

**MENBO** Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations

**REMOB** Réseau Méditerranéen des Organismes de Bassin

**REMOC** Red Mediterránea de Organismos de Cuenca



# **MENBO Liaison Bureau Report**

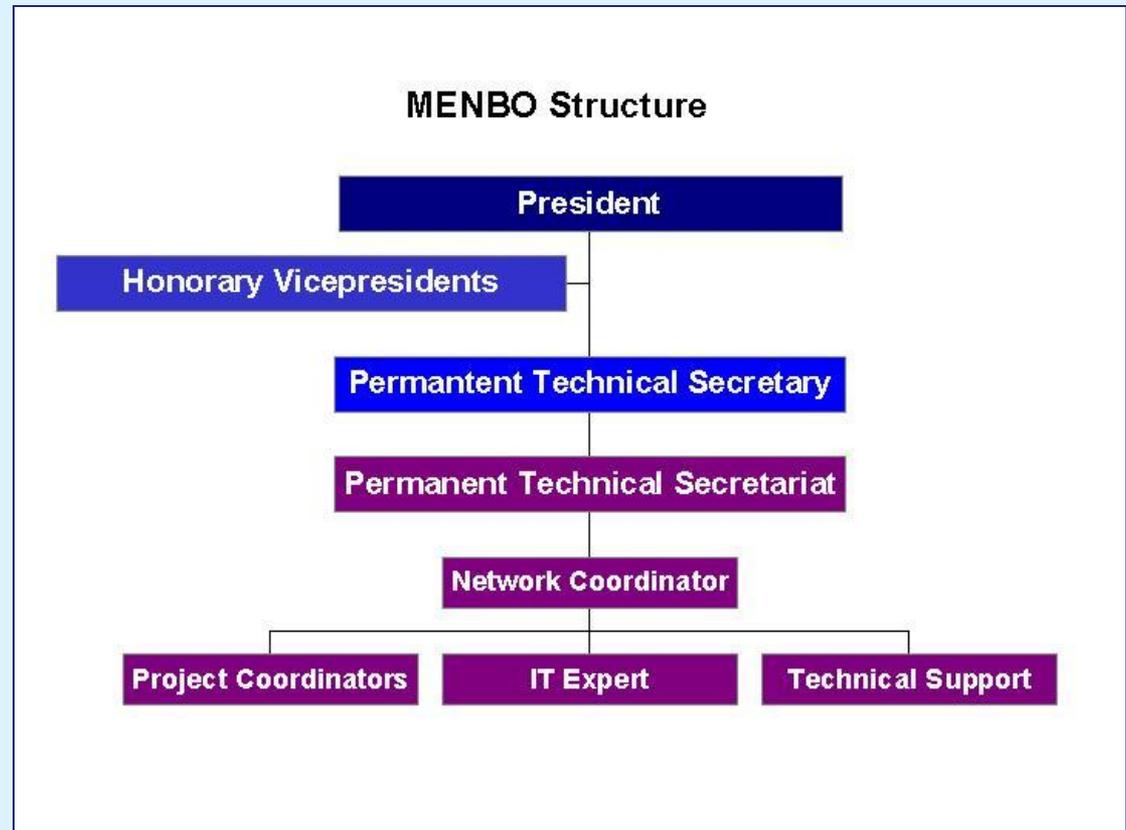


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- 4) Network progress: Report of the Permanent Technical Secretariat and the Presidency of MENBO**



## 2 INTRODUCTION TO THE MENBO STRUCTURE

- **Presidency**
- **Permanent Technical Secretariat**
- **General Assembly + Executive Committee**





## 2 WHO IS WHO



- **PRESIDENT 2011-2014:**  
**Dr. Manuel Lacerda**

- **PRESIDENT since 2014 (due to changes in the Portuguese administration):**  
**Mr. Nuno Lacasta**



- **PERMANENT TECHNICAL SECRETARY:**  
**Dr. Teodoro Estrela Monreal**



# 2 MENBO STATUTORY EVENTS

## MENBO Statutory events (1/2):

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



## 2 MENBO STATUTORY EVENTS

### MENBO Statutory events (2/2):

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 Meeting	02 / 05 / 2010	Tarragona
Liaison Bureau	27 / 09 / 2011	Porto
9th General Assembly	28-30 / 09 / 2011	Porto
Liaison Bureau	16 / 10 / 2012	Istanbul
Liaison Bureau	13 / 08 / 2013	Fortaleza



## 2 MENBO STATUTORY EVENTS

### **MENBO General Assembly and Liaison Bureau in Porto (Portugal), September 2011.**

#### **Roundtables on:**

- Water and Energy
- Implementation of the WFD in non-EU countries
- Governance in transboundary scenarios
- Adaptation to climate change and extreme phenomena
- River restoration, hydro-morphology and protection of water ecosystems
- 6th World Water Forum Preparation





## 2 MENBO STATUTORY EVENTS

### **MENBO Liaison Bureau Meeting and General Assembly**

- 254 participants from 46 countries
- New members : ARH Norte (Portugal) and Arno River Basin Authority (Italy). The Land Research Center (Palestine) with observer status.
- Activities and projects developed since the 7th General Assembly in Beirut 2009 were presented.
- MENBO thanked Lebanon and especially Dr. Fadi Comair, General Director for Water and Energy, for his successful MENBO Presidency (2009-2011).
- Dr. Antonio Guerreiro De Brito, in that moment President of ARH Norte (Portugal), was elected new President of MENBO.



## 3 CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENTS

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  - Italian River Restoration Centre (CIRF)
  - EurAQUA (European Network of Freshwater Research Organisations) – The Netherlands



## 4 MENBO MEMBERS

The network is always open for new members and observers that need to be approved by the General Assembly of MENBO.

⇒ Currently there are **33** members from **16** different Mediterranean countries



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## Current state of recruitment members



JUNE 2016



## 5 NETWORK PROGRESS: ACTIVITIES

### Drafting of a Report for the World Bank on “Resource Allocation and Water Rights: The Case of Spain”

- This report resulted from an invitation from the **World Bank**, within their actions for the compliance with their compromise with the Turkish Government, in their approach to some **water management policies** close to those in the European Union, particularly the Water Framework Directive.
- The report has the objective of being a reference for the Turkish Government in the development of their **new water policies**, in order to achieve an **integrated and sustainable management**.
- The report was presented during a workshop celebrated in Ankara (Turkey) in September 2013.



# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

## OECD Water Governance Initiative

- The OECD Water Governance Initiative is an international multi-stakeholder network of members from the public, private and non-for-profit sectors gathering twice a year to share good practices in support of better governance in the water sector.

### OBJECTIVES

**Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water governance reforms through policy dialogue across decision-makers at different levels.

**Provide a technical platform** to discuss analytical work on water governance through peer-to-peer exchanges and knowledge sharing.

**Provide a consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance issues in the Global Water Agenda (World Water Forum, Post-2015 Agenda).

- MENBO has been represented in all the WGI meetings (since 2013) with an active role in the elaboration of the principles and technical contributions.



# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

## 11<sup>th</sup> European conference on the implementation of the water framework directive “Europe-INBO” - Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 13-16 November 2013



- Organised yearly by the International Network of Basin Organisations.
- MENBO attended the conference and intervened in the round table on *“Implementation of WFD principles in EU Neighbouring countries. Experiences of EECCA and Mediterranean Partner countries”*





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS

## WSWM (1/3)

### Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean, 5+5 Dialogue

- Cooperation among Mediterranean countries → UfM
- Conference on water. Jordan 2008 → Strategy 2010
- Rome 1990 → 5+5 dialogue, EU–Maghreb
- Proposal initiative by Algeria and Spain
- Approved during the Ministerial Conference held in Algiers, March 2015



WSWM is a guiding document with orientations and objectives, agreed by Western Mediterranean countries in order to preserve water quality, regional sustainable growth, social prosperity, access to water for all, cooperation, exchange of knowledge → peace and stability.





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS

## WSWM (2/3)

### Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean, 5+5 Dialogue

- MENBO acts as Secretariat of the Initiative and has presented the document and its Action Plan in several international events.
- Technical Workshops organised:
  - WS1 – Valencia, February 2014
  - WS2 – Oran, June 2014
  - WS3 – Valencia, September 2014
  - WS4 – Madrid, September 2015
  - WS5 – Valencia, February 2016
  - WS6 – to be held in Marseille, June 24-25 2016





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS

## WSWM (3/3)

### Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean, 5+5 Dialogue

The WSWM implementation will be materialised through an annexed Action Plan, currently under development (first draft already elaborated).

#### ACTION PLAN:

- Compiles project proposals from 5+5 members, partners and organisations with a regional or national dimension but with an impact on the Western Mediterranean.
- Details projects and initiatives with specific objectives, geographical scope, financing plans, foreseen indicators and schedule.
- Allows to visualise the most pragmatic part of the Strategy.
- To be implemented depending on each country's range of challenges, conditions, specificities and different levels of capacities.
- Promotes financing opportunities.





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

MENBO is active member of **Global Water Partnership** and **Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean**, and member of their Partnership Council



MENBO participates in the GWP-Med Partnership Council Meetings:

- Athens (Greece), in November 2013
- Athens (Greece), in October 2014
- Athens (Greece), in December 2015



# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS: ACTIVITIES

## EUROPE-INBO 2014 :12<sup>th</sup> European Conference on WFD implementation- Bucharest (Romania), November 2014

The conference was organised around these main issues:



- Preparation of WFD 2<sup>nd</sup> Management Plans
- Natural Water Retention Measures / River restoration
- Implementation and funding of Programmes of Measures
- Water governance in Transboundary Basins

MENBO intervened in the opening/closing ceremonies, as well as in the roundtable on the Implementation and funding of the Programmes of Measures





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

## **MENBO is an active member of the WWF Mediterranean Steering Committee that:**

- Coordinated the Mediterranean Cross-Continental Process and wrote the Mediterranean Regional Document for the WWF VI in Marseille (March 2012).
- Responsible of coordinating the Mediterranean Process to participate in the WWF VII in South-Korea, (April 2015).





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

**MENBO co-organised the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mediterranean Water Forum, in Murcia (Spain) 25-27 November 2014.**



- MENBO is member of the Mediterranean Steering Committee
- Was the coordinator of the participation in the cross-continental priority for the 7<sup>th</sup> WWF on Adaptation to Climate Change.





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS:

## 7<sup>th</sup> WWF



### 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum- April 2015, South Korea



- As member of the Med Process Steering Committee, MENBO participated in Regional and Thematic sessions, as well as in side events, offering presentations and contributing to debate tables.





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

The Permanent Technical Secretariat of MENBO organised several **Technical Visits** of expert groups (Brazil, Turkey, Azerbaijan, USA, India, Morocco), mainly to Spanish RB Authorities.





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS: ACTIVITIES

## EUROPE-INBO 2015 :13<sup>th</sup> European Conference on WFD implementation – Thessaloniki (Greece), October 2015

The conference was organised around these main issues:



- Measures of adaptation to the Climate Change “Water” Component COP21
- Water governance in transboundary basins
- The financing of water policy, economic analysis and regulation
- Local processes for the application of directives and participation of local stakeholders

MENBO intervened in the thematic roundtables and in the side event organised by the EcoCuencas project.





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS: Projects

## PEER REVIEW: Establishment of a Peer Review mechanism for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (2015-2016)

### Objective:

To set up a voluntary and targeted system of cooperation between competent authorities (Peers) to allow mutual learning about the implementation of the WFD and river basin management planning.

MENBO is part of the coordinating consortium and assists in the match-making process between experts and basins, organises missions to be developed in the different River Basin Authorities, and reports to the rest of the coordinators on the progress of these missions.

Coordinated by OIEAU, MENBO, NIHWM and CEENBO.



European project:  
Establishment of a Peer-Review Mechanism for the Improvement of Water Framework Directive Implementation





# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS: Projects

## End-to-end Demonstrator for improved decision making in the water sector in Europe (EDgE) Dec.2015 – Dec.2017

### Objective:

To provide climate-derived information to the water sector community for improved decision making regarding mitigation and adaptation strategies in Europe at timescales from seasonal to multi-decadal. It aims to develop a Sectoral Information Service (SIS) to target key users with different needs.

MENBO is part of the consortium and member of Work Package 1, leading the activity regarding case studies from River Basin Authorities in the Mediterranean.

Possibility of celebrating an EDgE Workshop during the next EURO-INBO Lourdes (France) 2016.





## 5 NETWORK PROGRESS:

### Projects

**MENBO also participates in other projects, as collaborator or member of the Advisory Board:**

- **Twinning with Morocco:** Project to support Morocco to foster their institutional, organisational and technical capabilities regarding integrated water resources management and governance. MENBO assists in the organisation of technical exchanges of staff and information.
- **BRIGAD** “Bridging the Gap for Innovations in Disaster Resilience” (Horizon 2020): MENBO is member of the Advisory Board.
- **SWICCA** “Service for Water Indicators in Climate Change Adaptation” (Copernicus): MENBO is member of the Advisory Board.
- **Eco-Cuencas** “Basins and financial redistribution in action” (WATER-CLIMA LAC): MENBO is an associated participant and collaborates in the technical exchanges of information and experts.



# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

## Upcoming events:

- **5+5 WSWM Workshop 6, Marseille (France) 23-24 June:** the Action Plan (implementation of projects) to be Annexed to the Strategy will be discussed and approved.
- **Euro- INBO 2016, Lourdes (France),** date to be confirmed.
- **MENBO General Assembly 2016 - 2017,** date and place to be confirmed.



# 5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

## NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

- The network receives constantly proposals for new participation in projects, that are evaluated by the Permanent Technical Secretariat.
- Some project proposals are still pending of approval.





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