



German Water
Partnership



German Water Partnership together with European Water Partnership and in cooperation with Enterprise Europe Network cordially invites you to a panel discussion and reception on:

“Water 4.0: Making Water Work for Development”

**on Tuesday September 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
Avenue des Arts 56, conference room (1st floor), Brussels**

We all know: At the start of the 21st century 900 million people lack access to clean potable water. Some 2.5 billion are without basic sanitation facilities. Water scarcity and poor water quality are among the chief causes of poverty, disease and environmental degradation.

Water 4.0, focusing on digitalization and automation as core points of a strategy for water management, may be a tremendous chance to make the sector more resource efficient, flexible and competitive. Together with speakers from the European Commission and experts in the field of digitalization of the water sector we want to discuss potentials, good examples and challenges to make water work for development.

5:30 p.m. Welcome Address

Dieter Ernst, Member of the Board, German Water Partnership
Anke Wiegand, Coordinator EEN Berlin-Brandenburg, Berlin Partner

5:40 p.m. Keynotes

European Policy for Water and Sustainable Growth
Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development,
Directorate-General Development and Cooperation (tbc)

The Potential of Digitalization in the Water Sector
Member of cabinet, Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger, Digital
Economy & Society (tbc)

6:10 p.m. Solutions you can trust – Competences and Cooperation Examples
Dieter Ernst, German Water Partnership

6:20 p.m. Panel Discussion: Water 4.0 - Shaping the Future of Water

- Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development, Directorate-General Development and Cooperation (tbc)
- Member of cabinet, EU Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger, Digital Economy & Society (tbc)
- Friedrich Barth, Acting Chairman, European Water Partnership
- Jan Krejčík, Vice President Urban Solutions, DHI Czech Republic
- Moderation: Dieter Ernst, Member of the Board, German Water Partnership

7:00 p.m. Reception and Flying Dinner

Please register with a short email to: joern.exner@berlin-partner.de