организаций стран  
Восточной Европы, Кавказа и Центральной Азии





# EURO-RIOB



East Aegean Basin Directorate

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## 11th International Conference “EUROPE-INBO 2013”

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE  
13 -16 November 2013 - Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

European Group of Basin Organizations EUROPE-INBO

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TO: MR. JEAN-FRANÇOIS DONZIER

FROM: DESA / STAT

DATE: Thu May 31 2007 00:30 EDT

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Monday, 21 May, 2007

**Reference: Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations  
2007 Resumed session (14-18 May 2007)**

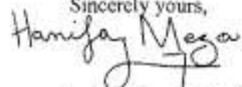
Dear Mr. Jean-Francois Donzier,

We are pleased to inform you that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its 2007 resumed session, on 14-18 May 2007, has decided to recommend that your organization "Réseau International des Organismes de Bassin" be granted special consultative status.

Please note that this recommendation is still subject to the approval of the Economic and Social Council, which will consider and take action on the Committee's recommendation at its substantive session, scheduled for 2-27 July 2007 in Geneva.

Once taken, we shall inform you of the Council's final decision on your application.

Sincerely yours,



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**UN Pan – European Ministerial Conference.  
ASTANA - 21 -23 September 2011  
“Save water, grow green”**





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**RIO+20**  
United Nations Conference  
on Sustainable Development



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**13 – 22 Juin 2012**



**International “UN-WATER” workshop**



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# HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON NATIONAL DROUGHT POLICY

(HMNDP)  
TOWARDS MORE DROUGHT RESILIENT SOCIETIES

11-15 March 2013  
CICG, Geneva



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## International Network of Basin Organizations

### World Pact for better basin management

We, representatives of river, lake or aquifer 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.

Indeed, we must achieve the Millennium Development Goals and ensure "green growth" and have the global changes associated with the rapid world population growth, migration, increasing urbanization, climate change, etc. Our efforts should indeed allow fighting against natural disasters, steadily 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, waterways transport, tourism and recreational activities, preventing and controlling pollution of all kinds to preserve aquatic ecosystems, support fish production and more generally preserve the biodiversity of water-related environments.

All these stakes cannot be handled on a national or local basis, or separately from each other. The search for solutions must indeed involve all stakeholders in an integrated and joint approach, organized in cooperation with the river basin clubs and for the sustainable use of water resources.

#### Part 1: PREAMBLE

Through our commitment to this Pact, we recognize that:

- It is becoming imperative to introduce and/or progressively strengthen new forms of governance of water resources, such as those already recommended at Dublin (1991), Rio (1992), Paris (1998), The Hague (2000), Johannesburg (2002), Kyoto (2003), Mexico (2004) and Istanbul (2005) in particular.
- River, lake and aquifer basins are the relevant territory for the organization of joint management of water resources, aquatic ecosystems, and all water-related activities.
- The different ecosystems found in river basins are very important both for biodiversity and environmental services, including for the regulation of the hydrological cycle and risk prevention, as well as for the treatment of pollution.
- The basins of transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers are to be paid special attention and be jointly managed by the riparian Countries.

- The establishment and strengthening of basin organizations in best suited forms, especially international commissions, authorities or other transboundary basin organizations, facilitate dialogue, cooperation, information exchange and implementation of joint projects and actions, for sharing benefits, anticipating the future and preventing potential conflicts between the stakeholders concerned.
- It is necessary to increase regional integration by harmonizing policies and laws and by implementing the regional programmes of common interest needed to improve no-harm and groundwater resources management at basin level.
- It is necessary to create or strengthen the funding dedicated to the management of water resources and aquatic environments and generally of the "joint water cycle".
- It is useful to develop or strengthen existing frameworks for facilitating bilateral or multilateral initiatives in this strategic field of basin management.
- The stakeholders of the civil society and the local authorities should be better associated and involved in the management of the basins where they live.
- It is necessary to increase cooperation among basin organizations around the world and in each region to facilitate the sharing of experience and know-how on best practices in river basin management and their adaptation to different contexts.

#### Part 2: COMMITMENTS OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS

Recognizing the need of urgent actions, We, representatives of the organizations, signatories of the "World Pact for better basin management", express our will, in what comes under our statutory powers and within the limits of our own resources, to control 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 sound means and policies for sustainable water management and the programmes needed for their implementation in 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.



Pact

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# **INBO ACTION PLAN**



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## **LE PLAN D'ACTION DU RIOB**

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# **"DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATIONS"**

**ASSOCIATED PROGRAM :  
"DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING  
RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATIONS"**



**PROGRAMME ASSOCIE :  
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# Associated Programme GWP-INBO

## 4 main fields of collaboration

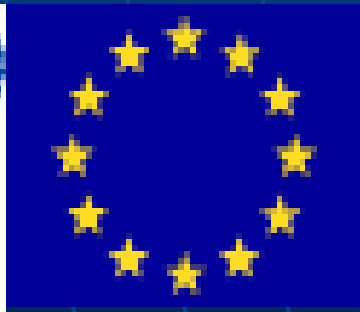


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## Output 1:

**Promoting Twinning between Basins  
Organizations for Developing Integrated Water  
Resources Management best Practices**

- Direct experiences sharing
- Exchange of decision-makers and technicians....





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### □ Output 2:

#### ➤ **Capacities mobilisation from Basin Organizations:**

- Assistance with the implementation of institutional reforms,
- Initiation of basin pilot projects,
- Support to countries sharing a transboundary basin,
- Assisting with the setting-up of new basin organizations,
- Professional training of technical teams,





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### □ Output 2:

#### ➤ **Capacities mobilisation from Basin Organizations**

- Design of monitoring networks and databases,
- Assessment to planning process,
- Establishment of institutional mechanisms for users' participation in decision-making,
- Financial and economical studies,
- Assisting with the setting-up of new water taxes...



# The European Water Facility for African transboundary rivers,



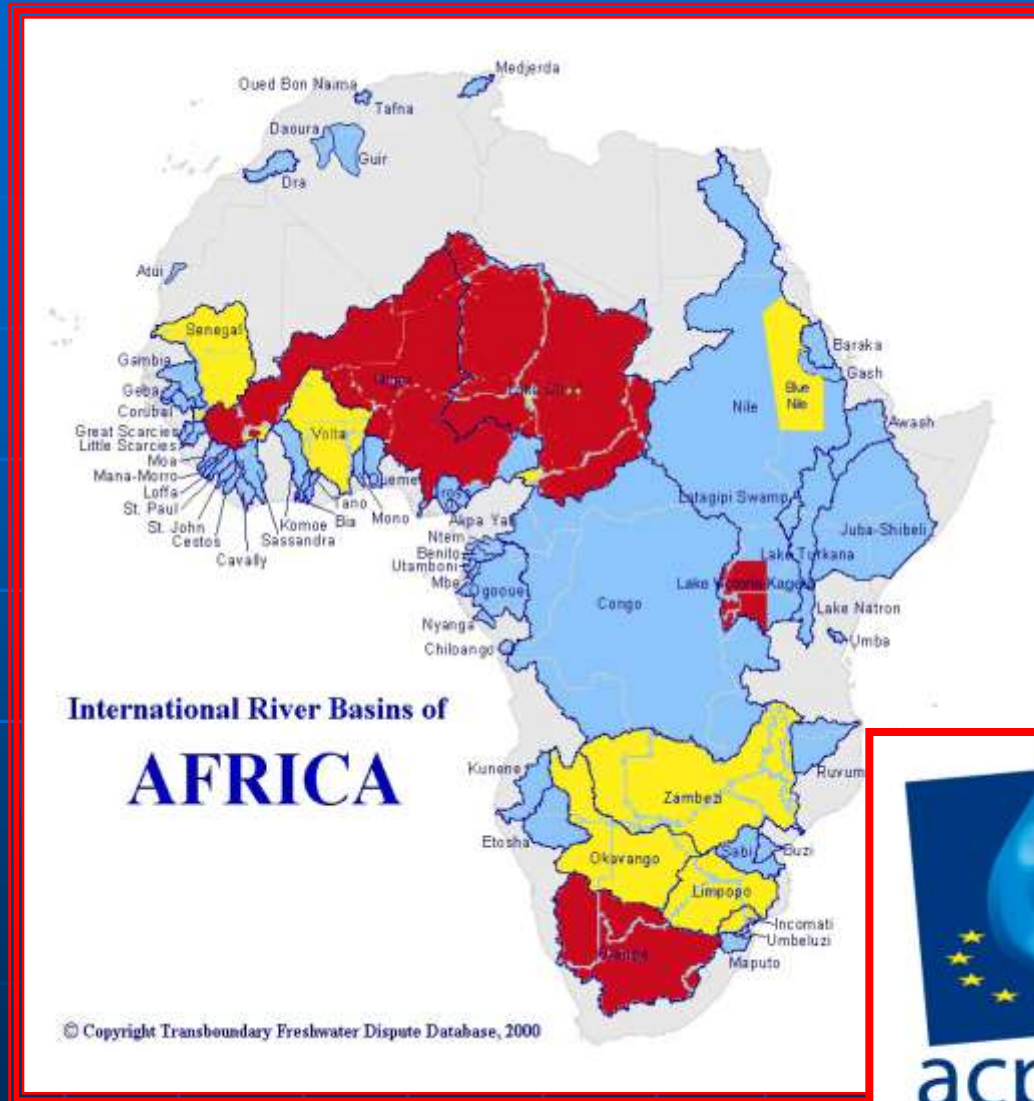
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**pilot basins:**

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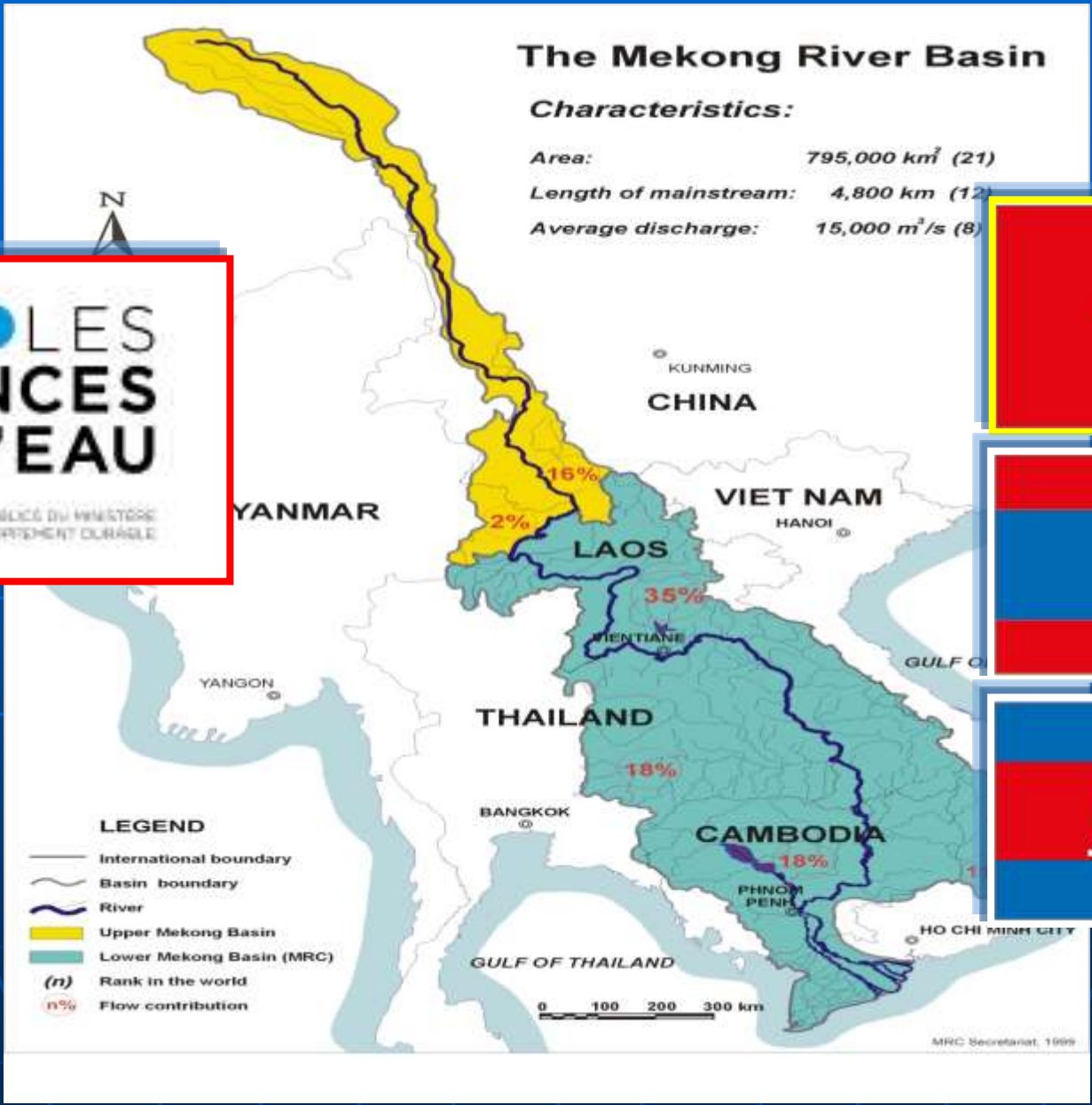




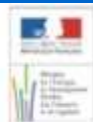
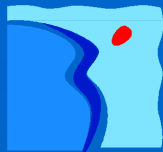
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# **Implementation of the UN Convention for the international water courses management in Europe – HELSINKY 1992**

**Building the data administration and sharing capacities  
of the national and local Authorities involved in 2 pilot basins,  
by using methodologies that can be replicated  
in other transboundary basins of the region.**



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### □ Output 3:

#### ➤ Synthesis of knowledge and Know-How:

- To identify good practices,
- To set common, easily accessible and measurable performance indicators,
- To train staff and stakeholders from basin organizations,



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# The European Framework Directive



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## **Strategic Coordination Group**

### **17 Guidance Documents:**

- 1) Economics and the Environment
- 2) Identification of Water Bodies
- 3) Analysis of Pressures and Impacts
- 4) Artificial and Heavily Modified Water Bodies
- 5) Transitional and Coastal Waters – Typology, Reference Conditions
- 6) Intercalibration Network and the Intercalibration Process
- 7) Monitoring
- 8) Public Participation
- 9) GIS and the WFD
- 10) Rivers and Lakes Typology
- 11) Planning Process
- 12) Wetlands
- 13) Classification
- 14) Reporting
- 15) Groundwater protection;
- 16) prevention of groundwater pollution
- 17) characterisation of coastal waters





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- **THE ROLE OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS AS REGULATOR AND SELF-CLEANER MUST BE RECOGNIZED AND THEIR FUNCTION AS "GREEN OR BLUE" NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE:**
  - **RESTORATION OF WETLANDS,**
  - **MIGRATORY FISHWAYS,**
  - **ECOLOGICAL CONTINUITY,**
  - **BUFFER GRASS AND FORESTED STRIPS ALONG WATERCOURSES,**
  - **FLOOD MANAGEMENT (USE OF FLOOD PLAINS AS A MEANS OF STORAGE)...etc.**



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# **IT IS NECESSARY TO PROMOTE A SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AND WATER MANAGERS**



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**DEVELOPING NEW KNOWLEDGE AND NEW KNOW-HOW IN THE FIELD  
OF RIVER HYDRO-MORPHOLOGY, RESTORATION  
AND PROTECTION OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS IS A KEY ISSUE FOR THE FUTURE**

**THESE PROJECTS ARE OFTEN LIMITED BY LACK OF KNOWLEDGE,  
PRACTICAL EXAMPLES AND OF INFORMATION OF THE PLANNERS AND MANAGERS.**

**THERE IS A STRONG NEED FOR KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW-HOW  
IN RIVER HYDRO-MORPHOLOGY, RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF AQUATIC  
ECOSYSTEMS, TO ALLOW DEVELOPING SUCH PROJECTS.**

**MUCH CAN BE LEARNED FROM COUNTRIES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD.**

**IT IS THEREFORE VITAL TO DEVELOP AND SHARE INFORMATION ON BEST  
PRACTICES IN RIVER HYDRO-MORPHOLOGY AND RESTORATION OF RIVERS  
AND WETLAND ECOSYSTEMS.**



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### □ Output 4 :

#### ➤ The networking of water Information- documentation systems

- Exchange of information and documentation,
- Assistance with the structuring of the National Relay Documentation Centers,

#### ➤ **AQUADOC-INTER, SEMIDE or AWIS?**





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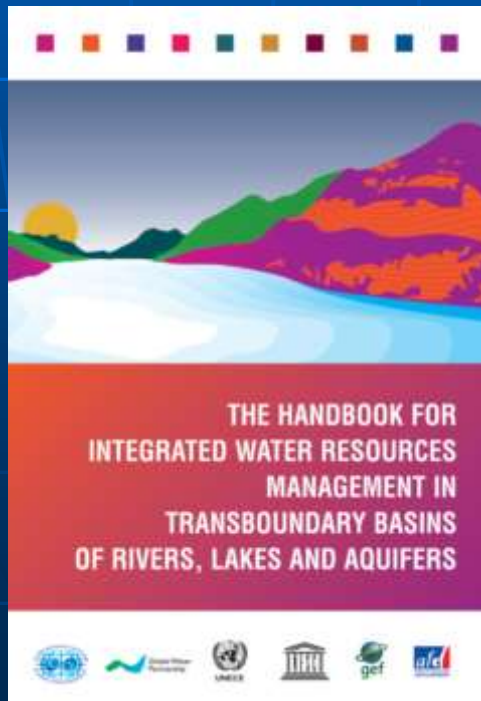


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**In 2012,**

**We published the “Handbook  
for management of transboundary basins”,**

*To be also translated in Arabic and Chinese . .*





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# With our partners,



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## We are preparing for 2014 & 2015 :

- A 3rd and 4th Handbooks:
- ❖ On adaptation to the effects of climate change,

And,

- ❖ On protection and restoration of aquatic ecosystems in basins.





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**NOUVELLES ACTIVITES  
NEW ACTIVITIES**

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**"DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING  
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**the UN Convention  
for the international water courses management  
in Europe – HELSINKY 1992**

# **Network of Pilot Basin Organizations to test measures for adapting to climate change**



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## **First Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative**

27-28 March 2013

OECD Headquarters –Paris -France



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# Memorandum of Understanding



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- International River Foundation,
- **International Commission for the Protection of the Danube,**
- The gef/ Global Environment Facility's  
International Waters Learning Exchange and Research Network (IW:LEARN)
- **INBO,**
- The Great Rivers Partnership, led by The Nature Conservancy







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