EUROPEAN WATER CONFERENCE 2007
BRUSSELS, CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING, GASPERI ROOM

DAY 1 - 22 MARCH 2007

PART 1: EU WATER POLICY AND THE WIDER CONTEXT

Chair: Mr. D. Grant Lawrence, Director for Water, Chemicals and Cohesion, European Commission, DG Environment

10:00 Mr. Stavros Dimas, Commissioner for Environment, European Commission

11:15 Ms. Marie-Noëlle Lienemann, Member of the European Parliament

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 Carre, 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/COECA

15:30 Mr. Daniel Villessot, Incoming President of the EUREAU

15:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:15 PANEL DISCUSSION

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

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- Mr. John Hontelez, Secretary General, European Environment Bureau
- Mr. Daniel Villessot, Incoming President of the EUREAU
- Mr. Niels Peter NØRRING, COPA/COECA
- Ms. Karin De Schepper, Secretary General, Inland Navigation Europe
- Mr. Henry de Cruydt, CEFIC

18:00 COCKTAIL RECEPTION (CHARLEMAGNE)
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-Stina 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)

PART 2: OTHER EU WATER POLICY DEVELOPMENTS
11:00 Mr. Helmut Böch, 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
11:40 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 Bertheaud, 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. Joes Rocha Atencio, Deputy Portuguese Water Director
- Ms. Gabriela Gras, Slovenian Water Director
- Mr. Gheorge Constantin, Romanian Water Director
- Mr. Richard Bird, UK Water Director
- Mr. Pascal Bertheaud, 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