



INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS (INBO)

« EUROPE-INBO 2021 » 19th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN WATER DIRECTIVES

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

With English – French – Spanish simultaneous interpretation

**8-10 December 2021,
Venue: Paradise Bay Resort, Cirkewwa, Mellieha, MALTA**

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WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

19h00: Departure from the Paradise Bay Resort.

19h30/20:00: Arrival at the Salini Hotel & Welcome Cocktail

THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER

8h15-8h45: Registration of the participants

9h00-9h30: Official opening of ceremony

Master of ceremony:

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

Opening speeches:

- **Mr. Manuel Sapiano**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Water Agency, Malta
- **Mr. Timo Jokelainen**, Europe-INBO President 2019-2021, Director of the ELY-Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment of Lapland, Chair of both the Finnish-Swedish Transboundary River Commission and the Norwegian-Finnish Commission on Transboundary Waters
- **Mr. Nizar Baraka**, Minister of Equipment and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco & INBO World President 2019-2024
- **Ms. Veronica Manfredi**, Director for Quality of Life (Air, Water & Industrial Emissions) of the Directorate General for the Environment (DG ENV), Chair of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR),
- **Dr. Miriam Dalli**, Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Sustainable Development

9h30-10h30:

- **Objectives and actions of Europe-INBO (15 min)**
- **Dr. Eric Tardieu**, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
 - **Presentation of the water governance at national and basin level in Malta (45 min)**
- **Mr. Manuel Sapiano**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Water Agency (EWA), Malta

10h30-11h00: Coffee break

11h00-12h45: Session 1. Engaging basin actors in the evaluation and evolution of the Water Directives

- **Chair & moderation (5 min):**
Mr. Pascal Berteaud, Director of CEREMA, President of OiEau, France
- **Rapporteur:**
Dr. Julian Mamo, Policy Officer
Energy and Water Agency, Malta (TBC)
- **Co-Rapporteur:**
Ms. Nabila Adjaoud,
Project manager
"Water management
administration", Luxembourg (TBC)
- **Keynote speaker (15 min):**
Mr. Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary,
International Commission for the Protection of the Danube (ICPDR)
- **Panel (45 min):**
 1. **Mr. Leon Dhaene**, Secretary General,
International Scheldt Commission (ISC), Belgium
 2. **Dr. Matilda Valman**, South Baltic Water District Authority, Sweden
 3. **Mr. Alexandre Ledoyen**, Administrator spokesperson for youth and
young people at the Artois-Picardy Basin Committee, France
 4. **Ms. Miraine Rizzo**, Environment and Resources Authority, Malta
- **Questions & answers with all participants (35 min):**
- **Concluding (5 min)**

12h45-14h00: Lunch

14h00-16h30: Workshop "Digital technology at the service of basin management and the preservation of aquatic biodiversity"

17h00-18h00: Meeting of the INBO Liaison Bureau

19h00: Departure from the Paradise Bay Resort.

19h30/20:00: Arrival at the San Gorg Corinthia St.Julians & dinner.

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

9h00-10h45: Session 2. Economic tools for basin management: integrating environment and biodiversity in cost-recovery

- **Chair & moderation (5 min):**
Mr. Jacques Ganoulis, Director of the UNESCO Chair/International Network of Water-Environment Centres for the Balkans (INWEB), Former Special Secretary for Water, Greece

- **Rapporteur:**
Ms. Julia Bonello,
Officer, Energy and Water Agency,
Malta

- **Co-Rapporteur:**
Mr. Andreas Beckmann,
Regional CEO
WWF Central and Eastern Europe

- **Keynote speaker (15 min):**
Ms. Amandine Mesland, Loire-Brittany Water Agency, France

- **Panel (45 min):**
 1. **Mr. Nicholas Ellul**, Policy Officer, Energy & Water Agency, Malta
 2. **Ms. Maria Vale**, Directorate-General of Territorial Development, Ministry for Environment and Climate Action, Portugal
 3. **Mr. Christian Lecussan**,
President of the FENARIVE (industry federation),
Vice President of the Seine-Normandy Basin Committee, France
 4. **Sra. Cristina Danés de Castro**, President,
Duero Hydrographic Confederation, Spain
 5. **Mr. Leonardo Gatta**, Water Services and Economic Analysis,
Central Apennine River Basin District Authority, Italy

- **Questions & answers with all participants (35 min):**

- **Concluding (5 min)**

10h45-11h15: Coffee break

11h15-13h00: Session 3. Sustainable quantitative management of water resources for climate change adaptation and biodiversity preservation

- **Chair & moderation (5 min):**
Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Chief Executive Officer,
Energy and Water Agency, Malta (*To Be Confirmed by EWA*)
- **Rapporteur:**
Ms. Sarah Camilleri, Officer,
Environment and Resources Authority,
Malta (assumption)
(*TBC*)
- **Co-Rapporteur:**
Mr. Ramiro Martinez, General
coordinator, Mediterranean
Network of Basin Organizations
(MENBO) - (*TBC*)
- **Keynote speaker (15 min):**
Dr. Michael Schembri, Chief Policy Officer, Energy and Water Agency,
Malta
- **Panelists (45 min):**
 1. **Dr. Kevin Gatt**, Head of Department, Spatial Planning and
Infrastructure, University of Malta
 2. **Mr. Bernard Legube**, President of the Scientific Council,
Adour Garonne Basin Committee, France
 3. **Mr. Joaquín Páez**, President,
Hydrographic Confederation of the Guadalquivir, Spain
 4. **Ms. Sonia Siauve**, Head of the “EU LIFE Water & Climate” project
 5. **Mr. Gheorghe Constantin**, Director of Water Resources
Management, Romania
- **Questions & answers with all participants (35 min):**
- **Concluding (5 min)**

13h00-14h15: Lunch

14h15-16h00: Session 4. Special panel "International cooperation & basin management"

- **Chair & moderation (5 min):**
Ms. Saara Bäck, Water Director, Finland
- **Rapporteur:**
Ms. Ella Busuttil, Officer,
Energy and Water Agency, Malta
- **Co-Rapporteur:**
Mr. Pierre-Henry de Villeneuve,
Head of projet, OiEau, Paris
- **Keynote speaker (15 min):**
Mr. Marc Daniel Heintz, Executive Secretary,
International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine, Germany
- **Panelists (45 min):**
 1. **Mr. Henry Debattista**, Officer, Energy and Water Agency, Malta
 2. **Mr. Peter Kovacs**, Head of River Basin Management and
Water Protection Department, Ministry of Interior, Hungary
 3. **Mr. Jean-Noël Pansera**, Secretary General,
International Meuse Commission,
 4. **Mr. Alexander Zinke**, Senior Project Coordinator "Water and
Environment", Environment Agency, Austria
 5. **Mr. Ylber Mirta**, Head of Department for Waters,
Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia
- **Questions & answers with all participants (35 min):**
- **Concluding (5 min)**

16h00-16h30: Coffee break

16h30-17h30: Official closing ceremony

- Reporting on the workshop & thematic sessions
- Invitation to the 20th "Europe-INBO" International Conference 2022, Annecy (France)
- Announcement of the statutory session of the INBO World General Assembly to be held in Dakar during the 9th World Water Forum.
- "Declaration of Malta"
- Transfer of the Europe-INBO Presidency symbol to Malta
 - **Mr. Timo Jokelainen**, Europe-INBO President 2019-2021, Chair of both the Finnish-Swedish Transboundary River Commission and the Norwegian-Finnish Commission on Transboundary Waters
 - **Mr. Manuel Sapiano**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Water Agency, Malta, Europe-INBO President 2021-2022

17h30: Closing cocktail

**SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION INTO:
ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH
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WILL BE AVAILABLE ON:**

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