



**International conference on:
Water Management in Central and Eastern Europe:
Problems and Challenges
Satelite event of the European "Green week"**

**Venue:
Hotel Metropolitan
64, Tsarigradsko shosse blvd., Sofia 1784 , Bulgaria**

21.05.2012 – 22.05.2012

20.05.2012

17.00 - 18.30 – Liaison Bureau of Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organization (CEENBO)

19.30 Dinner

21.05.2012

09.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.30 Opening of the conference: "Water management – opportunities and challenges"

- **Minister / Deputy Minister of Environment and Water – Ms. Nona Karadjova / Ms. Ivelina Vassileva (tbc)**
- **International Office for Water – INBO Secretariat – Ms. Josiane Mongelaz**
- **EUROPE – INBO Group – Mr. Atonio de Brito (tbc)**
- **CEENBO Presidency – Ms. Atanaska Tuntova**

10.30 – 12.30 - Where are we now? The state of water and problems in implementation of EU water policy in the Central and Eastern Europe

The session will focus on the stage of implementation of EU water legislation, with a special attention on Water Framework Directive and also the new challenges in the implementation of the provisions of the Pact of Marseille in the River Basin Management Plans;

Panel 1: Status of water in Central and Eastern Europe - ~~and~~ main pressures and challenges

Panel 2: Measures to improve the situation – main obstacles and (Implementation of PoM)

Panel 3: What can we do to improve the situation? (Implementation of the Pact of Marseille in the River basin management plans)

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 17.30 Water and climate change: What problems we have in the Central and Eastern Europe and how to adapt

The session will focus on the existing problems in the Central and Eastern Europe (drought & flood) and related research activities and measures.

Panel 1: Drought and water scarcity problems in Central and Eastern Europe and solutions proposed

Panel 2: Flood problems in Central and Eastern Europe and solutions proposed

14.50 – 15.10 Coffee break

15.10 – 16.30 Workshops:

Workshop A: *Water scarcity and drought –challenges and solutions?*

Workshop B: *Floods –challenges and solutions?*

16.35 – 17.00 Conclusions of the day

17.30 - 19.30 Side visit in Sofia

20.00 Dinner

22.05.2012

09.00 – 09.30 Registration and coffee

9.30 – 12.30 Nexus: Water - Energy - Biodiversity: How to manage different issues in a sustainable way?

The session will try to presents issues of the WFD related to the protection of the ecosystems, connection between WFD and Birth and Habitat Directive; ideas and solutions to increase renewable energy; study cases & good practices

Panel 1: Protection of biodiversity /river restoration / - renewable energy policy

Panel 2: Cafe discussion: How to combine in a sustainable way - Renewable energy policy and protection of water related ecosystems?

12.30 – 13.30 Closing session

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch