



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

17:00: Registration opens at the Paradise Bay Resort.

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:

- **Ms Stéphanie Laronde (*on-site*)**, Director of international relations, Secretariat of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Opening speeches:

- **Mr Manuel Sapiano (*on-site*)**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Water Agency, Malta
- **Mr Timo Jokelainen (*online*)**, 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 (*online*)**, Minister of Equipment and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco & INBO World President 2019-2024
- **Ms Veronica Manfredi (*online*)**, 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 (*on-site*)**, Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Sustainable Development

9h30-10h30:

- **Objectives and actions of Europe-INBO (15 min)**
- **Dr Eric Tardieu (*on-site*)**, 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 (*on-site*)**, 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 (*on-site*), Director of CEREMA, President of OiEau, France
- **Rapporteur:**
Dr Julian Mamo (*on-site*), Policy Officer
Energy and Water Agency, Malta
- **Co-Rapporteur:**
Ms. Susana Sá (*online*),
Portuguese Environment Agency
- **Keynote speaker (15 min):**
Mr Ivan Zavadsky (*online*), Executive Secretary,
International Commission for the Protection of the Danube (ICPDR)
- **Panel (45 min):**
 1. **Dr Matilda Valman (*on-site*)**, South Baltic Water District Authority, Sweden
 2. **Ms Miraine Rizzo (*on-site*)**, Environment and Resources Authority, Malta
 3. **Mr Leon Dhaene (*online*)**, Secretary General, International Scheldt Commission (ISC), Belgium
 4. **Mr Alexandre Ledoyen (*online*)**, Administrator spokesperson for youth and young people at the Artois-Picardy Basin Committee, France
- **Questions & answers with all participants (35 min):**
- **Conclusion (5 min)**
Ms / Mr XXXX

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 (*online*), Director of the UNESCO Chair/International Network of Water-Environment Centres for the Balkans (INWEB), Former Special Secretary for Water, Greece

- **Rapporteur:**
Ms Ella Busuttil (*on-site*), Officer, Energy and Water Agency, Malta

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

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

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

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

- **Conclusion (5 min)**
Ms Ella Busuttil (*on-site*), Officer, Energy and Water Agency, Malta

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

13h00-14h15: Lunch

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

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

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 (online)**, 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 (on-site)**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Water Agency, Malta, Europe-INBO President 2021-2022

17h30: Closing cocktail at the Paradise Bay Hotel

**SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION INTO:
ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH
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