



Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations



(MENBO-REMOC-REMOB)

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MENBO

- **The Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations, Regional Network within INBO**

History of MENBO

- **Madrid, November 2002-Liaison Bureau Meeting of INBO, draft statutes of the Regional Network approved**
- **Valencia, November 2003-General Assembly of MENBO: final statutes**

Members

- **Types: basin organisations, governmental administrations in charged of water management, and bi- or multi-lateral organisations related to water resources.**
- **Objective: to collaborate with all basin organisation from Mediterranean countries.**

Objectives

- **Strengthen relationships among organisation members.**
- **Facilitate the establishment of tools for an integrated water management.**
- **Promote information and development of action plans.**
- **Create public awareness on the importance of integrated water management.**
- **Promote these principles on international cooperation programs.**
- **Organise activities of regional interest.**

Structure of MENBO

- **General Assembly**
- **Executive Board**
- **President**
- **Permanent Technical Secretariat**
- **Experts Committee (to be determined)**

Permanent Technical Secretariat

- **Location:** CHJ (Júcar River Basin Authority), Valencia, Spain
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Activities

- **Water Days 11-12**
November 2003
Valencia, Spain
 - ◆ **1st General Assembly of MENBO**
 - ◆ Presentation and approval of the different positions, final statutes, and foundational act.
 - ◆ MENBO is registered as an Association

Water Days

- ◆ **International Seminar on Water Resources Management and the Water Framework Directive (WFD).**
 - **140 Representatives from international Basin Organisations, the EC, and European water administrations.**
 - **Presentation of works developed in different pilot river basins.**

Water Days

- ◆ **Presentation of international projects focused on sustainable development.**
- ◆ **Testing of Guidance Documents.**
- ◆ **Public participation, essential part of the WFD.**
- ◆ **Creation of a working group of European river basin authorities to exchange information on WFD implementation:**
 - **EUROPE-INBO**

Activities

- Participation proposals in the 6th Framework Programme on research of the EC:
 - ◆ **TWINBASIN project**
 - ◆ **MENBO-Member of Steering Committee, Leader of the twinning working group.**
 - ◆ **MELIA (Mediterranean Dialogue on Integrated Water Management). IWRM under scarcity conditions in the Mediterranean. (Pending on approval).**

Activities

- ◆ **SISMICA project. (Pending on approval).**
 - ◆ **Search of 3rd partner: Algerian Basin, AHS**
 - ◆ **Dissemination of achieved results from the project**

Activities

- **Participation on the GWP-Med (Global Water Partnership Mediterranean) Strategy Plan:**
 - ◆ **Capacity-building activity on river basin management and irrigation in the Mediterranean. Open dialogue among stakeholders, NGOs, Parliamentarians.**
 - ◆ **Shared with the Euro Mediterranean Irrigators Community (EIC)**
 - ◆ **To be celebrated in Istanbul 11-13 October 2004**

Activities

- **Collection of information on the status of all Mediterranean River Basin Organisations**
- **Dissemination of information on MENBO to all BOs**
 - ◆ **New proposals of memberships: Morocco, Palestine, Bosnia, Israel.**

Cooperation

- With other organisations:
 - ◆ Irrigators
 - ◆ EIC: Euro Mediterranean Irrigators Community
 - ◆ EMWIS/SEMIDE
 - ◆ Parliamentarians / Administrations
 - ◆ GWP-Med
 - ◆ Azahar Program, AECI
 - ◆ IUCN

Future Actions

- **Actively participate in current projects**
 - ◆ **Twinbasin: Establish a twinning project (Spain-Romania)**
 - ◆ **Promote twinnings in the Mediterranean**
- **Encourage participation of other basin organisations in MENBO's activities**
- **Organise activities on Mediterranean water issues**

Future Actions

■ Up-coming events

- ◆ **2nd Executive Committee meeting, General Assembly of MENBO, Technical Symposium. Istanbul, 11-13 October 2004**
Hope to see you there!

Collaboration in the Joint Process EUWI-Med/WFD

- **Technical support and expertise in water resources management from the Júcar River Basin District (Planning Department).**
- **Expertise and broad Information on the WFD implementation through the Júcar Pilot River Basin (also through the Planning Department).**
- **Political-institutional support from the Spanish Ministry of Environment.**

Collaboration in the Joint Process EUWI-Med/WFD

- **Membership and active participation in leading water organisations (INBO and GWP-Med).**
- **Leadership and contribution in several EU project proposals on IWRM (TWINBASIN, IWRM.NET, MELIA)**
- **Broad Mediterranean connections and close collaboration with strategic River Basin Organisations.**