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This international conference is organized by the «**Group of European Basin Organizations for the Implementation of the Water Framework Directive**» at the invitation of the Portuguese Water Authorities and North River Basin Organization. The meeting will be organized around main and current topics on the implementation of the Framework Directive (WFD) in the National and Transboundary River Basin Districts, in particular:

- Water and Energy: the dilemmas, costs and benefits,
- Water Governance in Transboundary River Basins: Strategic cooperation and twinning among Water Authorities,
- Adapt to long term challenges linked to climate change and prevent extreme phenomena,
- Develop new knowledge and know-how on river hydro-morphology, restoration and protection of water ecosystems,
- Cooperation with the neighboring Countries, non-member of the European Union, for the application of the WFD principles and methods.

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