



East meets West on INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT International Workshop on the EU WFD Bratislava, Slovakia, June 27 – 28, 2002

Dear colleague,

Herewith you are personally invited to participate in an international workshop that is bringing together the UNECE network and representatives of the Working Groups under the EU Water Directors, who are preparing guiding documents for the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive.

Features of the workshop

The UNECE-IWAC network joined under the Helsinki Water Convention felt there is a strong need to exchange ideas on the practical preparation of the implementation of the EU WFD.

There for the main goal of the conference is to exchange ideas and experiences on the (future) implementation of the WFD from both EU and non-EU-countries

Scientific and technical matters related to the WFD will be discussed in relation to capacity needs of those working in various UNECE regions to implement the WFD in real situations, particularly those requiring transboundary co-operation for success.

Partners

Two partners cooperate in order to organise this significant international event:

The Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute (SHMU)
The International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC), under the auspices of the UNECE Water Convention.

They are heavily supported by a wide range of national and international organisations and institutes.

Who participate

We invited policymakers and implementers of the EU WFD in assessing and bordering EU-countries. In case financial assistance is needed, some funds will be available for delegates according to UNECE regulations.

Conference Program Outline

The workshop will last for two full days and will start on Thursday 27 with presentations:

1. The Minister of the Environment, and the Minister of the Soil Management, will present their opening speeches.
2. A Slovak experience on ECOMAPs, will be presented (László Miklós)

Subsequently the workshop will focus on presentation and discussion on Integrated Water Management in ECE Countries, within the EU, and under the Global Water Partnership (Wim Cofino, Ursula Schmedtje, Danka Thalmeinerova)

Finally state-of-the-art presentations by EU Working Groups members on:

- Analysis of pressures and impact
- Heavily modified water bodies (Rechenberg)
- Reference conditions inland surface waters (Binder, Owen)
- Intercalibration (Van der Bunt)
- Monitoring (Fabiani, Heinonen)
- Tools on assessment, classification of groundwater (Grath)

Will be followed by intensive discussions during the remaining part of the Workshop.

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