



3rd European Water Conference

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Conference Programme

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DG Environment of the European Commission organizes the 3rd European Water Conference.

The Conference will take place in the Charlemagne Premises in Brussels on 24-25 May 2012 and will be integrated into the Green Week 2012. For more information, please visit: <http://waterblueprint2012.eu/>

The 3rd European Water Conference aims to contribute to the preparation of the Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Water Resources (see www.ec.europa.eu/environment/water/blueprint).

The Conference will serve as a platform for consultation and debate on the Blueprint policy options to deliver better implementation, integration, and completion of EU water policy, also addressing the impact assessment that will accompany the Blueprint.

Over 400 participants from Member States, the European Commission, and relevant stakeholder organizations are expected to contribute to a productive debate.

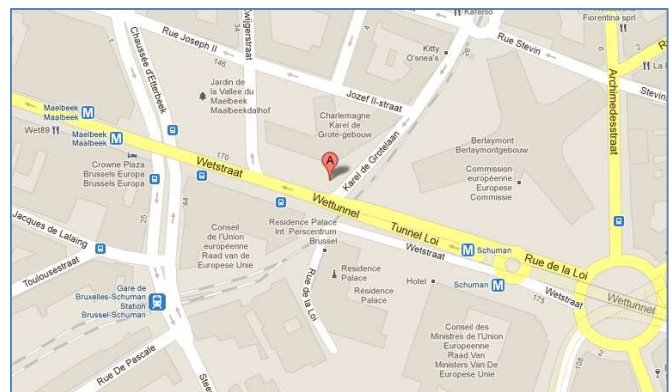
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Time	Day 1 – Thursday 24 May 2012
08.30 – 09.30	Registration
SESSION I: STATUS OF EUROPE'S WATER AND CHALLENGES FOR WATER POLICY (Chair: Alan Seatter, Deputy Director General for the Environment, European Commission)	
09.30 – 09.40	Welcome Alan Seatter, Deputy Director General for the Environment, European Commission
09.40 – 09.50	Science supporting Water Policies Dominique Ristori, Director General, Joint Research Centre
09.50 -10:10	Baseline for policy options: River Basin Management Plans, EU action on Water Scarcity and Drought and the Fitness Check Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Unit, Environment Directorate General
10.10 – 10.30	Status of Water Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, European Environment Agency
10:30 – 10:50	Towards Policy Scenarios Giovanni Bidoglio, Head of Unit, Directorate General Joint Research Center
10.50 – 11.00	Discussion with the audience
11:00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
SESSION II: "UNLOCKING" THE MOST PROMISING MEASURES (Chair: Philip Weller, ICPDR Executive Secretary)	
11.30– 11.40	Introductory presentation Jacques Delsalle, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate General
11.40– 12.20	Panel discussion Carl-Emil Larsen, President, EUREAU Corrado Pirzio-Biroli, Vice Chairman of RISE and President of ELO André Weidenhaupt, Water Director, Luxembourg Erik Kraaij, Secretary General, EUWMA
12.20 – 13.00	Discussion with the audience
13.00 – 14.30	Buffet Lunch
SESSION III: ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR A MORE EFFICIENT WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Chair: Kevin Parris, Senior Policy Analyst, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD)	
14.30– 14.40	Introductory presentation Henriette Faergemann, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate General
14.40 – 15.20	Panel discussion Kyriakos Kyrou, Water Director, Cyprus Sergiy Moroz, Senior Water Policy Officer, WWF EPO Christian Pèes, Vice President, COPA-COGECA



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15.20 – 16.00	Discussion with the audience
16.00– 16.30	Coffee Break
SESSION IV: GOVERNANCE SYSTEM AND KNOWLEDGE BASE (Chair: Ivan Zavadsky, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Global Environment Facility)	
16.30 – 16.40	Introductory presentation Jorge Rodriguez-Romero, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate General
16.40 – 17.20	Panel discussion Fritz Holzwarth, Water Director, Germany Pieter de Pous, Policy Director, European Environmental Bureau Mario Andres Urrea Mallebrera, Technical Director, Confederación Hidrográfica del Segura
17.20 – 18.00	Discussion with the audience
18.00	End of Day 1

Time	Day 2 – Friday 25 May 2012
SESSION V: INNOVATION AND GLOBAL ASPECTS (Chair: Friedrich Barth, Senior Advisor, UNDP)	
09.00 – 09:15	Innovation partnership Alan Seatter, Deputy Director General for the Environment, European Commission
09:15 – 09:30	Global aspects of the policy options Kristian SCHMIDT , Director, Development and Cooperation Directorate General
09:30 – 09:50	Discussion with the audience
09:50 – 10:00	Concluding remarks Gustaaf Borchardt, Director, Directorate D: Water, Marine Environment & Chemicals, Environment Directorate General
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break
JOINT CLOSING SESSION OF 3rd EWC & GREEN WEEK 2012: THE FUTURE OF EU WATER POLICY (Chair: Karl Falkenberg, Director General for the Environment, European Commission)	
10.30 – 12.30	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bart Devos, President of the World Youth Parliament for Water - Commissioner Potočník, Commissioner for the Environment, European Commission - Yves Leterme, Deputy Secretary-General OECD - Richard Seeber, MEP
12.30	End of Day 2