

**CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERCOURSES AND
INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

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cc: Permanent Mission of Portugal
to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

13 January 2023

**Subject: Letter addressed to the Implementation Committee from organizations
cooperating in the project “Reconnecting Iberian Rivers”**

Dear Mr. Branco,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Implementation Committee of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) to inform you that on 12 December 2022 the Implementation Committee received a letter from organizations cooperating in the project “Reconnecting Iberian Rivers”.

The above letter is signed by Project Manager Ms. Ana Catarina Miranda on behalf of partners cooperating in the project, and refers to implementation of Albufeira Convention. Please find the letter enclosed.

On 10 January 2023 the Committee, without prejudice to any future decision and within the framework of its information gathering function, requested that I write to the concerned Parties to the Water Convention, Portugal and Spain, enclosing the above letter, to ask the two Parties for their views on the matter and for any further information that they might consider appropriate.

The Committee would appreciate receiving your country’s views on the issues raised by the organizations cooperating in the project “Reconnecting Iberian Rivers” and any corroborating documents or information within three months from the date of receipt of the present letter and,

if possible, prior to the 15th meeting of the Implementation Committee which is scheduled to be held in Geneva on 16–17 February 2023.

The Committee was established by Decision VI/1 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2) adopted at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (Rome, 28–30 November 2012) to “facilitate, promote and safeguard the implementation and application of and compliance with the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes”. The mechanism is “non-confrontational, non-adversarial, transparent, supportive and cooperative in nature, building on the distinctive collaborative spirit of the Convention.” Please refer to the [webpage of the Implementation Committee](#) for further details of the mandate, role and functions of the Implementation Committee.

Please submit your reply to the Committee via the Secretariat of the Water Convention to the following email address water.convention@un.org and copy Sonja Koepfel, Secretary to the Convention sonja.koepfel@un.org, Iulia Trombitcaia, iulia.trombitcaia@un.org and Remy Kinna, remy.kinna@un.org.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



Attila Tanzi
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Transboundary Watercourses
and International Lakes

Enclosures:

Letter from organisations cooperating in the project “Reconnecting Iberian Rivers”