

# TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS-4

## CONCLUSIONS

- SUMMARY OF INTERVENTIONS
- PROBLEMS
- ADDED VALUE
- SOLUTIONS?



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# TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS-CONCLUSIONS

## 1. SUMMARY OF INTERVENTION

Mr PAPP-Hungary:

- a long experience of transboundary cooperation

-initiative of the Hungarian water Director for additional discussions to implement the WFD

-different stages of negotiation

Ms BOGDAN-Romania:

-already good cooperation with some riparians countries

-old agreements to renew for the WFD

Mr KREFT-Poland:

-bilateral agreement on transport and ice-cracking



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## 1. SUMMARY OF INTERVENTION

Mr BOULNOIS-France:

-a long experience of transboundary cooperation (Rhine-1963, Moselle-Sarre, Mass-1994)

-the example of the Rhine commission in implementing the WFD

Mr GOURD-Canada:

-a 100 years transboundary cooperation between USA & CANADA: a history of consensus

-a need to protect for the long term 25% of the drink water world reserve



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## 1. SUMMARY OF INTERVENTION

Mr de KERCKHOVE-Belgium: -4 transboundary river basins in a small region

-a new water policy per sub-basin "the code of water"

Mr KOROVIN-Russia:

-an experience from North-West Russia carried out under the umbrella of the Helsinki convention.

Mr PAKHOMAU-Bielarussia: -3 transboundary rivers with EU

-existing & future international cooperation

-need to change to achieve common goals of the WFD

Mr MORELL-Balwois project: -a water observation & information system for decision support in the Balkan area



# TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS-CONCLUSIONS

## 2. PROBLEMS

- RIVERS & ECO-REGIONS ARE NOT STOPPING AT THE EU BORDERS! TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS/ECO-REGIONS ARE IN & OUT OF EU
- DIFFERENT HISTORICAL APPROACH TO ASSESS WATER QUALITY
- RISKS OF INCOHERENT WATER MEASURES WITHIN A SAME RIVER BASIN/ECO-REGION
- DIFFERENT AGENDAS AMONG PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT THE WFD
- INTERNATIONAL WORK MIGHT BE SEEN AS SECONDARY AND NOT COMPLEMENTARY



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## 2. PROBLEMS

- CONSENSUS TAKES MORE TIME
- PROBLEM OF APPROPRIATE LEVEL BETWEEN LOCAL, NATIONAL, BILATERAL AND MULTINATIONAL COOPERATION
- BIG DIFFERENCE OF CULTURE AND LANGUAGE MAKE THING DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER
- THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WFD IS GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE THEREFORE MORE EFFICIENT TRANSNATIONAL EFFORTS ARE NECESSARY



# TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS-CONCLUSIONS

## 3. ADDED VALUE

- WHEN LEGAL & INSTITUTIONAL FRAME (AGREEMENTS) ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IT MAKES THINGS EASIER & CHEAPER
- SHARING EXPERIENCES ALLOW TO GET FASTER COORDINATED
- COMMISSIONS ARE LEGAL FORA TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES & DATAS /TO GET HARMONIZED
- COMMON DATA BANKS ALLOW MUTUAL COMPREHENSION
- FOLLOWING HYDROLOGY: APPROACH PER BASIN
- THE COMMISSION CAN BE USED AS A TOOL FOR NATIONAL OR LOCAL PRESSURE
- CONSENSUS MAKES THINGS STRONGER
- COMMISSIONS ARE GOOD PROSPECTIVE TOOLS



# TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS-CONCLUSIONS

## 4. SOLUTIONS

- **NEED FORA TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES,TO GET INFORMATIONS AND TO GET TRAINED;**
- **CREATE FOR EVERY TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER A LEGAL, INDEPENDANT & FINANCING BODY WITH PERMANENT SECRETARIAT;**

**TO ACHIEVE THIS WHY NOT EURO-INBO?**



# TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS-CONCLUSIONS

## RECOMMANDATIONS TO EURO-INBO

- **The recommendations of the 4th workshop are to make use and strengthen existing well-functioning international co-operation structures, because**
  - a. good results have already been obtained within these structures between EU and non-EU members**
  - b. those structures provide platforms to define eco-region or/and group of water bodies to reach inland, coastal and open water management**
  - c. of experience in collecting harmonized or coordinated data used for assessment on pressures and impacts**



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- d. of experience of implementing common assessment on international adopted measures**
  - e. it ensures integrated ecological water management for river basins or eco-regions**
  - f. it brings socially, economically and environmentally added-value compared to independently taken measures**
- to integrate the international dimension in the bilateral, national/regional water politics ?**
  - To develop common water information system to support decisions making**

