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Day 1: Thursday 2 April 2009

Registration from 8h30 - Coffee

I: Opening session 10h00-11h00

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Moderator : Mr Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Unit DG ENV.D.2 "Protection of Water and the Marine Environment"

- **Welcome and opening of the conference – "Promoting active and transparent involvement at the EU level"** - Mr Jos DELBEKE, Deputy Director General, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Keynote speech** - **Mr Richard SEEBER**, MEP, European Parliament
- **Keynote speech** - **Mr Karel BLÁHA**, Deputy Minister for the Environment, Czech Republic

II: Public participation in the planning process – state of play 11h00-12h30

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Moderator : Mr Philip Weller, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of Danube River (ICPDR)

- **Introduction on the implementation of the WFD and importance of public participation – result of the survey on consultation** - by Mr Benoît Grandmougin, ActEon
- Introductory presentations and panel debate on good and bad practices in consultation:
 - "Public Consultation in France - state of the art and good practices 20009" - **Mr Jean-Claude VIAL**, Deputy Water Director, France
 - "European environmental NGOs - lessons learnt from consultations" - **Mr John HONTELEZ**, Secretary General, European Environment Bureau
 - "Water managers' perspective" - **Mr Sybe SCHAAP**, EUWMA
 - Discussion

Lunch – Visit to the exhibition area

III: What will the River Basin Management plans deliver? 14h00-16h00

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Moderator : Ms Marta Moren-Abat, Water Director, Spain

- **Introduction on the importance of the Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plans** - **Mr Stavros DIMAS**, European Commissioner for Environment
- "Implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Bulgaria" - **Ms Lubka KATCHAKOVA**, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Presentation on significant water management issues and draft River Basin Management Plans** - by Mr Paul Campling, VITO
- "Commissions' expectations of River Basin Management Plans" - **Mr Jorge RODRIGUEZ-ROMERO**, WFD Team Leader, DG ENV.D.2
- Introductory presentations and panel debate on what to expect in the river basin management plans :
 - "What the Irish River Basin Management Plans aim to achieve" - **Mr Colin BYRNE**, Ireland. Water Inspectorate, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
 - "Views of the water services on the River Basin Management Plans" - **Ms Monique de VRIES**, EUREAU
 - "Crunch time for Europe's water - an NGO perspective on the draft RBMP" - **Mr Tony LONG**, Director, WWF-EPO
 - Discussion

Coffee

IV: Water and agriculture – a core challenge? 16h15-18h00

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Moderator : Ms Gabrijela Grčar, Water Director, Slovenia

- **Presentation on the role of agriculture in the river basin management plans** - by Mr Thomas Dworak, Ecologic
- "Water Framework Directive and agricultural pressures - reducing pollution from nitrates and plant protection products" - **Mr Ladislav MIKO**, Director, of DG ENV.B "Protecting the Natural Environment"
- "Water and agriculture - a scientific perspective" - **Mr Leen HORDIJK**, Director, Joint Research Center
- Introductory presentations and panel debate on the different agriculture related challenges facing waters:
 - "Water and agriculture - a DG AGRI perspective" - **Mr Martin SCHEELE**, Head of Unit, DG AGRI.H.1 "Environment, GMO and Genetic resources"
 - "Perspective of the agricultural industry" - **Mr Luis BULHAO**, Portuguese Farmers Union, Vice-Chairman of Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Environment
 - "Environmental NGOs perspective on water and agriculture" - **Mr Wim VAN GILS**, Flemish Bond Beter Leefmilieu
 - "Views on the water industries on water and agriculture" - **Mr Daniel VILLESSOT**, EUREAU
 - Discussion

Reception

Day 2: Friday 3 April 2009

V: Sustainable modifications to our watercourses ? Focus on hydropower & navigation 9h00-10h30

Moderator : Ms Anne-Louise Månsson, Water Director, Sweden

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- **Presentation on hydro-morphology in River Basin management plans** - by Ms Eleftheria Kampa, Ecologic
- Introductory presentations and panel debate on sustainable modifications to water courses :
 - "Managing heavily modified water bodies" - **Mr Bob DEKKER**, Water Director, Netherlands
 - "Navigation, Hydromorphology and the Water Framework Directive" - **Ms Jan BROOKE**, WFD Navigation Task Group
 - "Small hydropower and the Water Framework Directive" - **Mr Luigi PAPETTI**, European Small Hydropower Association (ESHA)
 - "New Hydropower projects vs River Basin Management Plans : what comes first?" - **Ms Paula CHAINHO**, Liga Para a protecção da Natureza, Portuguese NGO
 - Discussion

Coffee

VI: Water pricing: sending the right price signals on sustainable water use - 11h00-12h00

Moderator : Mr Eduard Interwies, InterSus - Sustainability Services

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- **Presentation on the foreseen use of economic instruments, cost-recovery and polluter pays principle** - by Mr Pierre Strosser, ActEon
- Introductory presentations and panel debate on the use of economic instruments in water management :
 - "Water resources across Europe – confronting water scarcity and drought" - **Ms Maria Brättemark**, DG Environment, WFD Team (on behalf of **Ms Beate WERNER**, Head of Group on Water, European Environment Agency)
 - "Economic instrument in water management - view of the German Water industry" - **Mr Martin WEYAND**, General Director Water: Waste water, representing BDEW (German Association of Energy-and Water Industries)
 - "Water pricing and water services under the Water Framework Directive" - **Mr Sergey MOROZ**, Freshwater Policy Officer, WWF-EPO
 - Discussion

Lunch – Visit to the exhibition area

VII: The challenge of 2015 – environmental objectives and exemptions 13h30-15h00

Moderator : Mr Joachim D'Eugenio, European Commission

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- **Presentation on environmental objectives and the use of exemptions** - by Mr Thomas Dworak, Ecologic
- Introductory presentations and panel debate on the ambitions of plans :
 - "Objectives and exemptions in the German River Basin Management Plans" - **Mr Fritz HOLZWARTH**, Water Director, Germany
 - "Objectives and exemptions in the UK River Basin Management Plans" - **Mr Chris RYDER**, Deputy Water Director, United Kingdom
 - "Agriculture sector's perspective on environmental objectives" - **Mr Eric JORGENSEN**, Danish Agriculture, Member of Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Environment
 - "The Environmental NGO perspective" - **Mr Ralph UNDERHILL**, RSPB
 - Discussion

Coffee

VIII: "Emerging" issues in European Water management 15h30-17h00

Moderator : Mr Fritz Holzwarth, Water Director, Germany

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- Introduction by DG ENV
 - "Climate Change adaptation - a challenged water future" - **Mr Peter GAMMELTOFT**, Head of task force on Climate Change adaptation
 - "From land to sea – future challenges of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive" - **Mr Gert VERREET**, Marine Strategy Team, DG ENV.D.2.
- Introductory presentations and panel debate on future challenges for water management :
 - "Impacts of climate change on the water cycle : trends and challenges" - **Mr Richard HARDING**, WATCH
 - "Water for the recovery of climate - A new water Paradigm" - **Mr Jan POKORNY**, ENKI, o.p.s.
 - Statement by **Mr Jean-Philippe TORTEROTOT**, Vice president of EWA and incoming president.
 - "Water Security" - **Ms Irene LUCIUS**, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme
 - Discussion

IX: Conclusions – what will be the future legacy of today's water management? 17h00-18h00

Moderator : Mr Peter Gammeltoft, DG ENV

- Conclusions by **Mr Karl FALKENBERG**, Director General DG Environment

Practical information, webstreaming links and conference document <http://www.ewc2009.eu>

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Webstreaming email address : ENV-WATER-CONFERENCE@ec.europa.eu

Exhibitors :

- EUREAU (European Federation of National Associations of Water)
- WWF Brussels (Ecologically sustainable water management)
- European Environmental Bureau (Draft River Basin Management Plans)
- Society for the Protection of Prespa (Towards sustainable water management in the transboundary Prespa Park)
- WECF - Women in Europe for a Common Future (Water protection in rural areas, sanitation, agriculture, case study Romania)
- Grüne Liga e.V. (WFD best practice examples)
- Regiowasser e.V. / University of Freiburg (Participatory River Basin Management on the local level - a blue print)
- ESHA (Sustainable small hydropower and WFD)
- Directorate for Nature Management, Norway (WFD in Norway)
- Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Proposal for a permit fee system to reduce nutrient loads to the Baltic Sea)
- Swedish Environmental Research Institute (Priority substances and River Basin Management Plans)
- Universitat de València (Observatory of the WFD implementation in Spain)
- Catalan Water Agency (Results of the public participation process in Catalonia)
- TYPESA (Public participation practice in Spanish RB management)
- Fundacion Nueva Cultura Del Agua - FNCA (Foundation for a New Water Culture) (Building up the interface Science-Society for promoting democratic water governance - the FNCA's experience in Spain)
- Universitat de València (Water footprint - Improving the Analysis)
- University of Osnabrück - Institute of Environmental Systems Research (Adaptive Integrated Water Resources Management - Results from the NeWater project)
- H2O-net (WFD Monitoring for informed decision making)
- Regional Water Management Authority in Warsaw (Exemptions under the prism of the the public involvement in the middle vistula basin)
- Cards 2004 Twinning Project ("Implementation of WFD in Croatia" Hydromorphology and good ecological status in Croatia)
- Global Water Partnership - Central and Easter Europe
- European Water Partnership (AQUAWARENESS)
- Danube Environmental Forum/ BUND Germany (Danube River Basin, NGO participation)
- International Commission for the protection of the River Danube (ICPDR)
- Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France (1) National water consultations in France: April -October 2008 2) Grenelle Environment)
- North Hydrographic Region Administration, Portugal (The new water governance model in Portugal)
- Corporate Europe Observatory (Progressive water management cases - Remunicipalisation)

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