

18th meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, 17-18 October 2023

Item 7: Gathering feedback on the draft publication *Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data-sharing*

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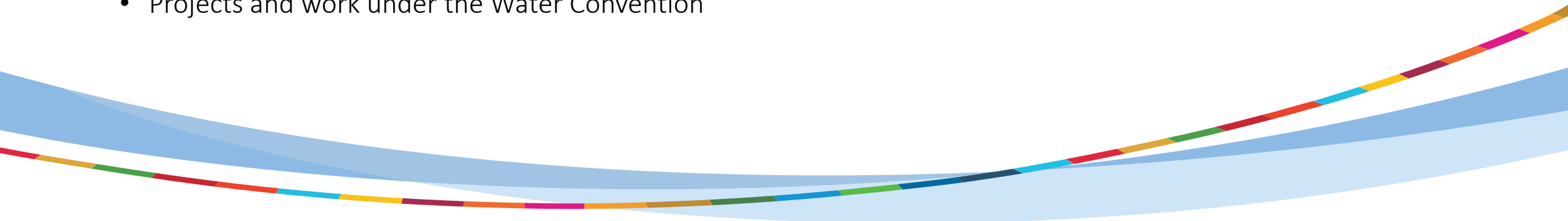
Mandate

9th Meeting of the Parties (29.9.-1.10.2021, Geneva) entrusted the **Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment** to collect **good practices and lessons learned in transboundary data sharing** and synthesize them into a publication.

The 4th joint meeting of the Working Groups on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and on Monitoring and Assessment (Tallinn, 28–30 June 2022) **approved the outline** of the publication and the **case study template**.

The purpose of the publication is to collect good practices and lessons learned, including **real global examples of challenges and solutions** for transboundary data sharing through:

- Collection of case studies
- Workshops and meetings
- Reporting under the Water Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2
- Projects and work under the Water Convention



Process

9th **Meeting of the Parties** (Geneva, 29 September – 1 October 21)

Draft Outline prepared for the **Expert Meeting on Monitoring, Assessment and Data Exchange** (13 and 14 April 22)

Draft Outline approved at the **Joint Working Group on IWRM and M&A** (28-30 June 22).

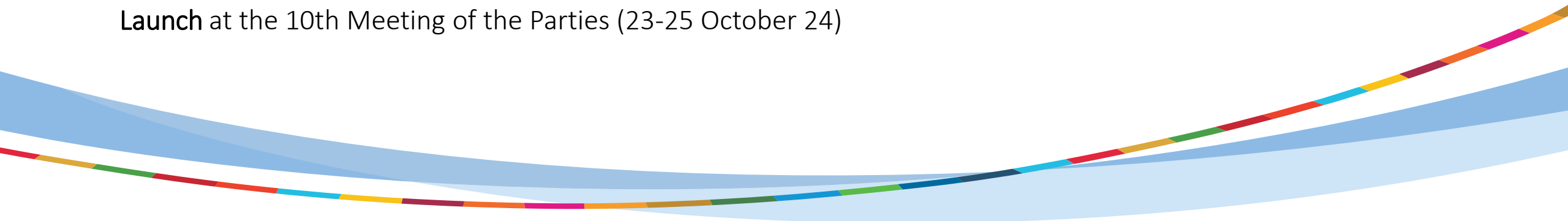
Collection of **over 60 case studies** from around the world through **open call** and **two regional workshops** (July 22 - June 23)

First draft for the **Expert Meeting on Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data Exchange** (Geneva /hybrid, 18–19 April 23): Review by **38 experts**, validation of the structure, commitments for additional case studies and lessons learned.

Second draft under review by the WGMA + **group work on key messages** (17-18 October 23)

Approval of the key messages of publication from the joint meeting of WGIWRM and WGMA (6-8 May 24)

Launch at the 10th Meeting of the Parties (23-25 October 24)



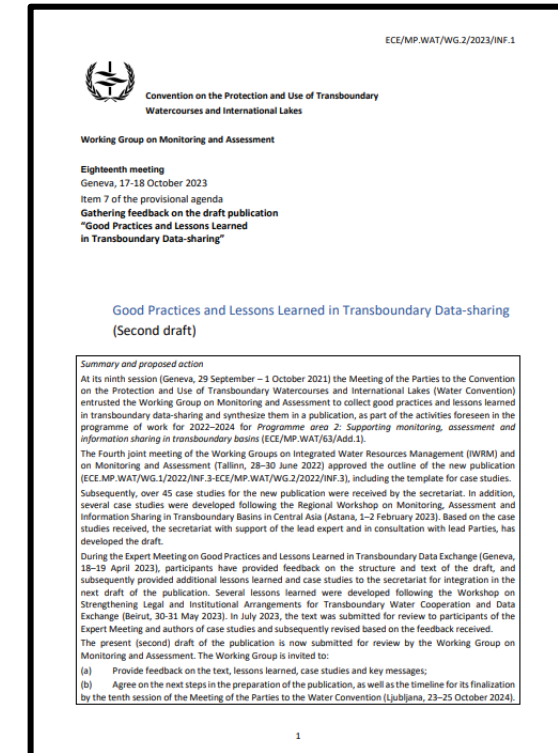
Good Practices Second Draft

Key messages

1. Introduction
2. The monitoring and assessment context
3. Set-up of the data exchange
4. Types of data and information shared
5. Harmonization and quality assurance
6. Data management, processing, and sharing
7. Reporting and use of data
8. Impacts and benefits
9. Main difficulties and challenges

Annex 1: Matrix of Lessons Learned and Case Studies

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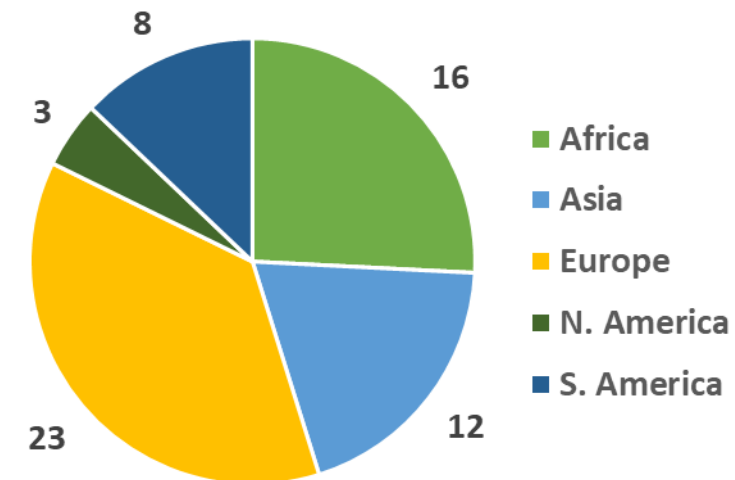
Case Studies and Lessons Learned

43 lessons learned based on 62 case studies.

A lesson learned is described as a *recommendation* about a certain concept or approach that has proven to be *beneficial or effective* as derived *from practical experience* in a specific situation.

A good practice (see case studies throughout the publication) is a case situation in which *certain concepts or approaches* proved to be *beneficial or effective* in a *particular context*.

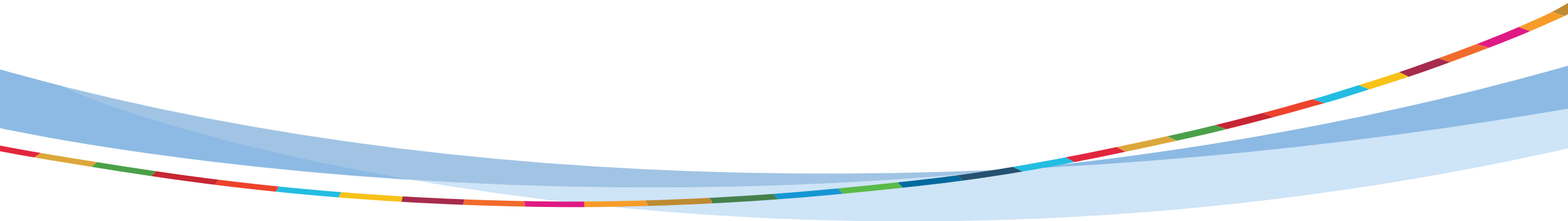
Each case study refers to several lessons learned. Similarly, each draft key message is drawn from several lessons learned.



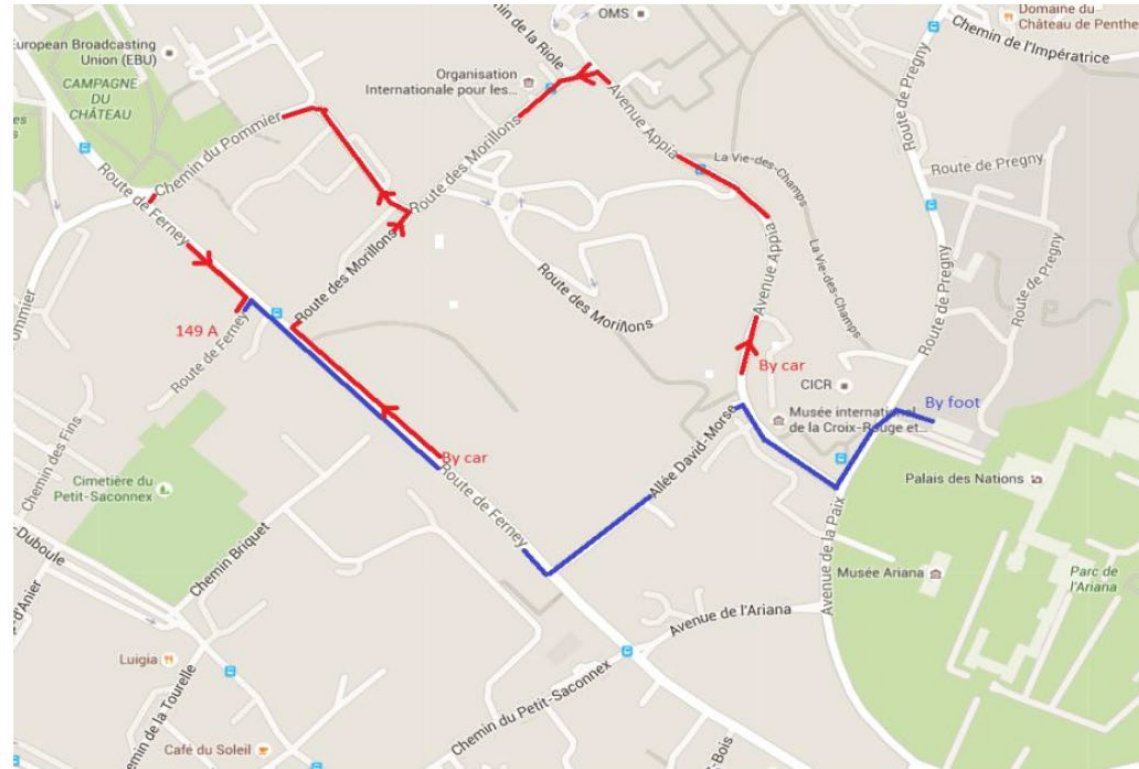
Case study 1. Sharing of information between Chile and Argentina

Lessons learned covered in this case study: Lesson 1, Lesson 10, Lesson 18, Lesson 28

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