



# Transboundary Water Cooperation Seminar

Strasbourg, France, 11 December 2013

## Draft program

(as of 14 November 2013)

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December

#### *09:15 Welcome coffee and registration*

Time slot	Session	Speakers	Venue
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	<p><b>Mr. Janez Potocnik</b>, European Commissioner for the Environment (video speech)</p> <p><b>Dr. Richard Seeber</b>, President of the European Parliament Water Group</p> <p><b>Prof. Benedito Braga</b>, President of the World Water Council</p>	Council of Europe
10:30 - 11:30	<b>Plenary Session 1: The Itaipu dam - Sharing the flows for energy</b>	<p><b>Mr. Jean-François Donzier</b>, Permanent Technical Secretary of INBO</p> <p><b>Mr. Francisco Pedro Domaniczky Lanik</b>, Executive Coordination Director, Itaipu Binacional Paraguay</p> <p><b>Mr. Nelton Miguel Friedrich</b>, Coordination Director, Itaipu Binacional Brasil</p> <p><b>Mr. Jerome Delli Priscoli</b>, Senior Adviser, US Army Corps of Engineers</p>	Council of Europe
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Plenary Session 2: The Mekong river, from a peace process to a nexus approach</b>	<p><b>H.E. Vichet Kasemthongsri</b>, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand</p> <p><b>Dr. Paul Chamniern Vorratnchaiphan</b>, Country Representative, IUCN Thailand</p> <p><b>Dr. Torkil Jønch Clausen</b>, DHI</p>	Council of Europe

<b>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</b>			
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Plenary Session 3: Achievements of the European Water Framework Directive</b>	<p><b>Mr. Paul Michelet</b>, General Director of the Agence de l'Eau Rhin-Meuse</p> <p><b>Mr. Peter Kovacs</b>, State Secretary for Water, Ministry for Rural Development, Hungary</p> <p><b>Ms. Maggie White</b>, International Secretariat for Water</p> <p><b>Mr. Andras Szöllösi-Nagy</b>, UNESCO-IHE</p>	Council of Europe
<b>15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break</b>			
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Plenary Session 4: Transboundary groundwater cooperation</b>	<p><b>H.E. Mohamed Ben Salem</b>, Minister of Agriculture of Tunisia</p> <p><b>Mr. Shammy Puri</b>, Secretary General, International Association of hydrogeologists</p> <p><b>Dr. Muhammad Al Rashed</b>, Director of the Water Resources Division, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research</p>	Council of Europe
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Plenary session 5: What outcomes for transboundary water cooperation?</b>	<p><b>Mr. Jerome Delli Priscoli</b>, Senior Adviser, US Army Corps of Engineers</p> <p><b>Mr. Nicholas Bonvoisin</b>, Secretary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</p> <p><b>Ms. Lesha Witmer</b>, Butterfly Effect</p> <p><b>Mr. Pierre Victoria</b>, Executive Director, Cercle Français de l'eau</p>	Council of Europe
17:30 - 17:50	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<p><b>Mr. Guy Fradin</b>, President of the Agence de l'Eau Rhin-Meuse</p> <p><b>Ms. Sophie Auconie</b>, Member of the European Parliament</p>	Council of Europe