



« EUROPE-INBO 2022 »
20th International Conference for the implementation
of European water directives
26-29 September 2022
Convention Center, Imperial Palace, Annecy, France



ANNECY

haute
savoie
le Département

Réseau des acteurs
eAU EN MONTAGNE



SILA
l'oxygène
à la source



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

With English – French simultaneous interpretation



Technical Permanent Secretariat
International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
21, rue de Madrid - 75008 PARIS (FRANCE)
Phone: +33.1.44.90.8.60 - Fax : +33.1.40.08.01.45 - Email : secretariat@inbo-news.org
www.inbo-news.org

MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

8h30 – 9h15: Welcome coffee & badging at the Imperial Palace Hotel of Annecy.

9h00 – 12h00: Workshop “Water in mountains” 1/2:
“Adaptation to climate changes”

(in French only, with a start in plenary format, Room of Europe)

12h00 – 13:00: Lunch

13:00 – 14:00: Event: “LIFE Water & Climate: Adaptation at sub-basin level”
(in English only, Room “Europe”)

14h15 – 17h30: Workshop “Water in mountains” 2/2 “River restoration:
a European goal at the crossroads of several legislations”
(with a start in plenary format, Room “Europe”)

17h30 – 18h30: INBO World Liaison Bureau, Room “Prestige”
(access restricted to INBO members & invited observers)

17h40 – 19h00: Screening of the documentary “The Blue Gold of the Alps:
a threatened common good” & time for exchanges with Mr. Frédéric Gillet,
director of AQUALTI, initiator and coordinator of the PLASTILAC and CLEAN
MONT-BLANC projects presented in the film.

(accessible to all participants in Room “Europe”)

*Documentary reference: Directed by Dorothee Adam, produced by Lucien
TV, co-produced by France 3 AURA, with the support of Fodacim and the
Dudley Wright Foundation.*

19h00: Welcome cocktail (at the Imperial Palace)

TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

9h00-9h30: Official opening ceremony (Room "Europe")

Opening speeches:

- Mr. Nizar Baraka, Minister for Equipment and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco & World President of INBO 2019-2024
- Mr. François Astorg, Mayor of Annecy
- Mrs. Frédérique Lardet, President of the Greater Annecy community of municipalities
- Mrs. Magali Mugnier, President of the Sustainable Development, Environment, Agriculture, Forestry, European and transboundary Cooperation Commission, Haute-Savoie Departmental Council
- Mr. Laurent Roy, Director General, Rhone Mediterranean Corsica Water Agency (AERMC), France
- Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Director General, Energy and Water Agency, Malta, President of Euro-INBO 2021-2022
- Mr. Olivier Thibault, Director of Water and Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecological Transition, France

9h30-9h45: Message of the EU DG Environment

- Mrs. Veronica Manfredi, Director Quality of Life (Air, Water & Industrial Emissions) of the Directorate General for the Environment (DG ENV), President of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR),

9h45-9h55: Link with the 2023 UN Water Conference

- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

9h55 - 10h25: Coffee break

10h25 -11h35: Presentation of the Water governance in France

At national level:

- Mr. Olivier Thibault, Director of water and biodiversity, Ministry of Ecological Transition, France
- Mr. Jean Launay, President of the National Water Committee (CNE), France

At the hydrographic basin scale and at the scale of the Annecy Lake:

- Mr. Laurent Roy, Director General, Rhone Mediterranean Corsica Water Agency (AERMC), France

Drought in 2022: a manifestation of ongoing climate change

- Mr. Olivier Thibault, Director of water and biodiversity, Ministry of Ecological Transition, France
- Mr. Laurent Roy, Director General, Rhone Mediterranean Corsica Water Agency (AERMC), France
- Mr. Pierre Bruyère, Vice President of Water Management of Grand Annecy & President of the Lake Annecy District Authority (SILA)

11h35-12h15: Objectives and actions of INBO & Europe-INBO

- **Dr Eric Tardieu, Secretary General,**
International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

12h15-14h00: Lunch

14h00-15h45: Session 1. Ecological continuity restoration

- **Chair & moderation (5 min) :**
Mrs. Veronica Manfredi, Director Quality of Life (Air, Water & Industrial Emissions) of the Directorate General for the Environment (DG ENV),
President of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR),
- **Keynote speaker (15 min) :**
Mr. José Pimenta Machado, Vice-president,
Portuguese Environment Agency (APA), Portugal
- **Panel (45 min) :**
 1. Mr. Bart Fokkens, Associate Expert, European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR), Netherlands
 2. Mr. Jean-Paul Lickes, Director of the Water Management Administration, Luxembourg
 3. Mr. Adrian Schmid-Breton, Scientific Assistant, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR), Germany
 4. Mr. Adolfo Mérida, Deputy Commissioner, Hydrographic Confederation of Segura, Spain
 5. Mr. Jean Launay, President of the National Water Committee (CNE), France
 6. Mr. Bjørn Borge Skei, Adviser, Trøndelag basin district authority, Norway
- **Questions & answers (35 min)**
- **Conclusion (5 min)**
Dr. Tobias Salathé, Senior advisor for Europe,
Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar)

15h45-16h15: Coffee break

16h15-18h00: Session 2. Water users involvements and engagements

- **Chair & moderation (5 min) :**
Mrs. Laurence Borie-Bancel, Director General,
Compagnie Nationale du Rhône (CNR) - TBC

- **Keynote speaker (15 min) :**
Mr. Bernard De Potter, Director General,
Flemish Environment Agency (VMM), Belgium

- **Panel (45 min) :**
 1. Ms. Sonia Siauve, Project Manager - Water Innovation, International Office for Water (OiEau), France
 2. Mr. Alejandro Rodríguez, Commissioner, Guadalquivir Hydrographic Confederation, Spain
 3. Mr. Christian Lecussan, President of FENARIVE (industry federation), Vice-President of the Seine-Normandy Basin Committee, France
 4. Mr. Ylber Mirta, Head of Department for Waters, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Macedonia
 5. Mr. Pierre Bruyère, Vice President of Water Management of Grand Anney & President of the Lake Anney District Authority (SILA)

- **Questions & answers (35 min)**

- **Conclusion (5 min)**
Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Director General, Energy and Water Agency, Malta,
President of Euro-INBO 2021-2022

19h00: Gala dinner

WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

9h00: Session 3. Good ecological status, Governance of the WFD, water cycle at basin level

- **Chair (5 min) :**
Ms. Bettina Doeser, Head of the Water Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Moderator:**
TBD
- **Keynote speaker (15 min) :**
Ms. Kristell Astier-Cohu,
Director of the Knowledge & Planning Department,
Rhone Mediterranean Corsica Water Agency (AERMC), France
- **Panel (45 min) :**
 1. Ms. Sara Pasini, Environmental scientist, Eastern Alps District Basin Authority (EARBD), Italy
 2. Dr. Ruxandra Balaet, Hydrogeologist & Senior Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests, Romania
 3. Dr. Seppo Hellsten, Development manager, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
 4. Mr. Brian Mac Sharry, Head of Biodiversity and Nature Group, European Environment Agency (EEA)
 5. Mr. Alexander Zinke, Coordinator "Water & Environment", Environment Agency Austria (UBA)
- **Questions & answers (35 min)**
- **Conclusion (5 min)**
Ms. Lisa Egan, Water Scientific Policy Adviser,
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Ireland

10h45-11h15: Coffee break

11h15-13h00: Session 4. Intersectoral coordination

- **Chair & moderation (5 min) :**
 - Mr. Miguel Polo Cebellán, President,
Hydrographic Confederation of the Júcar (CHJ)
Permanent Technical Secretariat,
Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO), Spain

- **Keynote speaker (15 min) :**
 - Mr. Michael Schembri, Policy Director (Water),
Energy and Water Agency (EWA), Malta

- **Panel (45 min) :**
 1. Mr. Philippe Gouteyron, Director of Evaluation and Planning,
Loire-Brittany Water Agency (AELB), France
 2. Dr. Ann-Karin Thorén, Senior Analyst,
Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM),
Sweden
 3. Mr. Bendik Eithun Halgunset, Senior adviser,
Trøndelag basin district authority, Norway
 4. Ms. Veronica Girardi, Environmental Affairs Officer, United Nations
Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
 5. Ms. Gayane Gabrielyan, Deputy Minister of Environment, Armenia

- **Questions & answers (35 min)**

- **Conclusion (5 min)**
 - Mr. Pascal Berteaud, Director of the Centre for Studies and Expertise on
Risks, the Environment, Mobility and Urban Planning (CEREMA),
President of the International Office for Water, France TBC

13h00-14h15: Lunch

14h15-16h00: Session 5. International & transboundary cooperation

- **President (5 min) :**
Mr. Aleš Bizjak,
Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning (MoE), Slovenia
Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention
- **Moderator:**
Mme. Sonja Koeppel, Secrétaire de la Convention sur l'eau,
Commission Economique pour l'Europe des Nations Unies (CEE-ONU)
- **Keynote speaker (15 min) :**
Mr. Harry Liiv, Special Envoy for Transboundary Waters,
Ministry of the Environment, Estonia,
Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention
- **Panel (45 min) :**
 1. Ms. Jovana Rašeta Bastić, Deputy Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC), Croatia
 2. Ms. Helene Masliah Gilkarov, Technical Expert - Public Participation and Communication, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
 3. Mr. Nicolas Chantepy, Deputy Director General, Rhone Mediterranean Corsica Water Agency (AERMC)
 4. Mr. Jenő Lábdy, Technical General Director, General Directorate of Water Management, Hungary
 5. Ms. Sophiko Akhobadze, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center for the Caucasus (RECC), Georgia
- **Questions & answers (35 min)**
- **Conclusion (5 min)**
Ms. Hwirin Kim,
Head of the Division of Hydrological and Water resources services,
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

16h00-16h30: Coffee break

16h30-17h30: Official closing ceremony

- Invitation to the 21st International Conference " Euro-INBO " 2023
- Announcement of the World General Assembly of INBO
- Anney Declaration, INBO Secretariat
- Transfer of the Presidency of INBO to France
 - Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Director General, Energy and Water Agency, Malta, President of Euro-INBO 2021-2022
 - Mr. Jean Launay, President of the National Water Committee (CNE), France, & President of Euro-INBO 2022-2023

17h30: Closing cocktail

THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

9h00 – 13h00: Technical & cultural study visit.

3 different options (according to the preferences expressed by the participants and the number of places available):

- **Option 1:**
Semnoz mountain
Chairlift to the top of the mountain plateau. Presentation of the water-related issues on the mountain range. Visit of the new water retention infrastructure. Explanation of the renovation project of the building "le courant d'Ere".
- **Option 2:**
Drinking water production facilities Visit of the La Puya plant, where water is pumped and pre-treated (microstraining). Transfer to the Espagnoux drinking water production plant.
Presentation of the processes of the drinking water production process, for the treatment to the supply.
- **Option 3:**
Thiou river
Stroll on the Annecy Lake outlet and presentation of its interest as a freshness island to limit the impact of heat. Presentation of the Turbine on the Thiou River.

**With English – French simultaneous interpretation
for all of the plenary sessions**

More information at:

www.inbo-news.org

Technical Permanent Secretariat

International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

21, rue de Madrid - 75008 PARIS (FRANCE)

Phone: +33.1.44.90.8.60 - Fax: +33.1.40.08.01.45 - Email : secretariat@inbo-news.org

www.inbo-news.org