

The Water Framework Directive

– Sharing experiences and meeting future challenges

Meeting of the European River Basin District Authorities An agency meeting during the Swedish Presidency of the EU

Stockholm, Sweden, August 19 – 21, 2009

The year 2009 is full of challenges for the European river basin district authorities. For the first time, all EU countries will present River Basin Management Plans and Programmes of Measures for their river basin districts. The plans shall be decided no later than 22 December 2009. The Swedish River Basin District Authorities are delighted to invite our European colleagues to a meeting in order to exchange ideas and discuss our future challenges.

We see the meeting as an opportunity to reflect on, and learn from mutual experience, but also to look to the future and see how we can best meet the challenges that we are facing. This meeting is coorganised with the International Network of Basin Organizations, EUREAU and the Swedish Water and Wastewater Association.

A large part of the programme will be taken up by group discussions giving everybody a possibility to share their experiences with others. We believe in building networks between authorities – we have a lot to learn from each other.

This is an agency meeting during the Swedish Presidency of the EU. Climate change and marine environment in particular will be at the top of the agenda for the Swedish Presidency. The Water Framework Directive has a strong connection to both these issues.

Also significant is that our meeting takes place during the annual World Water Week in Stockholm, the primary meeting point for global water issues. Part of our programme – in the afternoon of 19 August – is included in the World Water Week programme and as such is open to the general public. Days two and three, 20 – 21 August, are intended for River Basin District Authorities. We hope that many of the participants will also take the opportunity to be a part of the entire World Water Week, 16 – 22 August.

We look forward to seeing you in Stockholm in August!
The Swedish River Basin District Authorities

Programme

August 19

Open seminar and side event at the World Water Week

The seminar and side event are included in the World Water Week programme. To attend the seminar and side event you have to pay a day fee of 141 EUR (until June 30). If you register for the whole week the registration fee is 552 EUR (until June 30). As a guest at the WFD meeting you will receive a 25 percent discount on the registration fee for the whole week. More information on page 4.

14.00 – 17.30

Open seminar: Upstream emission control of WFD priority and priority hazardous substances – four European case studies

Convenors

EUREAU (European Union of National Associations of Water Suppliers and Waste Water Services), Swedish Water & Wastewater Association, the Swedish River Basin District Authorities

Content

The seminar seeks to identify sources of priority substances that are not sufficiently addressed by existing measures, and to identify potential measures to tackle those sources. Four European cases from four different River Basin Management Plans will be presented.

17:45 – 18:45

Side event: Responsibilities of River Basin District Authorities and financing: recommendations from the GWP/INBO Handbook on Integrated Water Resources Management in Basins

Convenors

International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the Swedish River Basin District Authorities

Content

This side event will present some case studies on best practices from the GWP/INBO Handbook and their usefulness for WFD river basin district authorities.



Stockholm is surrounded by water. Just twenty minutes by boat from central Stockholm you will find yourself in the archipelago; a unique maritime landscape with more than 30,000 islands, islets and skerries.

August 20-21

Meeting of River Basin District Authorities

The programme will focus on the exchange of experiences as they relate to the following themes:

- Draft river management plans – focus on public participation
- Climate change – challenges for water management
- Programmes of measures – economic aspects

The aim is to lay a foundation for future exchange of experiences among all European River Basin District Authorities. Ample time will be set aside for group discussions.

The meeting is coorganised with the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), as the EUROPE-INBO 2009 meeting. It is dedicated to River Basin District Authorities and will be free of charge.

WORLD
in Stockholm,
August 16-22, 2009
WATER
WEEK

The World Water Week is the leading annual global meeting place for capacity-building and follow-up on the implementation of international processes and programmes in water and development. The World Water Week is organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI).

Learn more about the World Water Week, 16-22 August, at www.worldwaterweek.org

August 20

8.00 *Registration and coffee*

9.00, Opening and welcome

Björn Sjöberg, Director of Skagerrak and Kattegat Water District Authority

Ovidiu Gabor, Deputy Manager of Romanian Water Authorities, President of EUROPE-INBO.

9.15 – 12.30

Draft river basin management plans – focus on public participation

Introduction to river basin management plans and public participation
Patrick Weingertner, Head of Water Planning and WFD Department of the Rhine-Maas Water Agency

Experiences from River Basin Districts

- *Hungary*, Kálmán Papp, Head of Hungarian Water Authorities
- *Norway*, Håvard Hornnæs, Senior Advisor at Vannregionmyndigheten for Glomma/Indre Oslofjord
- *Ireland*, Dr. Tony McNally, Donegal County Council

10.30 *Coffee*

Group discussions, *moderator Claes Sjöberg*

- Introduction
- Process so far – what have we done and what have we learnt?
- Planning for the future – what are the challenges?
- Summary – highlights from the discussions

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00 – 17.30

Climate change – challenges for water management

Water and climate change – recent concerns
Professor Sten Bergström, the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI)

Experiences from River Basin Districts

- *The Netherlands*, Dr. Wanda Zevenboom, RWS North Sea Directorate
- *Spain*, Juan José Moragues, President of the Jucar River Basin Authority, Vice president of MENBO
- *River Basin District Scheldt*, Jean-Marie Wauthier, Head of Environmental Desk, Foreign Relations of Walloon Region, Belgium

15.30 *Coffee*

Group discussions, *moderator Mr. Claes Sjöberg*

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18.30 – 22.30, **Dinner cruise aboard M/S Waxholm III**

August 21

9.00 – 12.30

Programmes of measures – economic aspects

Economic aspects covered in the draft River Basin Management Plans from the Member States

Maria Brättemark, Water and Marine Protection Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

Experiences from River Basin Districts

- *Scotland*, Peter Pollard, Senior Policy Advisor, Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- *Denmark*, Hans Christian Karsten, Head of Water Department, Danish Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning
- *Bulgaria*, Lubka Katchakova, Vice Minister for Environment and Water

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14.00 – 15.30, **Conclusions**

Synthesis of the group discussions by rapporteurs

Challenges for basin organisations,

Jean-François Donzier, Permanent Technical Secretary of INBO

Challenges the years ahead

Maria Brättemark, Water and Marine Protection Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

Official transmission of the EUROPE-INBO Presidency from Romania to Sweden

Environmental challenges during the Swedish EU Presidency

Ann-Louise Månsson, Water Director, Ministry of the Environment

15.30 *Coffee*



Thursday August 20 you are invited to a dinner cruise aboard M/S Waxholm III.



An agency meeting during the Swedish
Presidency of the European Union

Particulars

Registration

To register for the meeting, August 20-21, please use the online registration form provided at www.vattenmyndigheterna.se/vattenmyndigheten/wfd_conf/index

You can also use the online form to make hotel reservations in Stockholm. **Last day of registration for this meeting is June 30, 2009.** There is a limit of 150 participants.

To register for the open seminar and side event August 19, please use the online registration form provided at www.worldwaterweek.org
As a guest at the WFD meeting you will receive a 25 percent discount on the registration fee for the whole week. The discount is valid until June 30, 2009. Please note that you have to write "WFD Competent Authorities – 25%" in the box Other information – Special remarks regarding my registration, in the registration form to receive the discount.

Language

The language is English. There is no simultaneous interpretation.

Venue

Our meeting and the World Water Week will be held at the Stockholm International Fairs. More information about the conference venue is available at: www.stockholmsmassan.se

More information

Questions regarding registration, payment or accommodation

Please contact our professional congress organiser, MCI.

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Questions regarding the programme

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The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) aims at facilitating operational exchanges among basin organizations. It was created in 1994 and is currently present all around the world, with 188 members in 68 countries. This meeting is the EUROPE-INBO 2009 meeting.



EUREAU is the European federation of national associations of drinking water suppliers and waste water services. EUREAU's members deliver daily water & wastewater services to more than 400 million citizens across Europe.



Svenskt Vatten

Svenskt Vatten, The Swedish Water & Wastewater Association, is the national association for the Swedish water and wastewater works.



The Swedish River Basin District Authorities

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