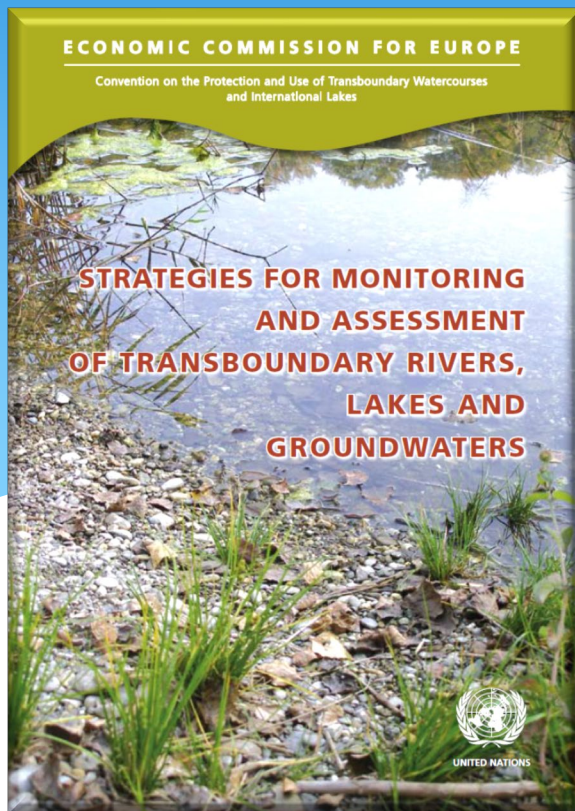


Work on monitoring and assessment under the Water Convention



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The basis: Monitoring and assessment obligations in the Water Convention

- * **Both general obligations and obligations specific to Riparian parties promote sharing of information**
- * **General obligations:**
 - * Joint monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters for water quantity and quality is a core requirement
 - * Data exchange in transboundary basins
- * **Specific obligations for parties:**
 - * Conclude bilateral and multilateral agreements Cooperate on the basis of IWRM
 - * Establish joint bodies (e.g. river commissions)
 - * Consult and exchange of information
 - * Joint monitoring and assessment
 - * Elaborate joint objectives and action programme

=> the Convention supports and reinforces basin level cooperation and implementation of basin agreements

The basis: Monitoring and assessment activities under the Water Convention

- * **Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment**
- * **Various guidelines on monitoring and assessment** developed in the 1990s and 2000s; tested in pilot projects on both surface waters and groundwaters
- * **Regional assessments:** 1st Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters (2007), 2nd Assessment (2011)
- * Lately monitoring and assessment has **been integrated into thematic activities**, or has been a **component in projects on the ground**
- * **Reporting under the Water Convention** on cooperation, including in monitoring and information exchange



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Programme of work 2019-2021:

PA 2 - Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins

2.1 Organize of a global workshop on information exchange and regional events on monitoring and assessment

- a. A global workshop on data and information exchange with partners, develop a substantive background paper.
- b. Two regional capacity building events on monitoring and assessment, responding to specific regional needs.

2.2 Tailored assistance and gathering experience for updating guidance material under the Convention

- a. **Targeted assistance** to cooperation processes through monitoring and assessment work on the basis of demands.
- b. Promoting **exchanges** between countries or basin organizations
- c. Thematic and basin level activities will be used to **collect information on the gaps, updating needs and shortcomings of the existing monitoring guidance** to guide future review (for the next triennium).

