



**9th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE**

European Group of Basin Organizations EUROPE-INBO

**9th GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations MENBO**

PORTO (PORTUGAL) 27 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2011  
Ipanema Park Hotel

**EVENT PROGRAM**

**TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2011**

15:30 Liaison Bureau Meeting MENBO

15:30 Liaison Bureau Meeting CEENBO

17:30 Liaison Bureau Meeting INBO

20:00 *Dinner (Ipanema Park Hotel)*

**WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2011**

09:00 Official opening ceremony

10:00 Presentation of the Portuguese water policy and institutions

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:15 Opening of "EUROPE-INBO" Conference

12:00 Opening of MENBO's General Assembly (first statutory session)

13:00 *Lunch Buffet (Ipanema Park Hotel)*

**Round Tables 1**

14:30 Water and energy – the dilemmas, costs and benefits

16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:30 Experiences on the implementation of the WFD in non-EU countries

18:30 End of works day 1

19:30 *Dinner (Ipanema Park Hotel)*

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## THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2011

### Round Tables 2

09:00 Water governance in transboundary scenarios: Strategic cooperation and twinning among water authorities

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:15 Adapt to long term challenges linked to climate change and prevent extreme phenomena

13:00 *Lunch Buffet at Ipanema Park Hotel*

### Round Tables 3

14:00 Develop new knowledge and know-how on rivers hydro-morphology, restoration and protection of water ecosystems

16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:30 Round Tables Synthesis

18:30 End of works day 2

19:30 *Official dinner at Oporto/Gaia wine cellars*

## FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

09:00 Discussion on the preparation of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, 2012 (Marseille-France)

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:30 Second statutory session of MENBO's General Assembly

12:30 Conference closing

13:30 *Buffet lunch at Ipanema Park Hotel*

14:30 *Guided visit to (not yet defined)*

19:30 *Traditional dinner (not yet defined)*

**Side-event Workshop:**  
**An overview of the Environmental Liability Directive**  
(in partnership with the Portuguese society of environmental simulation and risk assessment – SOPSAR), to be organized if a sufficient number of requests are done)

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The **International Network of Basin Organisation (INBO)** was established in 1994. INBO goal is to promote an integrated water resources management at the level of river basins and aquifers as an essential step for a sustainable development. To accomplish this objective INBO seeks to develop lasting relationships among water management organizations. Furthermore, INBO objectives comprise the exchange information and the implementation of water management tools, as well as the development of information and training programs, the encouragement of population's awareness and the promotion of integrated water resource management in national and international programs. INBO has 188 member organizations and permanent observers in 68 countries.

**EUROPE-INBO** is a group of European basin organizations concerned with the implementation of the water framework directive (WFD) and integrated water resources management. At present, 110 river basin districts are established across the EU, Switzerland and Norway, of which 40 are transboundary.

**MENBO** is the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations, established as a regional network on 2002. MENBO members come from Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Cyprus, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Turkey.

The EUROPE-INBO Conference and MENBO's General Assembly will be an opportunity to discuss solutions for the management of river basins, aquifers and coastal waters in a changing world impacted by social and political challenges. A session focused on the preparation of the World Water Forum 2012 (Marseille-France) will be organized under the auspices of OIEAU. Furthermore, the organization of a workshop on Environmental Liability Directive will be also considered.

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**SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION INTO  
PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH, SPANISH AND FRENCH**

Registration is free of charge but mandatory  
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**INFORMATION AND PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON:**

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