



Programme

4th European Water Conference

23 – 24 March 2015

Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi Room, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels

FINAL VERSION

Day 1

1 st day 10:30 – 12:00	High-level opening Chair: Karl Falkenberg, Director-General DG Environment Commissioner K. Vella Alda Ozola, Deputy State Secretary for Environment of the Republic of Latvia Giovanni La Via, MEP, Chair of EP ENVI Committee
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Session I: 14:00 – 16:00	Floods Directive Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in the implementation of the Floods Directive • Draft Flood Risks Management Plans • MS experiences so far • Links to other policies: disaster risk management, civil protection, insurance & spatial planning • Views from sectors <i>Chair and panel moderator: Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary ICPDR</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Progress in implementation of the Floods Directive <i>Ioannis Kavvadas, European Commission, DG Environment, Water Unit C1</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Experiences in implementation of the Floods Directive in Czech Republic <i>Jana Tejkalová, Head of Unit, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Results of the screening of the draft FRMPs <i>Sarah France, Service Area Leader – Catchment Management, WRc plc</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Experience in preparing the Flood Risk Management Plan in Austria <i>Clemens Neuhold, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Panel discussion (including short introductory statements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Jana Tejkalová, Head of Unit, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic – Karl Schwaiger, Water Director, Austria – Giorgio Pineschi, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea – Anouk te Nijenhuis, Chair of Working Group Floods, Rhine Commission – Iain Blackwell, Divisional Director at Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., European Water Association (EWA) – Nicolas Bauduceau, Technical and Scientific Director, Centre Européen de prévention de Risque d'Inondation (CEPRI) – Ian Clark, Head of Unit A3 Policy and Implementation Frameworks, DG ECHO – Pavel Misiga, Head of Unit C1 Water, DG Environment
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break

Session II: 16:30 – 18:00	Water Framework Directive Programmes of Measures: achievements and lessons learnt from the first RBMP Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Communication on Programme of Measures • Member State experiences of the first cycle • Development of pan-European hydro-economic modelling • Views from sectors and NGOs and International basin organisations <p><i>Chair and panel moderator: Gustaaf Borchardt, President Rhine Commission</i></p>
16:30 – 16:45	Conclusions of the Commission report on PoMs <i>Alberto Parenti, European Commission, DG Environment, Water Unit C1</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Experience on PoMs in the UK <i>Sonia Phippard, Water Director, UK</i>
17:00 – 17:15	Pan-European hydro-economic modelling <i>Ad de Roo, Action Leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
17:15 – 18:00	Panel discussion (including short introductory statements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sonia Phippard, Water Director, UK – Manuel Sapiano, Water Director, Malta – Stefan Berggren, Water Director, Sweden – Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary ICPDR – Hans van der Werf, Secretary General, Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) – Jukka Muotka, Manager of Environment in Renewable Energy, Fortum, Eurelectric – Ad de Roo, Action Leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission – Nicola Notaro, Deputy Head of Unit C1 Water, DG Environment
18:00 – 19:30	Networking cocktail (Charlemagne building)

Day 2

Session III: 2 nd day 9:00 – 10:30	Water Framework Directive next steps: towards the second River Basin Management Plans Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States experiences in preparation of second RBMPs • Views from sectors and NGOs and International basin organisations <p><i>Chair and panel moderator: André Weidenhaupt, Advisor to Minister of Environment, LU</i></p>
9:00 – 9:15	Results of the screening of the draft second RBMPs <i>Thomas Dworak, Director, Fresh-Thoughts Consulting GmbH</i>
9:15 – 9:30	Preparation of the second RBMP in Romania <i>Elena Tuchiu, Director of Management Plans Department, Romanian Waters</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Communicating progress towards good status <i>Diederik van der Molen, Directorate-General Environment & Water, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the Netherlands</i>
9:45 – 10:30	Panel discussion (including short introductory statements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Gheorghe Constantin, Water Director, Romania – Laurent Roy, Water Director, France – Liana Ardiles, Water Director, Spain – Pieter de Pous, Policy Director, European Environmental Bureau (EEB) – Roberto Zocchi, Eureau – Christian Pèes, President of COGECA – Jorge Rodríguez Romero, Team Leader Water Unit C1, DG Environment
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break

Session IV: 11:00 – 12:30	Water Framework Directive: integration issues Key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to the Floods Directive implementation • Link to Regional and Rural Development policy 2014-2020, including financing of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure • Views from sectors and NGOs and International basin organisations <i>Chair and panel moderator: Philip Weller, Danube Water Program Coordinator, IAWD</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Opportunities for water within the new financial period 2014-2020 <i>Sander Happaerts, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth</i> <i>Mike Mackenzie, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Unit 'Consistency of rural development policy'</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Coordinated implementation of the WFD and Floods Directive <i>Sven Verbeke, Flemish Environment Agency, Belgium</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Natural Water Retention Measures: experiences in Germany <i>Sven Schulz, Head of the Department for Management and Maintenance, Landesbetrieb für Hochwasserschutz und Wasserwirtschaft of the Federal State of Saxony Anhalt</i>
11:45 – 12:30	Panel discussion (including short introductory statements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Philippe D'Hondt, Director General Flemish Environment Agency, Water Director, Flanders (Belgium) – Heide Jekel, Head of Unit of Cooperation in International River Basins, Freshwater Management Conventions, International Freshwater Protection Law, Germany – Andreas Manolis, Acting Water Director, Cyprus – Albert Vermuë, Secretary General of EUWMA – Michele Falcone, Chair CEEP Water Task Force – Martina Mlinaric, Senior Policy Officer, Biodiversity & Water, WWF – Sander Happaerts, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth – Mike Mackenzie, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Unit 'Consistency of rural development policy' – Joaquim Capitão, Team Leader Water Unit C1, DG Environment
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

Session V:	Water policy in the context of Green and Blue Growth
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution of water sector and EU policy to the growth and jobs agenda • Medium and long term perspectives as regards availability of clean water in the EU and potential impact on the economy <p><i>Chair and panel moderator: Jeremy Wates, Secretary General, EEB</i></p>
14:00 – 14:15	<p>OECD perspective <i>Simon Buckle, Head of Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division, OECD</i></p>
14:15 – 14:30	<p>Business perspective <i>Steven Tebbe, Managing Director, CDP Europe</i></p>
14:30 – 14:45	<p>EEA perspective <i>Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)</i></p>
14:45 – 15:45	<p>Panel discussion (including short introductory statements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Marianne Wenning, Director, DG ENV – Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director EEA – Nuno Lacasta, President of Portuguese Environment Agency and Water Director, Portugal – Simon Buckle, Head of Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division, OECD – Steven Tebbe, Managing Director, CDP Europe – Bernard Guirkingier, Suez Environnement – Antoine Badinier, Deputy Director, Engineering and Hydropower Division, EDF, Eurelectric – Peter Jonkers, Program Manager Green Brewer, Heineken International
15:45 – 16:00	<p>Closing address <i>Marianne Wenning, Director Quality of Life, Water and Air, DG Environment</i></p>
16:00	End of conference