



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



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

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## MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> 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 of Europe)

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

17h30 – 18h30: INBO World Liaison Bureau

19h00: Welcome cocktail (at the Imperial Palace)

## TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

### Opening speeches:

- Mr. François Astorg, Mayor of Annecy
- Mrs. Frédérique Lardet, President of the Greater Annecy community of municipalities
- 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. Nizar Baraka, Minister for Equipment and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco & World President of INBO 2019-2024
- 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. Martial Saddier, President, Rhône Mediterranean Basin Committee

#### **Water and biodiversity links in French public policies**

- Mr. Pierre Dubreuil, Director General, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)

### 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) :**

Mr. Guillaume Choisy, Director General, Adour-Garonne Water Agency  
(AEAG), France TBC

- **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. Bjørn Borge Skei, Adviser, Trøndelag basin district authority, Norway  
TBC

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

- **Conclusion (5 min)**

Mr. Zebedee Njisu, Senior Adviser , Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands  
(Ramsar) TBC

## 15h45-16h15: Coffee break

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

- **Chair & moderation (5 min) :**

Mr. Mitja Bricelj, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning,  
Slovenia 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. Konstantin Ivanov, Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe (GWP-CEE), Slovakia TBC
5. Mr. Ylber Mirta, Head of Department for Waters, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Macedonia TBC

- **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 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

- **Chair & moderation (5 min) :**

Ms. Bettina Doeser, Head of the Water Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

- **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) :**

Ms. Simona Olimpia Negru, General Director, General Water Directorate,  
Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests, Romania

- **Panel (45 min) :**

1. Mr. Martial Saddier,  
President of the Rhône-Mediterranean Basin Committee, France TBC
2. Mr. Michael Schembri, Policy Director (Water),  
Energy and Water Agency (EWA), Malta
3. Dr. Ann-Karin Thorén, Senior Analyst,  
Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM), Sweden
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) :**
  - Ms. Carla Montesi, Director for Green Deal and Digital Agenda,  
Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) TBC
  
- **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. Mr. Harry Liiv, Special Envoy for Transboundary Waters, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention
  
- **Questions & answers (35 min)**
  
- **Conclusion (5 min)**
  - Ms. Hwirin Kim, Head, Division of Hydrological and Water resources services, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) TBC

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

## 17h30: Closing cocktail

## THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

4 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:**

*Fier river valley*

Visit of the wastewater sanitation facilities in the Fier river valley: biogas methanation unit of the SILA (Lake Annecy District Authority) & SILOE depollution unit.

Presentation of the re-meandering project of the Viéran river & presentation of the "Forest sport policy" with Annecy city and the National Forests Office (ONF).

Focus on remarkable trees used to produce seeds for reforestation.

- **Option 4:**

*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.



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