



TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS IN WIDER EUROPE

Presenting UNECE's Second Assessment

Transboundary waters are a major source of income for millions of people and create security, environment, political and social-economic interdependencies.

The **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)** is pleased to present the recently published *Second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters* which is the most comprehensive, up-to-date overview of the status of transboundary waters in the European and Asian parts of UNECE region, covering more than 140 transboundary rivers, 25 transboundary lakes, about 200 transboundary groundwaters, 25 Ramsar Sites or other wetlands of transboundary importance.

Prepared under the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, the Second Assessment illustrates the progress made in the pan-European region as well as the challenges ahead and the hot spots.

Programme:

- 13:15 **Welcoming remarks**
H.E. Mr. Hannu Himanen, Finnish Ambassador
- 13:25 **Summary of the main results and emerging challenges**
Ms. Annukka Lipponen and Ms. Francesca Bernardini
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- 13:45 **Examples from the pan-European region**
- **Reconciling navigation and flood protection with river restoration and revival of fish migration in the Rhine**
Mr. Ben Van de Wetering, Secretary General, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine
 - **Daurian wetlands (China, Mongolia, Russian Federation) under pressures of development and climate variation**
Ms. Tatiana Tkachuk, Researcher, Daursky State Biosphere Reserve, Russian Federation
 - **Transboundary water cooperation between Finland and the Russian Federation**
Mr. Seppo Rekolainen, Director of the Freshwater Centre, Finnish Environment Institute

14:15 **Discussion**

14:35 **Concluding remarks**
Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment,
Switzerland

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14:45**



- ✓ **An opportunity for dialogue with authors and experts.**
- ✓ **Copies of the report will be available.**

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