

# INBO & EU Water Initiative

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## MINUTES

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### **Objectives of the meeting:**

Discussion on the role of INBO in the EUWI and the role of the Commission in INBO activities.

### **Conclusions of the discussion**

#### ➤ European River basin organisation Network:

- INBO–Europe could be part of the CIS as the organisation fulfils the criteria of active mobilisation in the field of the WFD and has a European coverage.

⇒ Ingrid Pesce to send a registration form to INBO

- Agreement on participation of the Commission in the next European meeting, to be held in Namur, 29-30 September and 1 October 2005. The Commission is invited to send key issues to be discussed.

⇒ INBO to contact Gilles Crosnier who will be the contact point for ENV/D2

#### ➤ Non-European River basin organisation Network:

Clear added-value of using the regional networks to support the EUWI- Joint Process activities: regional networks constitute good platforms for mobilising water managers. Practically speaking, this will facilitate the organisation of meetings of the Joint Process working groups (mobilisation of INBO members and facilitation of logistics)

#### • For the Med:

MENBO will be mobilised for the next meeting of the Med Groundwater working group. A joint meeting will be organised in May in Marrakech and a full day will be dedicated to Groundwater management including Joint process items.

⇒ SD to send the agenda and a list of participants

#### • For Africa:

- ANBO is now covering the main African RBOs (and not only the West African ones).

- The use of the WFD principles and approach is of interest for INBO, even in Africa. The added-value of DGENV is an intellectual one: ENV's role could be to disseminate a clear vision of the main WFD principles particularly relevant for Africa. Links between Europe's experience and Africa's demand could be discussed during the next ANBO meetings (Morocco, May and Niger, November)

⇒ SD to prepare an adapted presentation of the WFD

- INBO/ANBO will mobilise the IWRM Working group to develop a network of transboundary rivers involved in the IWRM Africa component in order to strengthen south-south exchange of experiences.

- INBO/ANBO has submitted 3 proposals for the call for proposal of the ACP-EU Water Facility.

#### ➤ Financial support to INBO:

- INBO has prepared a first draft for a proposal of an Information System for Water. This system could be seen as an integrated system acting as a portal in charge of disseminating WFD information in Europe but beyond Europe (e.g. Med or EECCA).

⇒ PM to further discuss the proposal with JF. Donzier in St Petersburg, next week