



EurCOLD BOARD MEETING – NOTES/SUMMARY ON DISCUSSIONS & DECISIONS

1. WELCOME TO NEW REPRESENTATIVES AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

2. BRIEF REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL

- Sera Lazaridou explained preceding actions since Interlaken (SEA review, support to Rome's candidacy to WWF, election of EurCOLD members to the ETIP governing board, Newsletter 1st issue, questionnaires-gender diversity, research, funding, etc.).

3. EUROPEAN DAM DAY

3.1. Report on Dam Day organization

- Antonella Frigerio and Guido Mazzà presented a report on the organization of the Dam Day by ITCOLD. Proposed schedule for activities is the last week of May. They also presented a logo, which include the motto "Dams and reservoirs for Europe". They presented different types of activities, promoted with the help of dam owners, regulators, universities, and research centres. There were up to 23 programmed activities at the moment.

3.2. Discussion and synchronization

- The idea is to extend the Italian proposal at a European level. There are many ways to participate and flexibility to organize around the proposed week.
- The name of the initiative will be Dam Day, more direct for communication purposes.
- Announcing (every year) a single day as the "Dam Day" was considered essential for communication purposes. Fixing the annual date was deemed to be restrictive for now.
- This year the day will be the Wednesday 29th of May, in the middle of the week. Nevertheless, activities could be programmed in a period around that day (week, or the week before or after) to facilitate organization and particularities (e.g., holidays) of the different countries. The proposed logo by ITCOLD was approved, with the suggestion to give more visibility to the term "reservoirs".
- Defining an annual theme was considered restrictive and thus it was not further supported since this could deviate to what is best for each country and narrow possibilities.
- It was approved to create a task force leaded by ITCOLD. Participants of NC should appoint a contact-representative.
- A declaration of the Dam Day has been drafted by Sera Lazaridou, to be included in Wikipedia.
- The supportive tasks of the NCs could be:
 - Create a template invitation for owners, regulators, universities.
 - Update the Manifesto. This item could be difficult to achieve before May, but this is the core document of the Dam Day and key messages could be extracted.
 - Synchronize social media (EurCOLD, ICOLD, YEF, NCs) to send key messages identified with #hashtags.
 - Create a press release.



- After the Dam Day, create a template to receive feedback from NCs (activities number of people that have participated, etc.). This will be assessed in India.
 - Presentations will be circulated; also questions on possibilities to participate will be posed.
- 4. EWG TAILINGS**
- Annika Bjelkevik, chair of ICOLD TC-L is looking for ways of cooperation and dissemination of their work on tailings dams at a European level.
 - The creation of a EWG on the matter should reach a specific topic of interest at European level (e.g., regulations, closure, etc.). Annika will evaluate and this could be further discussed in India.
- 5. NEWS FROM EWG**
- Ad hoc on Public awareness will send at a later stage a questionnaire and a timeline. NCs enrolment is important.
 - ETIP Hydropower is organizing the 2nd Brussels Hydropower Day, 16th April 2024 in Brussels. Denis Aelbrecht and Antonella Frigerio outlined that this event is majorly intended to encourage policy makers by raising their awareness of research needs in the hydroelectric sector and of the leading role it can play in the energy transition process. NC members are encouraged to participate, registration is free, and this can be online.
 - International Symposium on dam and earthquakes is being organized in September 2024 in Athens.
- 6. NEW FROM NCs**
- Carlos Granell presented the candidature of Madrid to host the 29th ICOLD Congress in 2028. He stressed the importance of dams in Spain; the experience with the organization of previous congresses and asks for the support of the NCs to the candidature, so an ICOLD event could return to Europe.
 - Laurent Mouvet presented his candidature to the ICOLD Vice-Presidency for the period 2024-2027 and asks for the support of the NCs.
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS**
- Mateja Kun explained that the YEF in cooperation with SPANCOLD is organizing a webinar for Young Engineers that will be hold in late May, as a Dam Day activity.
 - Monique Sanders expressed NethCOLLD interest in contact with the EWG on internal erosion.



EurCOLLD BOARD MEETING – PARTICIPANTS

1. Gerald Zenz (Austria)
2. Dimitar Kisliakov (Bulgaria)
3. Jyrki Kotola (Finland)
4. Isomäki Eija (Finland)
5. Denis Aelbrecht (France)
6. Dirk Carstensen (Germany)
7. Rea Papachatzaki (Greece)
8. Mark Fielding (Ireland)
9. Giovanni Ruggeri (Italy)
10. Rosella Caruana (Italy)
11. Monique Sanders (Netherlands)
12. Marcel Bottema (Netherlands)
13. Ljupcho Petkovski (North Macedonia)
14. Goranka Grzanic (Norway)
15. Piotr Śliwiński (Poland)
16. Paulo Buisson Castro (Portugal)
17. Domingos Silva Matos (Portugal)
18. Catalin Popescu (Romania)
19. Iulian Asman (Romania)
20. Branislav Ježík (Slovakia)
21. Nina Humar (Slovenia)
22. Carlos Granell (Spain)
23. Per Elvnejd (Sweden)
24. Sara Töyrä (Sweden)
25. Robert Michael Boes (Switzerland)
26. Andrea Balestra (Switzerland)
27. Darren Shaw (United Kingdom)
28. Andrew Thompson (United Kingdom)
29. Antonella Frigerio (TF Dam Day; EWG Penstocks)
30. Guido Mazzà (TF Dam Day; TF Dams & Territories)
31. Rémy Tourment (EWG Leeves, chair)
32. Guillaume Veylon (EWG Earthquakes, chair)
33. Jean-Jacques Fry (ETIP Hydropower)
34. Annika Bjelkevik (ICOLD TC-L, chair)
35. Mateja Klun (ICOLD YEF, chair)
36. Laurent Mouvet (ICOLD Vice-President for Europe 2022-2024)
37. Lisa Bensasson (ICOLD Vice-President for Europe 2023-2026)
38. Sera Lazaridou (President, EurCOLLD)
39. Alfredo Granados (Secretary General, EurCOLLD)