

CEENBO activities (2013, 2014, 2015)

The Central and Eastern Network of Basin Organizations (CEE NBO) was created in February **2002**, as a Regional Network of INBO. The general objective of CEE NBO is *to promote an **integrated water resources management at the level of river basins**, as an essential tool for sustainable development.*

The Presidency of the Network was assured, between 2002 - 2004 by Romania, through National Administration "Apele Romane" (Romanian Waters). The countries which took the Presidency were, chronologically: Poland, Czech Republic and beginning with 2011 Bulgaria.

The Permanent Secretariat of CEE NBO was assured in the whole period by Romania, respectively by National Administration "Apele Romane", and beginning with the year 2007, is assured by N. A. "Apele Romane" through the National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management (NIHWM).

The actions and activities developed during the last three years from the most important are :

- Marseille/France, *March 2012* – participation of CEENBO to the elaboration and signature of the Marseille Pact within World Water Forum;
- Sofia/Bulgaria, *May 2012* - CEE NBO Liaison Bureau meeting joint to the International Conference "*Water Management in Central and Eastern Europe: Problems and Challenges*". CEENBO Secretariat co-organised the meeting together with Bulgarian colleagues.
- The finalization of the CEEBO website which has been fully redesigned with the support of CEENBO Secretariat (NIHWM)- 2013;
- Facilitate through CEENBO Secretariat the collaboration with BG and HU experts in RESTORE Project (*Rivers: Engaging, Supporting and Transferring knOwledge for Restoration in Europe*) – 2011- 2013;
- Participation to the *9th World General Assembly of the INBO*, Fortaleza (Brazil) 13 -16 August 2013;
- Participation of CEE NBO in the Conference of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia NBO (EECCA) *Community of water professionals – a framework for interstate water cooperation* – Moscow, Russia, 8 -9 Nov 2013 ;
- Invitation addressed to EECCA to join CEENBO as Observer;
- Co-organisation of the Liaison Bureau of CEE NBO, 13 Nov. 2013, Plovdiv, Bulgaria;

- Preparation of the proposal together with INBO and MENBO-a *peer review* mechanism envisaged by the EC, based on TWINBASIN project experience.
- Activities regarding the extension of cooperation between GWP Romania and CEENBO; CEE NBO Secretariat co-organized the Workshop “National stakeholder consultation on water: supporting the post-2015 development agenda”, 19 March 2014
- Presentation within the 6th International Conference ECRR Vienna, 27-30 October 2014 in side event C, of the coming EUROPE-INBO 2014 Conference;
- CEE NBO Secretariat organized the 12th EURO-INBO Conference in Romania, with the support of “*Apele Romane*” National Administration, National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management and Water International Office –Paris, 12 – 15 November 2014. The participation of almost 140 experts and specialists on water management, from 32 countries of Europe , Middle Asia and Africa was a real success of the goals proposed by the organizers; Organization of the Liaison Bureau of CEE NBO, 12 Nov. 2014, Bucharest, Romania within the EURO – INBO Conference;
- Participation as Permanent Secretary of CEENBO and President of EURO-INBO to the 7 World Water Forum –Korea, April 2015; Presentation within the regional sessions dedicated to Europe: *European Examples and instruments for effective adaptation to climate change* and *Best practices in transboundary climate change adaptation in Europe focusing on how to translate the specific European policy instruments into concrete action on the ground, financing and other challenges*.
- Correspondence between Permanent Secretary of CEENBO and the representatives of National Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Water Management –Wroclaw Branch, in order to renew the cooperation between Poland and CEENBO and nominate two representatives from Institute in LB;
- Participation to the 13th conference of the "EUROPE-INBO" group, which took place in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 21 to 24 October 2015, at the invitation of the Greek Ministry of Reconstruction of Production, Environment and Energy – Special Water Secretariat;
- Taking all necessary steps for the signature of the Paris Pact process. As result, the 11 Water River Basin Administrations, ANAR and NIHWM signed in due time the *Paris Pact on Water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers*.

CEENBO perspectives:

- Keep the **exchanging of experiences & practices inside CEE NBO** (not only on WFD, but also on Flood Directive, Climate Change, River Restoration)
- **Transfer of knowledge** regarding the EU Water Directives implementation and IWRM approach to the **Balkan countries and Black Sea** countries (providing support in harmonisation of legislation, organisational aspects, etc)
- Develop the CEE NBO website in a such a way to exchange info on : **WM organization** in each member country, stage of **WFD & FD implementation, good practices** and **main difficulties**, including practical **questions / proposals** (to be further submitted to SCG of EC !)
- To strength the **cooperation between CEE NBO and ECRR** (European Center for River Restoration)
- To strength the **cooperation between CEE NBO and GWP** in order to transfer the activities of GWP Romania to the NIHWM (on-going)
- **Contact the Bulgarian colleagues and pay a visit to the new President of CEE NBO, in order to discuss the future Of CEENBO** (summer of 2016)
- Participation to the 14 International Conference regarding the implementation of the WFD in Europe , organized by the European Group of Basin Organizations within EURO-INBO 2016 , event which will be held in France.