



**« EURO-RIOB 2015 »**  
**13th International Conference « EUROPE-INBO 2015 »**  
**for the implementation of the European Water Directives**  
**Thessaloniki (Greece), 21-24 OCTOBER 2015**

**Side event**

**"Local processes in water management, strengths, weakness,  
and lessons learnt for the implementation of the Water framework directive"**

**Thursday 22 October, 13:00 – 14:30**

**Objective**

The side event aims to gather opinions and experiences of participants on the concrete cases of local processes in water management in order to contribute to reach the WFD objectives.

In the frame of the International conference « Euro-INBO 2015 », two events will deal with the local processes in water management: a side event organized by IOW to share experiences as well as opportunities for an in-deep dialogue among water managers, supported by Onema, and a round-table in plenary session organized by the permanent secretary of Euro-INBO and the Greek partners.

The side event aims to exchange points of views and experiences related to the factors and conditions of the implementation of local processes in water management. We will discuss around the requirements which motivate the implementation of the process and the strengths and weaknesses. The final expected production of the session is recommendations for strengthening, improving the existing and future local processes. The draft recommendations for the basin organizations will be submitted to the opinion of the conference participants during the round table. They will be integrated in the final declaration of the Euro-INBO 2015 conference.

**Content**

In the workshop, we will exchange on the processes identified in a study conducted in 2014 by IOWater with the support of Onema, covering the territorial initiatives implemented in other European countries for a balanced and sustainable management of water resources, as well as around the experiences proposed by other contributors during the preparation of the event.

The discussion will be focused on the requirements that motivate the implementation of the local processes, their strengths, weaknesses based on SAGE, river contract (France), river partnership (Luxembourg), water board in Sweden, local/regional water management plan (Scotland, England, the Netherlands, Flanders), etc... The conclusions and recommendations of the side event will be discussed during the round table in plenary session in order to have their reactions to enrich the final declaration.

*If you want to share your experience during the event, a questionnaire is online and accessible from the home page of the conference ([Questionnaire](#)).*

**Participants**

The attendees are the river basin managers, water administrations, local processes managers and others concerned and interested in the local/regional water management processes.

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