

Invitation to the Round Table discussion

Water – Source of Life, Source of Danger

The Blueprint for European Waters: a Researchers' Roundtable

20th September 2011, Brussels, Belgium

We have the pleasure to invite you to the round table discussion “Water – Source of Life, Source of Danger. The Blueprint for Waters: a Researchers' Roundtable”, a discussion organized around the research needs to underline the “Blue Print for European Waters” announced for 2012 by the European Commission.

The general objective of the round table discussion is to identify further research needs to contribute to the new European Water Strategy, the “Blue Print for European Waters”. The blue print is to outline the future European strategy for the handling of our most vital, but also very critical resource. It will aim at an integrated and holistic approach ranging from extreme water events such as floods and droughts to the manifold ecological services provided by water. The strategy shall also see to an enhanced cooperation between the member states and countries outside the EU27. Elements such as the reviewed Water Framework Directive within the Flagship Initiative “Resource efficient Europe” of the EU 2020 strategy will play a major role in the new strategy.

The development of a long term strategy for a more sustainable Europe that handles its resources with greater care requires the continual enlargement of the knowledge base underlying those strategies. Scientists all over Europe can contribute to this process whilst cooperating under the umbrella of national, regional and international programmes, but most importantly under the roof of the Framework Programme.

Time and Venue

The round table discussion will be held in the KoWi meeting room [located near to the European Parliament](#), rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels on 20th September 2011 at 10.00.

Programme

Please find the agenda of the event attached to this e-mail.

Language

The official language of the round table discussion will be English.

Registration

Participation in the round table discussion is free of charge.

Due to the limited number of places, participation will be confirmed following prior registration to be done by **Friday 9th September 2011** [by the website](#).

We look forward to welcoming you



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KoWi

Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels, 8th Floor

09h30 – 09h55	Registration and Welcome Coffee
10h00 – 10h05	Welcome
10h05 – 10h20	The Blueprint to Safeguard European Waters Peter Gammeltoft, European Commission, DG Environment, Brussels (BE)
10h25 – 10h40	EU Funded Research and EU Water Policies Christos Fragakis, European Commission, DG Research, Brussels (BE)
10h40 – 10h45	Groundwater Management Radomír Muzikář, T.G.M. Water Research Institute, Prague (CZ)
10h45 – 10h50	Improvement of Water Management within and between Industries Roberto Farina, ENEA, Bologna (IT)
10h50 – 10h55	Complex Water Management in the Circum-Mediterranean Region, Georg Teutsch, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), Leipzig (DE)
10h55 – 11h00	Developing an Integrated Sustainable Land Management Scheme facing the Challenges of Global Change: The ELaN project Gunnar Lischeid, Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), Müncheberg (DE)
11h00 – 11h05	Ecological Engineering: from Concepts to Applications for Water Management Luc Abbadie, Université Paris VI, Head of French National Scientific Committee for Water and Aquatic Environments, Paris (FR)
11h05 – 11h10	Advanced Municipal Wastewater Sludge Management Systems, Realization of Large Municipal Wastewater Treatment Programme Lidia Gutowska-Siwiec, Institute of Meteorology and Water Management – National Research Institute, Warsaw (PL)
11h10 – 12h30	Discussion including broader public Moderator: Christos Fragakis
12h30 – 12h45	Wrap Up Holger Kraemer, Member of the European Parliament
12h45 – 14h00	Lunch

[Please register on the website.](#) The registration deadline is **9th September 2011.**