



EU Water Blueprint Conference

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The EU Water Blueprint Conference is jointly organised by the European Commission and the Cyprus Presidency.

The conference will take place in the “Filoxenia” Conference Center (FCC) in Nicosia on 26 -27 November 2012. For more information, please visit: <http://www.euwaterblueprintconference.eu/>.

The EU Water Blueprint Conference aims to serve as a platform for consultation and debate between stakeholders, Member States and the European Commission on the implementation of the policy proposals of the Blueprint to Safeguard Europe’s Water Resources. The Blueprint will be published in the form of a European Commission Communication in November 2012.

The event is planned for a maximum of 250 participants, and a live webcast will be available on the conference website.

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Time	Day 1 – Monday 26 November 2012
08.30 – 09.30	Registration
SESSION I: WELCOME & OPENING (Chair: Sofoclis Aletraris, Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus)	
09.30 – 09.40	Welcome by the Cyprus Presidency Sofoclis Aletraris, Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus
09:40 – 10:00	Presentation of the Blueprint Recommendations by the European Commission Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for the Environment, European Commission
10:00 – 10.20	Presentation of the Assessment of the River Basin Management Plans Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Unit, Environment Directorate General
10:20 – 10:30	Discussion with the audience
10:30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:00 BRIEFING ROOM 3-4, CYPRESS Media Centre Press Conference with Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for the Environment, European Commission Sofoclis Aletraris, Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus	
SESSION II: LAND USE AND ECOLOGICAL STATUS VULNERABILITY (Chair: David Wiberg, Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA))	
11.00 – 11.10	Introductory presentation Marta Moren Abat, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate General
11.10– 11.50	Panel discussion Irene Lucius, CEE Head of Policy and Green Economy, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme Alistair Maltby, Director – North, The Rivers Trust Markus Simoner, Team leader Infrastructure Development, EU Danube Region Strategy – Inland Waterway Transport, via donau Xavier Ursat, Deputy Vice President Hydro Generation and Engineering, Electricité de France (EDF)
11.50 – 12.30	Discussion with the audience
12.30 – 14.00	Buffet Lunch
SESSION III: TACKLING WATER POLLUTION – WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (Chair: Stephan Müller, Water Director, Switzerland)	
14.00 – 14.10	Introductory presentation Henriette Faergemann, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate General



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14.10 – 14.50	Panel discussion Almut Bonhage, Secretary General, European Federation of National Association of Water Services (EUREAU) Gheorghe Constantin, Water Director, Romania Ann Dierckx, Environmental Policy Manager, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) Niels Peter Nørring, Director, Environment & Energy Division, Danish Agriculture & Food Council
14.50 – 15.30	Discussion with the audience
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
SESSION IV: EU WATER EFFICIENCY: ACCOUNTING, ALLOCATING, USING, RECOVERING COSTS (Chair: Beate Werner, Water - Head of Group, European Environment Agency (EEA))	
16.00 – 16.10	Introductory presentation Jacques Delsalle, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate General
16.10 – 16.50	Panel discussion Werner Heinzelmann, Head of intellectual property, Hansgrohe SE Kyriakos Kyrou, Water Director, Cyprus Conchita Marcuello, Technical-Scientific Programme Coordinator, Centro de Estudios y Experimentación de Obras Públicas (CEDEX) David Zetland, Senior Water Economist, Wageningen University
16.50 – 17.30	Discussion with the audience
17.30	End of Day 1
20:00	Reception

Time	Day 2 – Tuesday 27 November 2012
SESSION V: GLOBAL ASPECTS (Chair: Gustaaf Borchardt, Director, Directorate D: Water, Marine Environment & Chemicals, Environment Directorate General)	
09:00 – 09:15	Global water/energy/food nexus Fritz Holzwarth, Water Director, Germany
09:15 – 09:30	Water - The blue gold of the 21st century Friedrich Barth, Senior Advisor at the Environment, Climate and Energy Group, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
09:30 – 10:00	Discussion with audience



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SESSION VI: CROSSCUTTING SOLUTIONS (Chair: Andrew Farmer, Director of Research, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP))	
10:00 – 10:10	Introductory presentation Nicola Notaro, Deputy Head of Unit, Environment Directorate General
10:10 – 10:50	Panel discussion Leonardo Gatta, Responsible of Water Resources Operational Unit, Tiber River Basin Authority Sonia Phippard, Water Director, UK Ronan Uhel, Head of Programme, Natural Systems and Vulnerability, European Environment Agency (EEA)
10.50 – 11:30	Discussion with the audience
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
SESSION VII: CLOSING SESSION	
12:00 – 12:30	Concluding remarks by the Cyprus Presidency Kyriakos Kyrou, Water Director, Cyprus
12:30 – 13:00	Conclusions drawn from the Conference by the European Commission Karl Falkenberg, Director General, Environment, European Commission
13.00	End of Conference
13.00 – 14:30	Buffet Lunch