

18th EWA Brussels Conference:

What future for the water sector after the European Elections?



In 2024, Europe stands at a pivotal moment in advancing towards a more sustainable and resilient future for its water sector. Alongside, the EU Parliamentary Election will shape the composition and priorities of the next Commission.

The **18th EWA Brussels Conference** will explore the post-election landscape of the water sector in Europe. Participants will engage in discussions including:

- A Roundtable on the Future of the water sector featuring representatives from various EU Institutions
- Climate change and its implications for the water sector
- The Recasting of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
- The future trajectory of the Water Framework Directive

This year's speakers will include EU Institutions representatives and experts from the EWA network, sharing best practices, experiences, and insights. The conference will provide a platform for dialogue among key water stakeholders, ranging from policymakers to end-users.

Participants are also invited to network and connect over a drink at the end of the conference.

Join us on **November 19th** at **VIVAQUA**, Bd de l'Impératrice 17/19, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

Registration Fee: *(coffee and lunch break included)*

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09:30 - 09:35	Welcome Address	Wendy Francken , EWA President
SESSION 1: CLIMATE EMERGENCY		<i>Moderation: Arthur Guischet, Secretary General, EWA</i>
09:35 - 10:00	Keynote: Climate Emergency & Water: Environmental perspective	Trine Christiansen , Head of Group for Freshwater and environment, European Environment Agency
10:00 - 10:45	Climate Change in the Water Sector Impulse + discussion /Q&A	Luc Kronenberg , European Affairs Brussel, VEWIN, Unie van Waterschappen Sabien Leemans , Senior Biodiversity Policy Officer, WWF European Policy Office
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break sponsored by the Danish Water Forum (DWF)	
11:15 - 12:15	Roundtable: Future of the water sector in Europe after the European Elections?	Veronica Manfredi , Director, ENV C Zero Pollution, Directorate General Environment, European Commission Pietro Francesco de Lotto , President, Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI), European Economic and Social Committee Tania Pentcheva , Director Europe Government and Industry Relations, Xylem Wendy Francken , EWA President
12:20 - 13:40	Lunch Break	
SESSION 2 : URBAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT DIRECTIVE RECAST		<i>Moderation: Claudia Topalli, Head of EU affairs and Government Relations, IDEXX Laboratories Inc</i>
13:40 - 14:50	Impact of the UWWTD Recast Impulse + discussion/Q&A	Michel Sponar , Deputy Head of Unit European Commission, DG ENV C2 , Marine Environment and Clean Water Services Hilde Niezen , Director Stichting RIONED Martin Srb , representant of the Czech Water Association (CzWA) Denis Snidaro , Deputy Technical Director Water France, SUEZ Dr. Frank Jörrens , Head of Water Quality/Laboratory Wasserverband Eifel-Rur
14:50 - 15:20	Coffee Break sponsored by the Danish Water Forum (DWF)	
SESSION 3: WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE		<i>Moderation: Peter Gammeltoft, former European Commission official</i>
15:20 - 16:30	Impact of the WFD so far and looking at its future + Nature Restoration Law: Impulse + discussion/Q&A	Bettina Doeser , Head of Unit Natural Capital and Ecosystem Health ENV.D.2, European Commission Dr. Szilvia Szalóki , Secretary General, MaSzeSz, Hungarian Water Association Jesper Goodley Dannisøe , Managing Director, Danish Water Forum
16:30 - 16:45	Conclusion	Wendy Francken , EWA President
Invitation to network over drinks		



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