The Water Convention: 20 years of successful water cooperation

Discharge Rule of Lake Saimaa and River Vuoksi (Fin-Ru), 1989

Lake Maggiore returns to an oligotrophic state thanks to measures recommended by the Swiss-Italian Commission in 1984


The Protocol to the Ems-Dollart Treaty (DE, NL) regulates cooperation on water and nature protection issues in the Ems estuary


UN Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourses Convention) adopted

European-Russian Federation, Poland-Slovakia, Hungary-Ukraine and Romania-Slovakia agreements

Convention on the Protection of the Rhine (CH, DE, FR, IT, NL) following the 1963 Convention Agreement on the status of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea

Czech-Republic-Slovakia agreement

Adoption of the EU Water Framework Directive

 Establishment of the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) in the Netherlands

Revised Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers adopted

Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Groundwaters adopted and start of related pilot projects

Report on the relationship between the UNECE Water Convention and the UN Watercourses Convention prepared by the Task Force on Legal and Administrative Aspects

Guidelines on Sustainable Flood Prevention

Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the management of the extended transboundary Drin basin (AL, GR, MK, Kosovo) (United Nations administered region, Security Council resolution 1244, KI)

China-Kazakhstan water quality agreement MoU “Towards the implementation of the Integrated Tizita River Basin Management Plan supporting the sustainable development of the region” (HU, RO, RS, SK, UA) signed, following the 2004 MoU to develop a River Basin Management Plan for the Tizita River

Start of the work on the “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference

Proposed Framework Directive on Transboundary Groundwaters

Adoption of the EU Water Framework Directive

Start of pilot projects on monitoring and assessment of transboundary rivers

Joint Expert Group established under Industrial Accidents and Water Conventions

The Water Convention enters into force

First Guidelines on Water-Quality Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers adopted

Start of pilot projects on monitoring and assessment of transboundary rivers

The New Franco-Swiss Genevois aquifer agreement is signed Iran-Turkmenistan and Croatia-Montenegro agreement

EU Floods Directive

Start of the Dniester Project

Amendment to the Convention adopted at the 3rd Meeting of the Parties to allow accession to the Convention by all UN Member States

Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary and International Lakes adopted

Protocol on Civil Liability and Adaptation of the Convention in Kazakhstan

NPD on IWRM initiated in Kazakhstan

Model Provisions on Transboundary Flood Management adopted

Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for Pipelines developed jointly with the Industrial Accidents Convention

Dam safety project starts in Central Asia

Start of the activities on climate change adaptation

Guidelines for Water and Adaptation to Climate Change adopted

Non-UNEC countries start to get involved in Water Convention activities

NPDs on IWRM initiated in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan

Creation of the UN Water Task Force on transboundary waters, co-chaired by UNECE and UNESCO

Water quality project starts in Central Asia

The Water Convention is adopted in Helsinki

UN Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses (ES-PT) to address climate variability

China-Russian Federation agreement

Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the management of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters

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