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**TOGETHER FOR INTEGRATED  
WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
OVER THE WORLD**

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# INBO General Objectives:



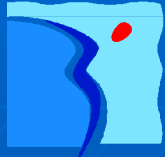
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## Developing and Strengthening

## Basin Organizations

## For better IWRM





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### INBO OBJECTIVES

- to develop relations between organizations interested in comprehensive water resource management at basin level, and favor exchanges of experiences and expertise among them,
- to promote the principles and means of sound water management in cooperation programs to reach sustainable development,
- 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.



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# INBO MEMBERS

- **“Basin Organizations”**, this implies organizations which have been entrusted by relevant public administrations with integrated water resources management at the level of basins, either national, federal or transboundary as well as the cooperation structures they have developed among them.
- **the governmental administrations in charge**, interested in applying integrated 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 water resources management at basins level.

# International Network of Basin Organisations, MEMBERS:



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**Directive 2000/60/EC of 23 October 2000**  
***establishing a framework***  
***for the Community action***  
***in the field of water policy.***



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*The Martinique, 24 – 28 January 2004*

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Implementation of  
the European Water Framework Directive  
in the 25 countries  
of the enlarged European Union,  
as well as in the candidate countries for accession,  
is a major milestone for promoting the principles  
of good governance advocated by INBO.  
This theme is a priority for mobilizing its members,  
not only in Europe  
but also in all other interested countries.



**The European Framework Directive:**  
**the future of water resource management.**



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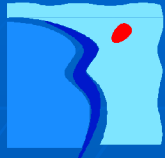
# WFD:



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## **VERY AMBITIOUS CHALLENGES:**

- **PREVENTING THE DETERIORATION OF WATER RESOURCES,**
- **REDUCING THE EMISSIONS OF SUBSTANCES,**
- **ACHIEVING A "GOOD STATUS" FOR WATER AND AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS.**



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# All the river basins in Europe are concerned:



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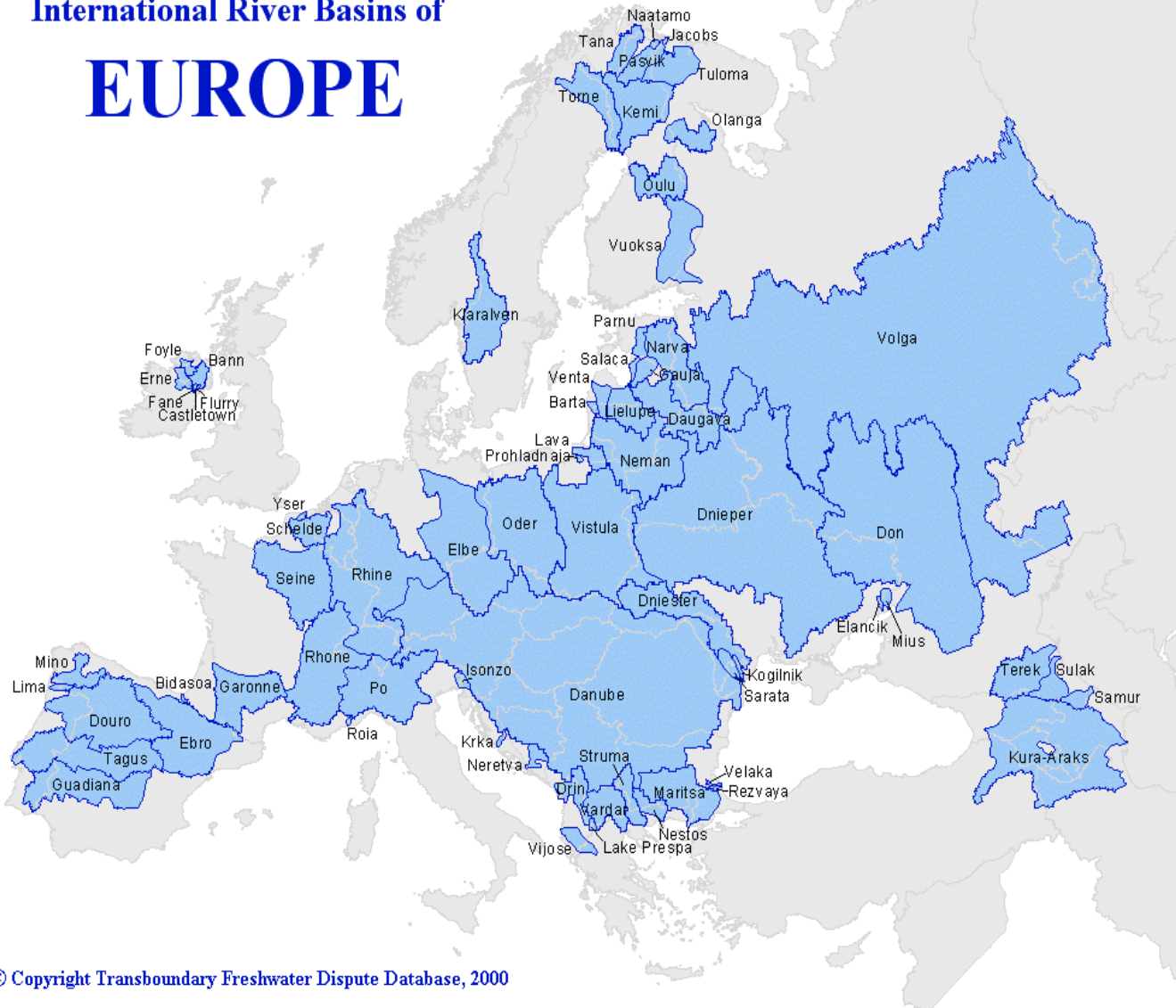
# A lot of them being transboundary ones!



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# AN OBLIGATION OF RESULT

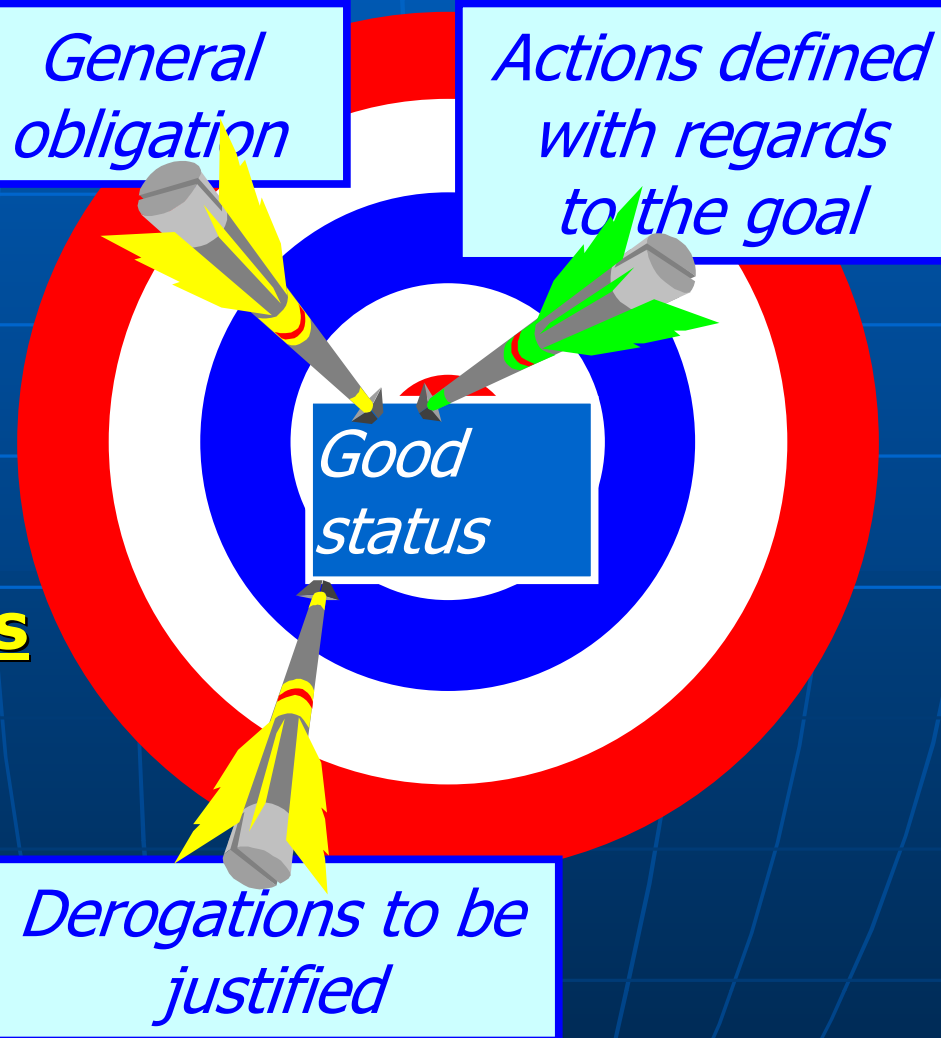
*General obligation*

*Actions defined with regards to the goal*

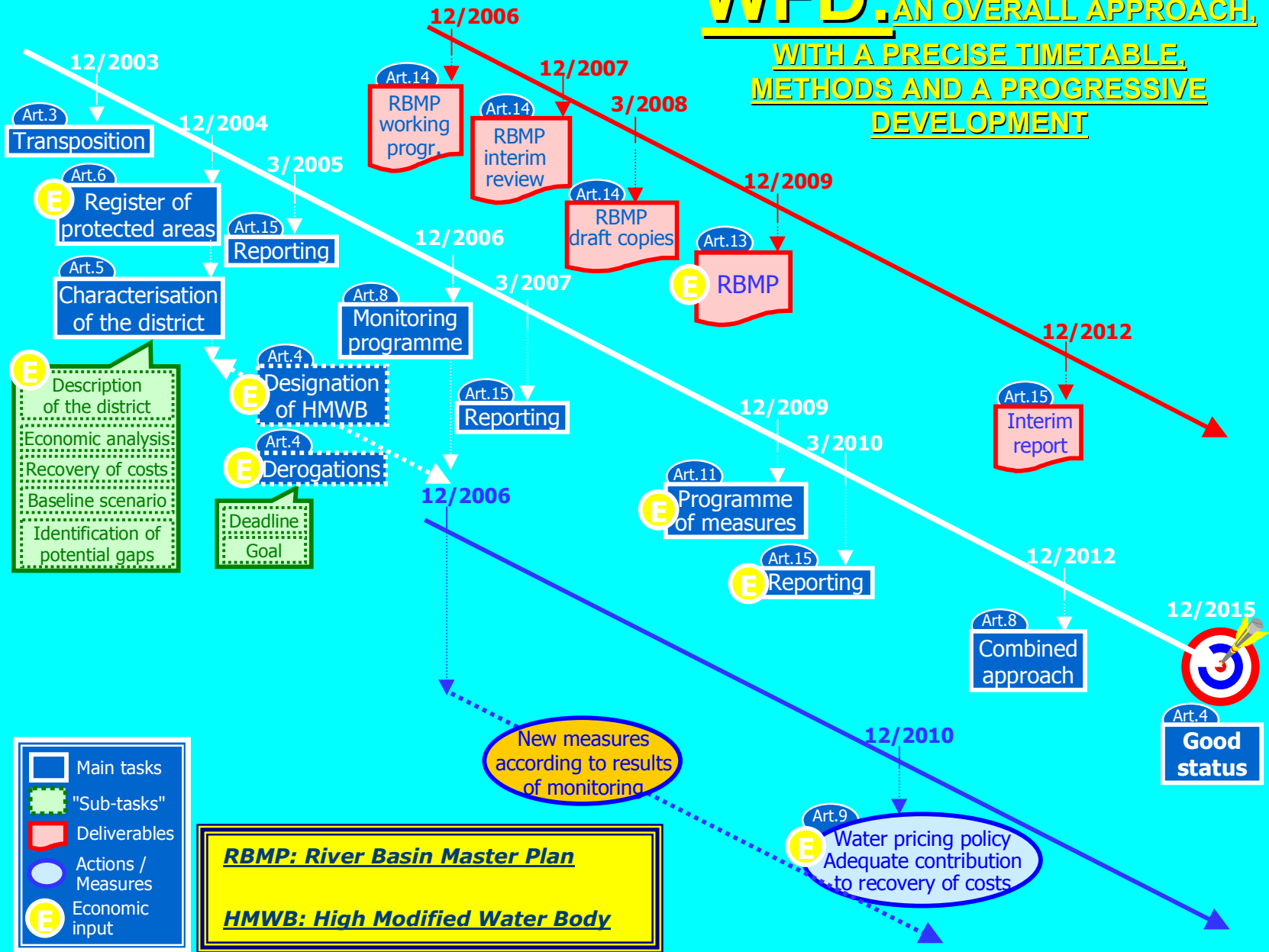
*Good status*

*Derogations to be justified*

Achieving a "good status" for surface and ground waters before 2015



# WFD: AN OVERALL APPROACH, WITH A PRECISE TIMETABLE, METHODS AND A PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT





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**The implementation  
of the European Water Framework Directive  
is now in a real and active phase  
for all the Member States  
of the enlarged European Union  
and the candidate Countries.**





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**The implementation  
of the Water Framework Directive  
directly involves  
the existing Basin Organizations  
or the « Authorities » being created,  
that will be facing many operational problems  
in its field implementation**



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**Many questions indeed arise!**

# The challenges....

**Framework Directive:  
good status  
for waters  
in the Union  
before 2015**



How to define 'good' ecological quality?

How to define the 'sustainable' functioning of the aquatic ecosystems?

How to achieve the environmental objectives and ensure a consistent implementation in the Union?

... And how to ensure comparability in the classification of ecological status and of monitoring in the Union?





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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 their experiences



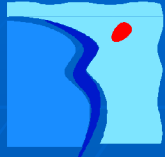
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**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR  
ON WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE EUROPEAN WATER DIRECTIVE  
VALENCIA (SPAIN)  
11 / 12 NOVEMBER 2003**



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**the work of the « EURO INBO » Group just aims at strengthening the common strategy for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD), as formulated during the meetings of the Water Directors of the European Union. This strategy allowed the production of many very interesting orientation documents for a common understanding of the various aspects of the WFD, which were also tested in about fifteen pilot basins distributed on the whole territory of the European Union.**



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**The « EUROPE INBO » meeting of Krakow aims to enrich and broaden the experience of the pilot basins by also presenting approaches and mentioning the very pragmatic questions which arise in other European Districts.**

**In these Districts, studies and work were already developed, and it may be interesting for them to exchange on difficulties encountered, results or very operational and concrete experiences accumulated in the field.**





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**It appears that there is a need/place also for these kind of informal exchanges, in addition to the official European platform still very well organized by the EU water directors and the EC.**



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**The aim of INBO is only to enable  
the volunteer Basin Organizations to meet  
in order to exchange more  
on their practical experiences,  
as the implementation of the WFD  
is a key issue for all our members.**



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**The result will not be dividing up resources  
in parallel structures  
( surely it's not the intention!),  
but enriching the process in the field  
by direct contacts  
between the public bodies in charge  
which would be or are yet interested in our group,  
created on a voluntary basis and free involvement.**

**A great number of them coming also  
from eastern Europe, NIS  
or Mediterranean countries.**



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**INBO activities must be complementary**  
**to ongoing efforts**  
**and must avoid setting up parallel**  
**or competing structures.**



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### Five topics will be dealt with :

- analysis of the situations (analysis of 2004),
- the economic component of the WFD,  
in the inventory and work on cost recovery,
- the environmental objectives  
and the « good ecological status » in particular,
- the transboundary basins,
- flood prevention and control.



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**INBO could present  
the conclusions from Krakow  
to the EU Water directors and to the Commission  
for feedback and comment;**

**it would be a great honour for our network.**



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**INBO initiatives are open  
to your participation :  
your inputs are welcome !**

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basin organizations over the world***



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**It is necessary to support  
the creation and strengthening  
of Basin Organizations  
over the world!**