



MENBO
Liaison Bureau

Dossier

Porto, 27 September 2011





**MENBO'S
LIAISON BUREAU**



CALL FOR THE MEETING OF THE LIAISON BUREAU

All members of the Liaison Bureau of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO) are called to the Meeting of the Bureau, which will be held on the 27th of September 2011, at 15:30. This meeting will be celebrated in Porto (Portugal), before MENBO's 9th General Assembly and the 9th EURO-INBO Conference on the Implementation of the Water Framework Directive.

AGENDA

- 1) Opening of the Bureau and welcome of the assistants
- 2) Introduction of the Permanent Technical Secretariat of MENBO.
- 3) Announcement of new members and observers to be approved in the General Assembly:
 - Italy: Arno River Basin Authority (member)
 - Palestine: Land Research Centre (observer)
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- 4) Consideration of the agreements and results of the last Meetings of MENBO's Liaison Bureau, celebrated in Beirut in October 2009 and Tarragona in May 2010.
- 5) Network progress:
 - Report of the MENBO Presidency, Dr. Fadi Comair (Lebanon)
 - Activities, projects, new proposals
- 6) Call to the next General Assembly
- 7) Other topics: announcements, proposals.
- 8) Closing of the Liaison Bureau

Yours truly,

Permanent Technical Secretariat of MENBO



MENBO's
9TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY



AGENDA

First Statutory Session, Wednesday 28 of September 2011, 12:00-13:00:

- 1) Opening of the Assembly and welcome of the assistants: introduction of the Permanent Technical Secretariat of MENBO.
- 2) Announcement of the members to be approved.
- 3) Balance of the MENBO activities since October 2009 – General Assembly in Beirut.
- 4) New project proposals.
- 5) MENBO accounts for 2009 and 2010.
- 6) Provisional budget 2011.
- 7) Other topics: announcements, proposals
- 8) Closing 1st Statutory Session

Second Statutory Session, Friday 30 of September 2011, 11:30-12:30:

- 1) MENBO activities in detail
- 2) Next General Assembly?
- 3) Resolutions of the 9th MENBO General Assembly
- 4) Change of the MENBO Presidency from Lebanon to Portugal
- 5) Closing of the General Assembly



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL

List of Statutory Meetings of MENBO

Map: Current state of recruitment members

**List of MENBO members, observers and collaborating
international organisations**

Attended meetings and events Oct 2009-Sep 2011

Summary MELIA Project

Statutory Meetings of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations



1st General Assembly (Constitutive)	11-12 / 11 / 2003	Valencia
Liaison Bureau	26 / 09 / 2004	Krakow
2nd General Assembly (Members)	11 / 10 / 2004	Istanbul
Liaison Bureau	11 / 10 / 2004	Istanbul
Liaison Bureau	23 / 05 / 2005	Marrakech
3rd General Assembly	24-25 / 05 / 2005	Marrakech
Liaison Bureau	28 / 09 / 2005	Namur
Liaison Bureau	17 / 03 / 2006	Mexico City
4th General Assembly (Members)	05 / 11 / 2006	Athens
Liaison Bureau	06 / 06 / 2007	Debrecen
Liaison Bureau	07 / 11 / 2007	Rome
5th General Assembly	08-10 / 11 / 2007	Rome
Liaison Bureau	08 / 07 / 2008	Saragossa
6th General Assembly (Members)	01 / 10 / 2008	Sibiu
Liaison Bureau	16 / 03 / 2009	Istanbul
Liaison Bureau	06 / 10 / 2009	Beirut
7th General Assembly	07-08 / 10 / 2009	Beirut
Liaison Bureau	02 / 05 / 2010	Tarragona
8th General Assembly – MENBO Expert	02 / 05 / 2010	Tarragona
Liaison Bureau	27 / 09 / 2011	Porto
9th General Assembly	28-30 / 09 / 2011	Porto

MENBO MEMBERS AND COLLABORATING INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS, September 2011



Foundational Members (8)

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| ALBANIA | - Agriculture and Food Ministry |
| FRANCE | - International Network of Basin Organisations
- Rhone-Mediterranean-Corsica Water Agency
- Ministry of Ecology |
| SPAIN | - Júcar River Basin Authority
- Tajo River Basin Authority
- Segura River Basin Authority
- General Water Directorate |

Members (24)

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| BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | - Public Company for Water area of the Adriatic
Sea Catchments |
| CYPRUS | - Water Development Department |
| GREECE | - Water Section-Hellenic Ministry for the
Environment, Physical Planning and Public
Works
- Regional Water Directory of Thessally
- Hellenic Republic, North Aegeau Region
- Region of Central Macedonia-Section Water
Resources Management
- Hellenic Republic Region of Attiki
- Region of East Macedonia-Thrace/ Water
Resources Department |
| ISRAEL | - Israel Water Commission |
| ITALY | - Arno River Basin Authority
- Tevere River Basin Authority |
| JORDAN | - Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) |

LEBANON	- Litani River Authority - Ministry of Water and Energy
LIBYA	- General Water Authority
MACEDONIA	- Alliance for Lake Cooperation on Ohrid and Prespa
MORROCCO	- Sebou Water Agency - Loukkos Water Agency - Tensift Water Agency - Oum Er Rbia Water Agency
PALESTINE	- Palestinian Water Authority –PWA-
SPAIN	- Catalanian Water Agency - Ebro River Basin Authority
TURKEY	- General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI)

Collaborating International Organisations and Observers (7)

EIC	- Euro-Mediterranean Irrigators Community
GWP-Med	- Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean
IME	- Water Mediterranean Institute
INBO	- International Network of Basin Organisations
IUCN	- Mediterranean Cooperation Center of IUCN
ROMANIA	- Apele Romane, National Administration
PALESTINE	- Land Research Center

**ATTENDED MEETINGS AND EVENTS
MEDITERRANEAN NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANISATIONS
(Oct 2009 – Sep 2011)**



EVENT	DATE	PLACE	COMMENTS
EURO-INBO II + 7th MENBO General Assembly	06-9/10/2009	Beirut, Lebanon	International Conference on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and celebration of MENBO's General Assembly. Organised by MENBO and EURO-INBO on the invitation of the Lebanese authorities.
Conference on OASIS	14-15/10/2009	Elche, Spain	International meeting on agriculture and gastronomy in oasis
International Yellow River Forum	20-23/10/2009	Dongying, China	A MENBO expert represented the network on the occasion of this international conference.
Towards the new Long Term Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean	02-03/11/2009	Cairo, Egypt	MENBO participated in the conference and an expert panel on the challenges regarding water management in the Mediterranean.
Union for the Mediterranean Water Expert Group 2	04/11/2009	Cairo, Egypt	MENBO participated as observer in the WEG meeting
General Assembly of the Latino-American Network of Basin Organisations	18-21/11/09	Iguazu, Brasil	The RELCO, as other regional network under INBO, invited MENBO to participate in this important event. Both network exchange experiences and collaborate in several topics.
Union for the Mediterranean, Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean: Conference for elected parties	15/01/2010	Montpellier, France	A representative of MENBO gave a presentation on the importance of the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean that was at this moment elaborated by the WEG.
World General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organisations	20-23/01/2010	Dakar, Senegal	MENBO participated actively in this important event.

Meeting of the Water Scarcity and Drought Working Group of the Joint Process between the EU WFD and Med-EUWI	17/02/2010	Madrid, Spain	MENBO was an active member of this Working group in the first and also second phase of the Joint Process.
Conference on water scarcity and adaptation to climate change.	18-19/02/10	Madrid, Spain	MENBO experts who also participated in the workshops organised attended this conference.
Workshop on "Financing Water in North Africa and the wider Mediterranean"	24/02/2010	Madrid, Spain	Organised by GWP-Med, this workshop was celebrated to feed the elaboration of the Water Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean under the Union for the Mediterranean Process.
Water Expert Group 3	25/02/2010	Madrid, Spain	As observer of the WEG, MENBO attended this event.
4th Workshop of the MELIA project: Benchmarking exercise and recommendations on the application of the Water Framework Directive	22-25/02/2010	Amman, Jordan	MENBO was co-organiser of this workshop. A MENBO expert conducted one of the plenary sessions.
Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water	12-14/04/10	Barcelona, Spain	MENBO as observer of the WEG was invited to this important event and attended it.
MENBO Expert Meeting	14/05/2010	Tarragona, Spain	The MENBO expert meeting was organised back to back with the General Assembly of the Euro-Mediterranean Irrigators Community EIC. On the occasion of this event several experts from the region discussed the MENBO Action Plan elaborated by the MENBO President 2009-2011 Dr. Fadi Comair and supported his ideas.
MENBO Liaison Bureau Meeting	14/05/2010	Tarragona, Spain	A Liaison Bureau meeting was organised back to back with the Expert Meeting.
VI World Water Forum - Kick Off Meeting	03-04/06/2010	Marseille, France	MENBO was invited to this important event as one of the representatives of the Mediterranean region.
EURO-INBO	22-24/09/2010	Mégève, France	Representatives of our network attended this conference.
13th Meeting of the GWP-Med Partnership Council	10-11/10/2010	Athens, Greece	As member of the Partnership Council of GWP-Med MENBO participated in this meeting.
3rd Beirut Water Week	24-27/10/2010	Beirut, Lebanon	Co-organised by MENBO under the Presidency of Dr. Fadi Comair, representatives of the network attended the meeting and gave presentations on the activities of MENBO:

Capacity Building Training Seminar on Integrated Water Management in the Mediterranean of the MELIA project	24-29/10/2010	Venice, Italy	As member of the MELIA project MENBO attended this workshop and gave the participants an overview on the workpackages the network was involved in.
IWRM-Net Final Conference	1-3/12/2010	Brussels, Belgium	Participation of a MENBO representative.
Regional Workshop - Design and Sustainable Management of dams in the Mediterranean	13-14/12/2010	Marseille, France	A MENBO expert represented the network and gave a presentation.
14th Meeting of the GWP-Med Partnership Council	14/12/2010	Cairo, Egypt	As member of the Partnership Council of GWP-Med MENBO participated in this meeting.
2nd Stakeholder Meeting World Water Forum VI	17-18/01/2011	Paris, France	MENBO attended this meeting as representative of the Mediterranean region.
First meeting to prepare the Mediterranean Water Forum	08/04/2011	Murcia, Spain	MENBO is member of the Steering Committee that organises the 1 st Mediterranean Water Forum.
Technical Meeting of the Water Expert Group of the Union for the Mediterranean	18/05/11	Barcelona, Spain	MENBO attended this meeting as invited observer.
Final Conference MELIA Project	20-22/06/ 2011	Agadir, Morocco	As member of the MELIA Steering Committee, MENBO was in the Scientific Committee for this Conference and participated in the event.
1st meeting of the Steering Committee for the organisation of the Mediterranean Water Forum and the Mediterranean Cross-Regional Process for the VI World Water Forum	11/07/2011	Marseille, France	MENBO is member of the Steering Committee that organises the 1 st Mediterranean Water Forum and coordinates the Mediterranean Cross-Regional Process for the VI World Water Forum.
2nd meeting of the Steering Committee for the organisation of the Mediterranean Water Forum and the Mediterranean Cross-Regional Process for the VI World Water Forum	05/09/2011	Marseille, France	MENBO is member of the Steering Committee that organises the 1 st Mediterranean Water Forum and coordinates the Mediterranean Cross-Regional Process for the VI World Water Forum.
Liaison Bureau MENBO	27/09/2011	Porto, Portugal	All members of MENBO are invited to participate in this meeting.
9th MENBO General Assembly and EURO-INBO Conference.	28-30/09/2011	Porto, Portugal	International Conference on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and celebration of MENBO's General Assembly. Organised by MENBO and EURO-INBO on the invitation of the Portuguese authorities.



MELIA: MEditerranean DiaLogue on Integrated Water ManAgement

- Project under the FP6th Programme (6th Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration – European Commission)
- INCO-Med: International Co-operation for the Mediterranean countries
- Promoted by: CSIC (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas), CIHEAM-IAMB (Istituto Agronomico di Bari)
- Type of Instrument: Co-ordination Action
- **Objective:** Contribute to the achievement of an effective regional water management under scarcity condition to enhance sustainable development in the Mediterranean region, to improve the dialogue and communication among its 63 relevant partners, and to share a common knowledge and awareness

Work Packages REMOC is involved in:

- Assessment of Technological Perspectives in Water Management
- Water Policy
- Prevention and Mitigation of water conflicts
- Building Knowledge
- Recommendations on the application of the WFD (co-leader of the group)

Organised conferences and workshops:

- June 2011, Agadir: Final Conference
 - October 2010, Venice, Capacity building seminar on integrated water resources management in the Mediterranean
 - March 2010, Amman: Workshop Benchmarking exercise and recommendations on the applications of the WFD
 - March 2009, Istanbul: Workshop Water Value Impacts on the Mediterranean Water Policies
 - October 2008, Marrakech: Workshop Rational Use of Water Resources
 - November 2007, Tunisia: Workshop Water Culture and Water Conflict
- ⇒ All related documents and more information can be found here:
www.meliaproject.eu