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Within the activities undertaken by IOWater with the support of the French Ministry of Ecology (MESD) to develop international cooperation actions in the field of Water Information Systems, Mr. Paul HAENER participated in the 8th meeting of the working group on monitoring of UNECE (UN Economic Commission for Europe) in Helsinki on 25-27 June 2007.

Participating in this meeting, which gathered experts from the water sector of the European Union, Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, allowed the presentation of the French experience in the administration of metadata on water, developed with the French Water Information System (WIS) and the feasibility study for a Regional Water Observation Mechanism in the Mediterranean region.

After this meeting, the UNECE working group on monitoring requested that France contribute in its work related to the creation of a "metadatabase" of information sources managed by UNECE, especially for the data collected during the evaluations/analyses carried out by UNECE in the main transboundary basins of Central Europe.

For such a purpose, IOWater will draw up a conceptual note and a first "metadatabase" template for the beginning of 2008, while an Action Plan for the effective implementation of this system will be presented to the working group.