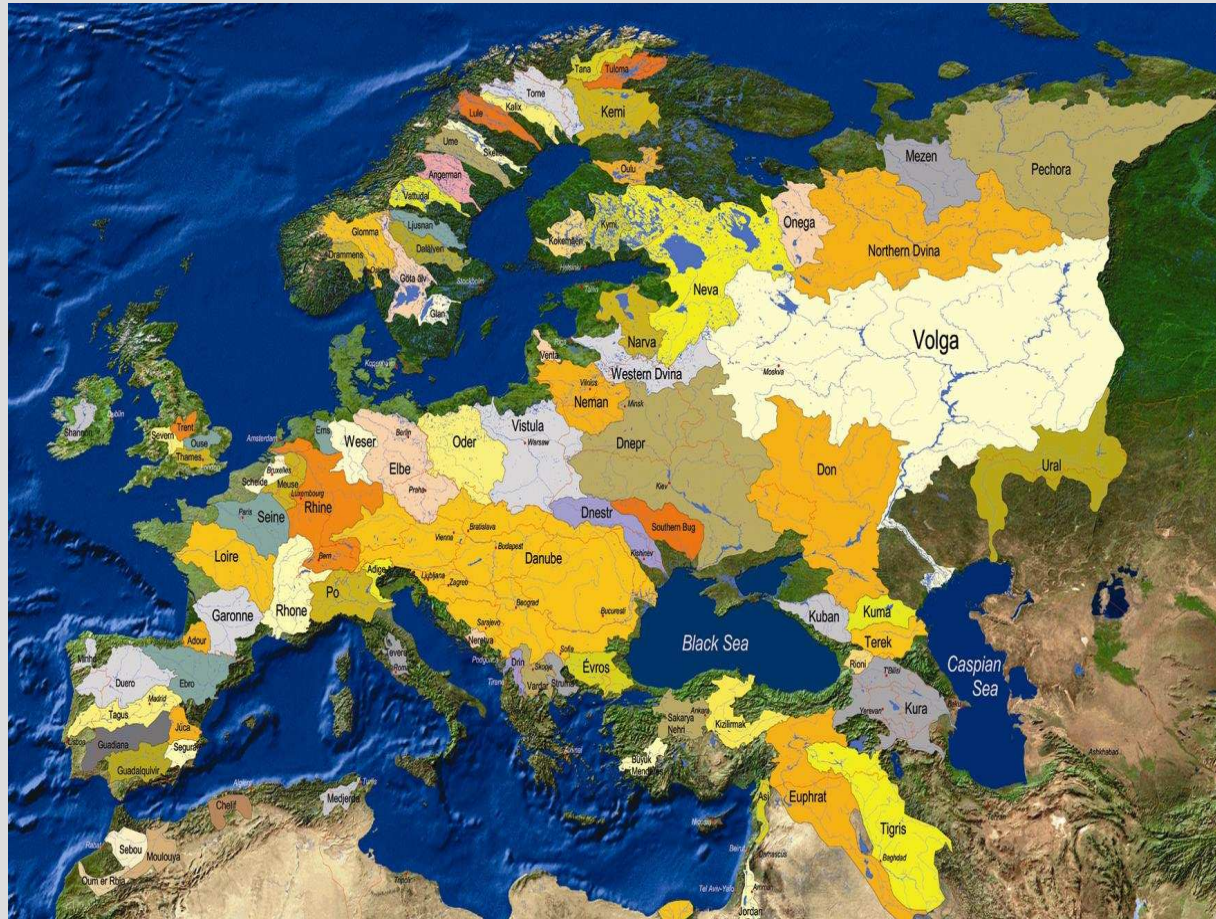


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- The Progress report was recently discussed by the Water Convention's Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management at its meeting in Rome (22-24 Oct. 2008).

It was suggested that the Bureaux to both Conventions discuss the issues and propose possible solutions

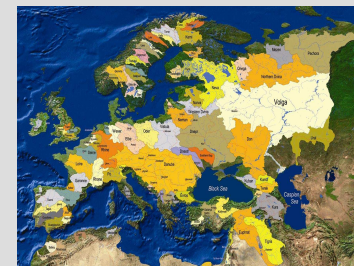
- The two Bureaux got together via teleconference (4 Nov. 2008) and worked out their joint position addressing the difficulties faced by JEG.

The conclusion was to address the current challenges by preparing a **Strategy for JEG**



BASIS FOR FUTURE WORK

A proposal for the elements of the **future Strategy** for the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents is prepared by the co-chairmen of the Joint Expert Group in consultation with the Bureaux of the Water Convention and of the Industrial Accidents Convention



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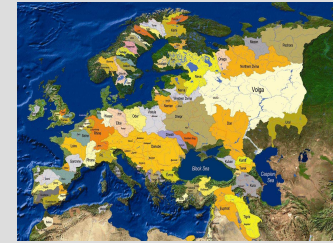
The strategy for JEG should provide

(a) A mechanism to:

- identify areas of joint work, and countries needs in these areas
- identify relevant work arrangements how to study countries needs in the identified areas, and prepare well-defined projects,
- implement effectively the agreed projects

(b) A steering mechanism to be applied by the two Bureaux to ensure:

- the support from governing bodies towards JEG's activities
- an efficient functioning of the mechanism described under (a)
- the interest from other Conventions' bodies in establishing synergies
- the availability of funds towards JEG's activities



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- The **Strategy** should be developed in the first months of 2009
- the task regarding contingency planning for cross-border water courses could be undertaken in first place
- The **Conference of the Parties** is invited to consider the **Proposal for Developing the Strategy** and to request its Bureau in cooperation with the Bureau to the Water Convention to develop the JEG strategy and start implementing it.
- The Conference of the Parties may request a **Report** containing the strategy and progress in its implementation to be submitted to the fifth meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (10-12 Nov. 2009) and to its sixth meeting in 2010 for consideration.



Thank You for your Attention