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**Fifteenth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum - Part 1:  
“Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the  
OSCE area: Land degradation, soil contamination and water management”  
Vienna, 22 - 23 January 2007**

**Panel Discussion  
The role of the OSCE in follow-up to the Forum**

Please find attached the presentation by the panellist, Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser,  
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## UNECE/OSCE ACTIVITIES

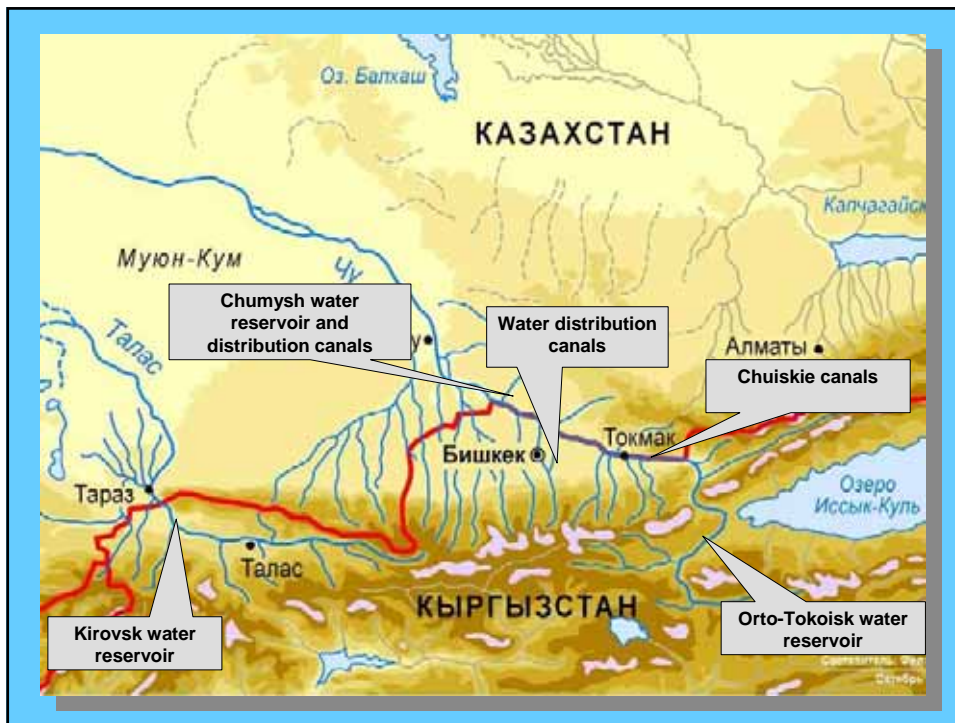
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23 January 3007





## Five regional environmental ECE conventions

- The protection of transboundary waters
- Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents
- Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context
- Long-range Transport of Air Pollution
- Public information and participation in decision making (Aarhus)





**Environmental Impact Assessment  
in a Transboundary Context:  
Pilot implementation project in  
Central Asia**

**Project funded by the Norwegian Government**



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## **Capacity building for cooperation on dam safety in Central Asia**

**Funded in 2006 by the Finnish Government**

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- **The Dniester river is transboundary (Ukraine, Moldova and Transdniester region) flows from the Carpathian mountains to the Black Sea**
- **More than 7 million inhabitants in the basin.**
- **The main source of drinking water in Moldova, a major source in Ukraine.**



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## **Concludingly...**

- **Implementation of UNECE Conventions has a political aspect: environmental cooperation is a component of good neighborly relations**
- **UNECE-OSCE cooperation is a contributing factor to success of projects**
- **Can we do more on the political level?**

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