



EUROPEAN WATER CONFERENCE 2007

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DAY 1 - 22 MARCH 2007

9:00 REGISTRATION

OPENING SESSION

- 10:00 **Mr. Stavros Dimas**, *Commissioner for Environment, European Commission*
- 10:20 **Mr. Sigmar Gabriel**, *Minister for Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety, Germany* – EU Presidency Perspective
- 10:40 **Mr. Francisco Nunes Correia**, *Minister of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development, Portugal*
- 11:00 **Mr. Karl-Heinz Florenz**, *Member of the European Parliament, Former Chairman of the ENVI Committee of the EP* – Parliament Perspective

PART 1: EU WATER POLICY AND THE WIDER CONTEXT

- Chair:** **Mr. D. Grant Lawrence**, *Director for Water, Chemicals and Cohesion, European Commission, DG Environment*
- 11:15 **Ms. Marie-Noëlle Lienemann**, *Member of the European Parliament*
The WFD – a milestone
 - 11:35 **Ms. Veerle Vandeweerd**, *Acting Director of the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, United Nations Environment Programme* – Global perspective and link to World Water Day
 - 12:10 **Ms. Lucia Ana Varga**, *Secretary of State for Water at the Romanian Ministry of Environment and Water Management and President of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)* – Challenges of the WFD implementation in the Danube
- 12:30 – 14:00 CONFERENCE LUNCH BUFFET

PART 2: WISE - THE NEW WATER INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR EUROPE

- CHAIR:** **Mr. D. Grant Lawrence**, *Director for Water, Chemicals and Cohesion, European Commission, DG Environment*
- 14:00 **Ms. Jacqueline McGlade**, *Director of the European Environment Agency* – The Water Information System for Europe
 - 14:30 **Mr. Hervé Carré**, *Director General of Eurostat* – Water Statistics and Geographical Information Systems: Eurostat contributions to WISE

PART 3: EUROPEAN WATER POLICY – VIEWS OF BUSINESS AND SOCIETY

- CHAIR:** **Mr. D. Grant Lawrence**, *Director for Water, Chemicals and Cohesion, European Commission, DG Environment*
- 15:00 **Mr. Tony Long**, *Director of the European WWF Policy*
 - 15:15 **Mr. Niels Peter NØRRING**, *COPA/COGECA*
 - 15:30 **Mr. Daniel Villessot**, *Incoming President of the EUREAU*
 - 15:45 COFFEE BREAK



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16:15 PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: **Mr. Fritz Barth**, *Vice-President of the European Water Partnership*

PARTICIPANTS:

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- **Mr. Tony Long**, *Director of the European WWF Policy*
- **Mr. John Hontelez**, *Secretary General, European Environment Bureau*
- **Mr. Daniel Villessot**, *Incoming President of the EUREAU*
- **Mr. Niels Peter NØRRING**, *COPA/COGECA*
- **Ms. Karin De Schepper**, *Secretary General, Inland Navigation Europe*
- **Mr. Henry de Croutte**, *CEFIC*

18.00 COCKTAIL RECEPTION (CHARLEMAGNE)



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DAY 2 - 23 MARCH 2007

PART 1: EU WATER POLICY - THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

- 9:00 **Mr. Joachim D'Eugenio**, *WFD Team Leader in the Water & Marine Unit, European Commission, DG Environment* – The WFD Implementation – Where are we?
- 9:40 **Q&A – Discussion**
- 10:00 **Ms. Anna-Stiina Heiskanen**, *Action Leader JRC, Institute for Environment and Sustainability* – The intercalibration process – current results and (scientific) challenges
- 10:20 **Q&A – Discussion**
- 10:30 **COFFEE BREAK (WISE DEMONSTRATION)**



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PART 2: OTHER EU WATER POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

- 11:00 Mr. Helmut Blöch**, *Deputy Head of Unit on Protection of Water & Marine Environment, European Commission, DG Environment* – The EU Flood Action Programme – towards a fully integrated river basin management
- 11:20 Mr. Gert Verreet**, *Policy Officer, Marine Protection, European Commission, DG Environment*, The Marine Thematic Strategy – extending water policy to the European Seas
- 11:40 Mr. Peter Gammeltoft**, *Head of Unit on Protection of Water & Marine Environment, European Commission, DG Environment* – EU policy developments on water quantity issues and climate change adaptation
- 12:00 Mr. Panagiotis Balabanis**, *Environmental Technologies and Pollution Prevention Unit, European Commission, DG Research* – The contribution of research to water policy
- 12.30 - 13.45 LUNCH BUFFET (WISE DEMONSTRATION)**

PART 3: EU WATER POLICY - CHALLENGES AHEAD

- CHAIR:** **Mr. Peter Gammeltoft**, *Head of Unit on Protection of Water & Marine Environment, European Commission, DG Environment*
- 13.45 Mr. Manfred Grasserbauer**, *Director of the JRC Institute for Environment and Sustainability* – “Research Challenges in respect to Climate Change and the European Water Dimension - A JRC Perspective”
- 14:15 Mr. Fritz Holzwarth**, *Water Director, Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety, Germany* – “Future challenges for water uses – outcome of the Climate Change / Water Conference”
- 14:30 Mr. Richard Bird**, *Water Director, Department for Environment, Food and Rural or Regional Affairs, UK* – “Climate change and river basin management – A viable adaptation strategy?”
- 14.45 Mr. Pascal Berteaud**, *Water Director, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Ecology, France* – “Too much and too little water” – French perspective on floods and droughts

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“FUTURE PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES FOR EUROPEAN WATER POLICY - MEMBER STATES VIEWS”

PARTICIPANTS:

- **Mr. Peter Gammeltoft**, *EC Water Director*
- **Mr. Fritz Holzwarth**, *German Water Director*
- **Mr. José Rocha Afonso**, *Deputy Portuguese Water Director*
- **Ms. Gabrijela Grcar**, *Slovenian Water Director*
- **Mr. Gheorge Constantin**, *Romanian Water Director*
- **Mr. Richard Bird**, *UK Water Director*
- **Mr. Pascal Berteaud**, *French Water Director*
- **Mr. Karsten Skov**, *Danish Water Director*
- **Mr. Miguel Antolin**, *Head of International Water Affairs*
- 16:20 Mr. D. Grant Lawrence**, *Director for Water, Chemicals and Cohesion, European Commission, DG Environment* – Concluding remarks
- 16:30 END OF CONFERENCE**



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