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# Monitoring and Assessment

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Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

# 1. What has been done in this work area? The main achievements since 2009?

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- Second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers Lakes and Groundwaters launched at 7<sup>th</sup> Environment for Europe Conference
- Parties, non-Parties, non-UNECE countries and partners were actively involved in the process
- Visibility to the Second Assessment through promotion
- French project on data management and information exchange




## 2. What are the main challenges and lessons learnt?

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- Difficulty of carrying out an integrated assessment: intersectoral coordination at national level! (broad expertise needed)
- Limitations of data availability (basin level); focused information collection & source identification needed
- Strategic partnerships needed





### 3. What are the ideas for the future work in this area? (1)

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- Establishing close links to the NPD processes to promote integrated assessments
- Support to institutional development and capacity building in monitoring, data management and information exchange
- Strengthening strategic partnerships



## 4. What are the ideas for the future work in this area? (2)

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- 3rd assessment in 8-10 years time and a “special edition” assessment in 2015
- Special edition focus: A pressure? A cross-cutting theme? A response measure?
- Representative basins? Scope impacted by the Convention’s opening?
- Link constructively with the work plan
- Broader involvement (NGOs, academia)?

