

## **BULGARIA**

### **TESTIMONIAL**

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Water Convention and its global opening

Bulgaria signed the Water Convention in 1992 in Helsinki and ratified it in 2003. As an EU Member State our country implements the Water Framework Directive, based on some of the principles of the Helsinki Convention. Bulgaria was among the initiators of the Danube River Protection Convention, signed in Sofia in 1994, whose provisions and principles were also elaborated on the basis of the Water Convention . We use the Helsinki Convention as an efficient and useful tool which facilitates transboundary water cooperation with those of our neighbours who are Parties to the Convention.

The global opening of the Water Convention is a significant international instrument for widening our view and awareness of the status of transboundary waters outside the ECE region and for creating global coalitions for water policy.