



**Benefits from the implementation of the
UNECE Water Convention – examples
from Estonian-Russian
transboundary water management**

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Co-operation area is river Narva basin

Total area of the basin is ~57 000 km²

Co-operation area is divided between:

Estonia 17 400 km² (30,4 %)

Russian Federation 36 000 km² (63,1 %)

Latvia 3 300 km² (5,9 %)

Belarus 400 km² (0,6 %)

Important transboundary water bodies within the basin are lake Peipsi/Chudsko-Pskovskoe, river Narva and Narva reservoir





Main documents for the cooperation:

- 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
- 1999 Protocol on Water and Health of the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
- 1997 Agreement Between Republic of Estonia and Russian Federation on the Protection and Sustainable Use of Transboundary Watercourses
- 1994 Agreement Between Republic of Estonia and Russian Federation on the Conservation and Use of Fish Resources in Lake Peipsi (Chudskoe), Lake Lämmijärv (Tyoploe) and Lake Pihkva (Pskovskoe)

Joint Estonian-Russian Commission on Protection and Sustainable Use of Transboundary Waters

2 working groups:

Working group on integrated water resources management

Working group on monitoring, assessment and research

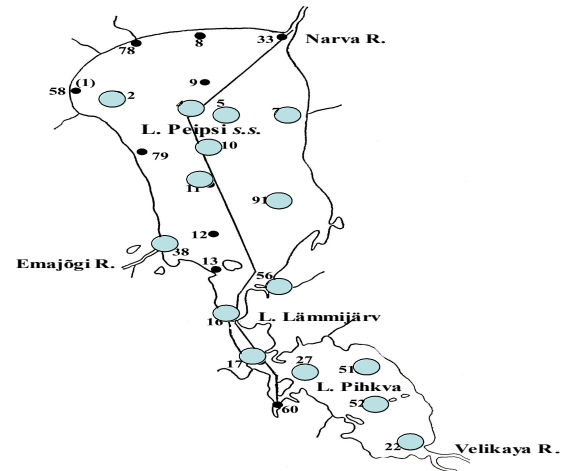
Main challenges

- Boundary area between European Union and Russian Federation
- Unique waterbodies within the basin



Benefits from the Water Convention

- Organisation of comprehensive cooperation
- The same understanding of problems, the same targets
- Systematical exchange of information
- Approaching of principles and criteria on water quality
- Joint monitoring based on agreed monitoring programme
- Elaboration of water management plans



Problems and questions to be solved

- Achievement of good quality of water bodies
- Implementation of water management plan
- Accord assessment criteria of the situation of water bodies
- Ensure comparability of laboratories
- Elaboration of regulation for Narva reservoir
- Solve the floating islands problem on Narva reservoir
- Promote sustainable socio-economic development

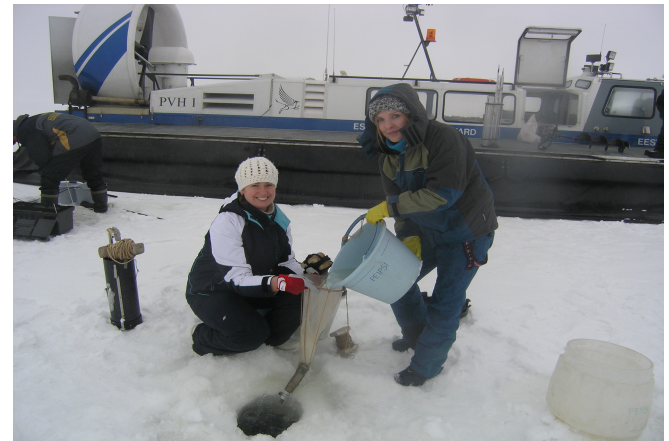


Information needs on benefits

Share information on benefits!

Collect and share information on:

- legal and institutional establishment of cooperation
- objectives, ways to achieve the objectives
- joint monitoring, monitoring programs
- data management and exchange, databases





Thank you for your attention!