

EURO-INBO 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OFFICIAL PROGRAM



22nd International Conference of EURO-INBO
May 19th - 23rd 2025

**Implementation of EU Water Directive (WFD)
at the level of national & transboundary basins:**
The Interest of Integrating
Water, Energy, Food, and Ecosystems

Inviting authorities:



In partnership with:



for the water resilience and
ecosystems workshop:



Main venue: Paganini Congressi, Via Toscana, 5/a, 43121
Parma, Italy

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Monday 19th May

📍 **Palazzo del Governatore**, Piazza Garibaldi, Parma

3 - 5:30pm: Italian River Basin Authorities and INBO meet to exchange Best Practices in different countries for planning and applying EU directives

INTRODUCTION

- Alessandro Bratti, Secretary General, Po River District Basin Authority
- Guido Bernardi, President CAE SpA

PRESENTATIONS

- Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO): The European situation
- Angiolo Martinelli, Dir. Division V Sustainable Use of Water Resources and Development of Global Initiatives on Water, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MASE): Evaluation by the EU Commission of Italian District Water and Flood Plans (PGA e PGRA)
- Silvano Pecora Dir. Divisione IV basin governance and coordination of district authorities, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MASE): SIM project for monitoring

ROUND TABLE

- Moderator: Andrea Gavazzoli -Journalist, Head of Institutional Relations, Po River District Basin Authority
- INBO
- MENBO
- Po River District Basin Authority
- Central Apennines Basin Authority
- Southern Apennines Basin Authority
- Northern Apennines Basin Authority
- Eastern Alps Basin Authority
- Regional Agency of the Hydrographic District of Sardinia

PROJECT PRESENTATION

- LIFE CLIMAX PO (CLIMate Adaptation for the PO river basin district)

📍 **Casa della musica** - [Piazzale San Francesco, 1, 43121 Parma PR, Italy](#) (by feet from Palazzo del Governatore)

6 - 7:30pm: Welcome cocktail

- Greetings from Mayor of Parma, Speeches by inviting authorities

Tuesday 20th May - WORKSHOPS DAY

📍 **Paganini Congress** - Via Toscana, 5/a, 43121 Parma PR, Italy
English/Italian

8:30 - 9:00am : Badge distribution and Welcome coffee

📍 Foyer Paganini and Foyer Pizzetti

9:00 - 9:15am: Dr. Eric Tardieu - Introduction EURO-INBO Workshop

9:15 - 10:45am:

Workshop 1: GOVAQUA on transition pathways to sustainable and equitable water governance in Europe

📍 Pizzetti room

09:15 – 09:30: Introduction to the workshop

Objective: Welcome participants and introduce the workshop (Yannick Pochon)

- Objectives of the third GOVAQUA workshop at EURO-INBO
- Presentation of the three projects from the “Water Governance Synergy Group 2027”: GOVAQUA, InnWater, and RetouchNexus
- Introduction to GOVAQUA
- Warm-up engagement

09:30 – 10:00: Transition Pathways

Objective: Understand Pathways (Jani Lukkarinen)

- Presentation of the Transition Pathways (Necessary Conditions / Relevance)
 - niche innovation
 - regime change
 - justice or landscape change pathway
- Questions

10:00 – 10:30: Case studies and interactions

Objective: Present Innovative Governance Case studies (Cesar Casiano Flores)

- 3-4 Case studies “Good Practices”
 - financial innovations
 - legal innovations
 - participatory and collaborative innovations
 - digital innovations
- Discussion

10:40 – 10:45: Closing remarks and next steps

10:45 - 11:15am: Break

11:15am - 12:45pm:

Workshop 2: Water4All

- Mr. Benjamin LOPEZ, CEO, Water4All - ANR, France
- Ms. Claudia CAMPANA, Coordinator, Canale Reale Water Oriented Living Lab (WOLL), Italy
- Ms. Maria Chiara SOLE, Researcher, ISPRA, Italy
- Ms. Vittoria LATERZA, Researcher, ISPRA, Italy
- Ms. Esther Diez CEBOLLERO, Project Officer, ANR, France
- Ms. Stefania ERBA, Researcher, CNR, Italy
- Mr. Kor VAN HOOFF, Expert, VMM, Belgium
- Ms. Elena BRESCI, Coordinator, Val d'Orcia Water Oriented Living Lab (WOLL), Italy

12:45 - 1:30pm: Lunch ([📍 Foyer Pizzetti](#))

1:45pm - 6:00pm: [📍 Plenary room + 2 side-events rooms](#)

Workshop 3: Water resilience & ecosystems

- **Introduction**
 - **UNESCO Man & Biosphere**
 - **EU Water Resilience Initiative: how to combine water innovative and technological solutions with the protection and restoration of ecosystems**
- **Conclusion**

6:15-6:50pm: Atlas of the Rivers 2025-2027

- Presentation of the project by Marco Paolini and Emanuele Regi
- **Projection of the docufilm Mar de Molada** directed by Marco Segato with Marco Paolini

Free evening

Wednesday 21st May

[📍 Paganini Congress](#) - Via Toscana, 5/a, 43121 Parma PR, Italy
Simultaneous interpretation in English/Italian/French

8:30 - 9:00am : Badge distribution and Welcome coffee

9:00am - 12:30pm: 📍 Sala Pizzetti/Pizzetti amphitheater

High Level Session

9:00 - 9:30am Welcome speeches

- Mr. Michele Guerra, Mayor of Parma
- Mr. Alessandro Bratti, Secretary General, Po River Basin Hydrographic District Authority (ADBPO), Italy
- Mr. Gianluca Zanichelli, Po River Interregional Agency (AIPo), Italy
- Mr. Fabrizio Storti, Deputy Pro-Rector, University of Parma
- Ms. Vannia Gava, Vice Minister of Environment, Italy
- Ms. Marie-Laure Métayer, Executive Vice-Presidency of INBO, Deputy Director of Water and Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (MTECT), France

9:30 - 10:10am Water resources management at national & basin levels in Italy

- **National Level:** Mr. Angiolo Martinelli, Director of Division V. Sustainable use of Water resources and Development of global water initiatives, Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE), Italy
- **Basin Level:** Mr. Alessandro Bratti, Secretary General, Po River Basin District Authority, Italy
- **Scientific Level:** Mr. Giulio Boccaletti, Director Scientific, Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change Foundation, Italy

10:10 - 10:40am Coffee Break (📍 Foyer Pizzetti)

10:40 - 11:00am Objectives and actions of INBO & EURO-INBO networks:

- Dr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

11:00 - 12:30pm Discussion panel on current EU policies related to basin management

Co-rapporteurs:

- Mr. Patrick Laigneau, Head of project, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Ms. Marta Havlickova, Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic

Panelists:

- Mr. Joachim D'Eugenio, Policy Adviser for Zero Pollution, Water Resilience & Green Urban Transition, Directorate-General for the Environment (DG ENV), European Commission
- Ms. Marie-Laure Métayer, Executive Vice-Presidency of INBO, Deputy Director of Water and Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (MTECT), France
- Ms. Inês Andrade, Board Member, Portuguese Environment Agency
- Ms. Audrey Bardot, President, Rhine-Meuse Basin Committee, France
- Mr. Mario Andrés Matías Urrea Mallebrera, President, Hydrographic Confederation of the Segura river basin, Spain
- Dr. Musonda Mumba, Secretary General, Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar)
- Dr. Li Lifeng, Director, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

12:30 - 2pm: Lunch ([📍 Foyer Pizzetti](#))

2pm - 3:45pm: [📍 Sala Pizzetti/Pizzetti amphitheater](#)

Session 1 - Towards more water-efficient agriculture for more resilient food security: Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) nexus approach

Co-rapporteurs:

- Mr. Simon Barreau, Project manager for water, agriculture, and information systems in France and internationally, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Mr. Lorenzo Spedo, Technical agronomist officer, Po River Basin District Authority (ADBPO), Italy

Introduction (5 minutes):

- Mr. Joachim d'Eugenio, Policy Adviser for Zero Pollution, Water Resilience & Green Urban Transition, European Commission

Moderation:

- Mr. Ramiro Martinez, Coordinator of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO)

Keynote speaker (10 minutes):

- Mr. Ernst Überreiter, Directorate General I - Water Management, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, Austria

Panelists (50 minutes):

1. Mr. Francesco Tornatore, Director of the Water Crisis Observatory, Po River Basin District Authority (ABBPO), Italy
2. Ms. Raquel Alcalá Borao, Head of Service, Hydrographic Confederation of the Segura river basin, Spain
3. Ms. Michela Marinelli, Environmental engineer, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
4. Ms. Michéla Adin, Director general, Water office Martinique, France
5. Mr. Martiros Nalbandyan, Deputy Chairman of the Water Committee, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures of the Republic of Armenia
6. **Perspective from non-European Union countries testing and adapting tools and methodologies of the WFD for basin management:**
Ms. WANG Han, Engineer, River Basin Planning & Policy Research Center, Songliao River Water Resources Commission, Ministry of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China &
Mr. LIU Bo, Director, International Cooperation Division, International Economic & Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center, Ministry of Water Resources of China

Q&A (35 minutes)

Conclusion (5 min):

- Mr. Nihat Zal, Project Manager, European Environment Agency (EEA)

3:45- 4:15pm: Coffee Break ([📍 Foyer Pizzetti](#))

4:15 - 6pm: [📍 Sala Pizzetti/Pizzetti amphitheater](#)

Session 2 - Adapting to climate change: how to better manage and prevent floods?

Co-rapporteurs:

- Ms. Chloé Déchelette, European Project Manager, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Ms. Marta Martinengo, Po River Basin District Authority (ADBPO), Italy

Introduction & moderation (5 minutes):

- Mr. Pascal Berteaud, Director General of the Center for Studies and Expertise on Risks, the Environment, Mobility and Planning (CEREMA), France, President of the International Office for Water (OiEau)

Keynote speaker (10 minutes):

- Mr. Miguel Polo Cebellán, President of the Júcar Hydrographic Confederation (CHJ)

Panelists (50 minutes):

1. Mr. Andrea Colombo, Manager Technical Area, Po River District Basin Authority, Italy
2. Ms. Audrey Bardot, President, Rhine-Meuse Basin Committee, France
3. Mr. Erik Meis, Senior Policy Officer Transboundary Rivers, Ministry of Infrastructure & Water Management, The Netherlands
4. Mr. Lábdy Jenő, Head of Department, General Directorate of Water Management, Hungary
5. **Perspective from transboundary basins:**
Mr. Dragan Zeljko, Executive Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC: Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia)
6. **Perspective from non-European Union countries testing and adapting tools and methodologies of the WFD for basin management:**
Ms. Laura Sustersic, Project Director of "Support to Ganga Rejuvenation", German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)

Q&A (35 minutes)

Conclusion (5 minutes):

- Ms. Jana Tejkalová, Head of Unit of International Cooperation, Planning and Flood Protection, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic

8pm : Gala Dinner ([📍 Circolo di lettura - Strada Melloni 4 - 43121 Parma](#))

Thursday 22nd May

📍 **Paganini Congress** - Via Toscana, 5/a, 43121 Parma PR, Italy
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8:30 - 9:00am : Badge distribution and Welcome coffee

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9:00 - 10:45am: 📍 Sala Pizzetti/Pizzetti amphitheater

Session 3 - Adapting to climate change: how to better manage and prevent droughts?

Co-rapporteurs:

- Mr. Eric Mino, Manager and coordinator for Europe, Mediterranean and Central Asia, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Ms. Federica Bonaiuti, Po River Basin District Authority (ADBPO), Italy

Introduction & moderation (5 minutes):

- Mr. Stefano Mariani, Head of the Weather and Hydrological Analysis and Forecasting and Water Resources Section, Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)

Keynote speaker (10 minutes):

- Ms. Elodie Galko, Director General, Adour-Garonne Water Agency (AEAG), France

Panelists (50 minutes):

1. Ms. Marina Colaizzi, Secretary General, District Basin Authority of the Eastern Alps, Italy
2. Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Water Director, Water and Energy Agency, Malta
3. Mr. Christian Lecussan, President of FENARIVE (industry federation), Vice-Chairman of the Seine-Normandie Basin Committee, France
4. Mr. Mariusz Adynkiewicz-Piragas, Head of Regional Research Department, Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, Poland
5. Ms. Maria Babukchieva, State expert river basin management, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria
6. **Perspective from non-European Union countries testing and adapting tools and methodologies of the WFD for basin management:**
Ms. Camille Kerdanet, Transboundary water manager, Geneva Cantonal Water Office (OCEau) (TBC)

Q&A (35 minutes)

Conclusion (5 minutes):

- Mr. Nicola Dell'Acqua, National special commissioner for the adoption of urgent measures relating to the phenomenon of water scarcity, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Italy

10:45 - 11:15am: : Coffee Break ([📍 Foyer Pizzetti](#))

11:15am - 1pm: [📍 Sala Pizzetti/Pizzetti amphitheater](#)

Session 4 - Towards the good ecological status: fighting emerging pollutants with innovative solutions

Co-rapporteurs:

- Mr. François-Xavier Imbert, project manager, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Ms. Irene Ingrando, Po River Basin District Authority (ADBPO), Italy

Introduction, moderation (5 minutes):

- Mr. Nihat Zal, Project Manager, European Environment Agency (EEA)

Keynote speaker (10 minutes):

- Mr. Bernard De Potter, General Administrator, Flemish Environment Agency (VMM), Belgium

Panelists (50 minutes):

1. Ms. Fernanda Moroni, Director, Po River District Basin Authority, Italy
2. Mr. Benjamin Lopez, Water4All Partnership CEO & Scientific Officer, Environment, Ecosystems, Biological Resources Department, French National Research Agency (ANR)
3. TBD
4. Mr. Filippo Brandolini, President, Utilitalia (Federation of Water, Environment and Energy Companies), Italy
5. **Perspective from transboundary basins:**
Ms. Nicole Gallina, Secretary General, International Commission for the Protection of Lake Geneva (CIPEL)
6. **Perspective from non-European Union countries testing and adapting tools and methodologies of the WFD for basin management:**
TBD

Q&A (35 minutes)

Conclusion:

- Ms. Laila Misane, Secretary General, Sebou River Basin Agency (ABHS), Kingdom of Morocco

1 - 2:30pm: Lunch ([📍 Foyer Pizzetti](#))

2:30 - 4.15pm: [📍 Sala Pizzetti/Pizzetti Amphitheater](#)

Session 5 - Restoring free flowing rivers for humans and biodiversity: synergies with the WFD

Co-rapporteurs:

- Ms. Julie Magnier, Project manager, International Office for Water (OiEau)
- Ms. Paola Gallani, Po River Basin District Authority (ADBPO), Italy

Introduction (5 minutes):

- Mr Bart Fokkens, Associate Expert, European Center for River Restoration (ECRR)

Moderation:

- Mr. Andrea Gavazzoli, Journalist, Institutional Relations, Po River Basin District Authority, Italy

Keynote speaker (10 minutes):

- Ms. Martina Bussettinì, Head of unit, Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)

Panelists (50 minutes):

1. Mr. Emilio Real Llanderal, Head of Section of the Environmental Management Area, Júcar Hydrographic Confederation, Spain
2. Mr. Antti Parjanne, Chief Specialist, Water Resources Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
3. Ms. Mirella Vergnani, Manager of Ecological Transition and Soft Mobility Department, Interregional Agency for the Po River (AIPO)
4. Mr. Cyrille Barnerias, Director of European and International Relations, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)
5. **Perspective from transboundary basins:**
Ms. Laura Poinot, Scientific advisor, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)
6. **Perspective from non-European Union countries testing and adapting tools and methodologies of the WFD for basin management:**
Mr. Rajeev Ranjan Mishra, Former Secretary General, National Mission for a Clean Ganga, Ministry of Water Resources (Ministry of Jal Shakti), Government of India

Q&A (35 minutes)

Conclusion (5 minutes):

- Mr. Lionel Launois, Head of Europe & International at the Directorate for Water and Biodiversity, Ministry for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forestry, the Sea and Fisheries, France

4:15 - 4:30pm: Break ([📍 Foyer Pizzetti](#))

4:30- 5:30pm: Official closing ceremony

[📍 Sala Pizzetti/Pizzetti Amphitheater](#)

5.30pm - XXX: Closing cocktail

[📍 Pizzetti Amphitheater](#)

Friday 23rd May - Cultural and technical visits

Visit of the City of Parma:

- 1 group with English-speaking guide + 1 group with French-speaking guide
- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Meeting time:** 8:50 AM – **Departure** at 9:00 AM
- **Meeting point:** Tourist Office, Strada Garibaldi, 18

A guided walking tour to discover the main treasures of Parma, a UNESCO Creative City for Gastronomy and Italian Capital of Culture in 2020+21.

The tour will end with a small tasting of Parmigiano Reggiano.

The tour starts in front of the Tourist Office (Strada Garibaldi, 18), in the heart of the city, and continues among the main monuments – exterior visits only.

Guided Tour of the Farnese Theatre and the National Gallery:

- 1 group with French-speaking guide
- **Duration:** 45 minutes
- **Meeting time:** 11:05 AM – **Departure** at 11:15 AM
- **Meeting point:** SIA Tourist Office, Strada Garibaldi

A guided tour held every Sunday to explore the Farnese Theatre and the National Gallery, two iconic sites in Parma.

A unique experience to discover the famous wooden theatre, which still holds the memory of the lavish court life of the Farnese dukes, followed by a tour of the enchanting collections of the National Gallery – a journey through art and history.

Technical and Cultural Visit of AIPO – Scientific and Navigation Center on the Po River

- Explanations in English and Italian
- **Duration:** 6 hours
- **Location:** Meeting point at the AIPO headquarters in Parma (entrance on Viale Mentana)