

## Registration

I want to register for

- the Conference  
 the Seminar  
 both

	Conference	Seminar	Both events
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate	390 €	390 €	625 €
<input type="checkbox"/> EWA Member	320 €	320 €	515 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Students	75 €	75 €	150 €

- I want to take part in the Dunal Medal Celebration Ceremony taking part on November 16, 2015

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## The European Water Association

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non governmental and non-profit making organisation promoting the sustainable and improved management of the total water cycle and hence the environment as a whole. It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water cycle with member associations from nearly all European Countries.

EWA aims to provide a pan- European forum for the discussion of key technical and policy issues affecting the growing European region and to contribute more directly to the development of water related European policies, as an NGO representing a wide scope of water professionals and specialists.

### Our Vision – Clean Water for Europe

EWA promotes the sustainable management of the total water cycle and hence the environment as a whole. EWA understands the need for the sharing of water by man and nature, by industry and homes, between countries, with social justice and equality and the need for good management and technology to ensure the sensible use of resources.

EWA is a source of knowledge, experience and expertise which can be shared for the greater good of the people of Europe. EWA is willing to act as a platform for knowledge and knowhow exchange between its members and the European institutions. Since its creation, EWA seeks „Clean Water for Europe“. This emphasizes our common responsibility in promoting water related actions – information exchange, expertise contributions, environmental education and good cooperation with the societies and other actors.



## Information about the conference

### Registration

The conference fee for delegates is EUR 390,- (VAT exempt) and for our National Associations (with proof of membership) EUR 320,- . The fees are exempt of VAT. For students and groups, please contact the EWA Secretariat for more information.

The registration is binding. You can register until November 2, 2015 by sending your registration to:

European Water Association (EWA)  
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### Cancellation Policy (Please read carefully):

Participation fee (minus 25% administration fee) will only be reimbursed if the participant announces this in writing and the cancellation has reached the registration office 14 days prior to the conference (indicated by the postmark or date of email). In all other cases—including non-appearance at the conference—the full participation fee has to be paid. After informing the office, a substitute can be sent.

By registering to the conference the delegate has acknowledged and agreed to the above mentioned cancellation policy.

### Conference Venue

The conference and Seminar (16–18 November 2015) take place at the:

Representation of the State of  
North Rhine-Westphalia to the EU  
Rue Montoyer 47  
1000 Brussels

### Hotel accommodation

The EWA can assist you upon request to find a hotel close to the conference venue on preferential prices. In case you need help, please contact the EWA Secretariat.

For further information about the events and updates on the programme, please visit the conference website: <http://www.ewa-online.eu/calendar-detail/events/11-brussels-conference.html>

EWA Brussels Days

11<sup>th</sup> EWA  
Brussels  
Conference

November, 16 – 18 2015  
Brussels, Belgium

November 16 – 17, 2015

11<sup>th</sup> EWA Brussels Conference  
“Water Challenges in Europe”

November 18, 2015

EU EWA Water Policy Seminar

In cooperation with the  
European Commission



## November 16-18, 2015, Brussels, Belgium

### EWA Brussels Days

Join the European Water Association at the EWA Brussels Days, which are taking place from 16th until 18th of November, 2015. During the three days of events, the EWA gives you the unique opportunity to take stock on the hot topics of the European water policy agenda.

#### 11th EWA Brussels Conference “Water Challenges in Europe” November 16-17, 2015

Held in cooperation with the DG Environment of the European Commission, the main objective of the annual EWA Brussels Conference is to establish a dialogue between the European Commission and European water professionals and stakeholders.

Water status in Europe is slowly improving. In 2009, only 43 % of EU surface waters had reached good ecological status. In 2015, it is already 53 %. The EU water policy has helped to develop a dynamic world-leading water sector. There are still some existing challenges and Europe is striving to reach a good ecological status of its water. Still, the agricultural sector puts significant pressure on water, as well as other hydromorphological alterations. By the end of 2015, Europe is preparing plans to improve EU's waters and to reduce the risk of flooding of what we value the most: our health and the environment, our heritage and economies. There is an enormous potential for economic savings if floods are adequately managed.

#### Dunbar Medal Award Ceremony November 16, 2015

On the first day of the 11th EWA Brussels Conference, the European Water Association (EWA) is awarding the William Dunbar Medal. Since 1973 the Dunbar Medal is donated by Messe München International and awarded by the EWA to an individual who has made a major contribution to the science and/or technology of water or wastewater management.

All participants of the conference are cordially invited to take part in the ceremony where a keynote address will be given by the medal winner.

#### EWA EU Water Policy Seminar November 18, 2015

During the past years, the EWA Water Policy Seminar has provided an overview on EU institutions, their interaction and decision-making processes, as well as possibilities, paths and legal rights for access to information and documents, and a summary of water-related policy and legislation.

### November 16 – 17, 2015

## 11th EWA Brussels Conference “Water Challenges in Europe”

**Event venue:**  
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#### Day 1: November, 16 2015

- 14:30 Registration
- 15:00 – 17:00 **Day 1: Striving for Good Status of European Waters**  
Moderation: Wendy Francken, Chairwoman EWA European Policy Committee
- 15:00 > Welcome Address by Representative of the North Rhine-Westphalia  
> Welcome Address by EWA President Károly Kovács, Hungary  
> Welcome Address by Birgit Collin-Langen, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- 15:20 Approaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> Management Cycle – Achievements and Necessary Actions  
Pavel Misiga, Head of Unit Water, Directorate C, DG Environment, European Commission
- 15:40 Water and the Green Economy: the EEA Perspective  
Anita Kuenitzer, European Environment Agency, ETC (Germany)
- 16:00 > View of the Citizens  
Wim Van Gils, Natuurpunt (Belgium)  
> View of the Municipalities  
Raymond Erpeling, ALUSEAU (Luxembourg)
- 16:30 Discussion and questions with the audience (Q&A)
- 17:00 Coffee Break
- 18:00 Dunbar Medal Award Ceremony and Presentation of the Dunbar Medal Winner
- 19:00 Celebration and get-together with a flying buffet

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#### Day 2: November, 17 2015

9:00 – 14:00 **Day 2: Striving for Good Management of European Waters**  
Moderation: Wendy Francken, Chairwoman EWA European Policy Committee

**Session 1: Storm Water Management and Flood Protection in Europe**  
Moderation: Fabio Tatano, Chairman EWA European Technical and Scientific Committee

- 9:00 Current State of Regulations regarding Storm Water Overflows in Europe  
Bruno Rakedjian, DG Environment, Directorate C, European Commission
- 9:30 Holistic Optimization of Sewers and Treatment Plants using Real Control  
Prof. Harsha Ratnaweera, Norwegian University of Life Science, Norway
- 10:00 Prevention of Flash Floods  
Prof. Patrick Willems, University of Leuven, Belgium
- 10:30 Flood Protection – Examples of Lessons Learned  
Iain Blackwell, Divisional Director at Jacobs Engineering Group Inc, UK

11:00 Coffee Break

**Session 2: Management and Economic Aspects for Good Status of European Waters**  
Moderation: Wendy Francken, Chairwoman EWA European Policy Committee

- 11:30 Funding opportunities for water management from EU Cohesion Policy  
Sander Happaerts, DG REGIO, European Commission
- 12:00 How to Achieve Full Cost Recovery?  
Maria Salvetti, ASTEE, France
- 12:30 Benchmarking – Learning from the Best  
Filip Bertzbach, aquabench GmbH, Germany
- 13:00 Closing Remarks  
Károly Kovács, EWA President

13:10 Lunch and end of 11th Brussels Conference

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November 18, 2015 09:00 – 17:00

### EWA EU Water Policy Seminar Future Developments in Water Policy and Implementation By Dr. Helmut Blöch

**Event venue:**  
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1000 Brussels

The EWA Water Policy Seminar will cover

- Future developments in EU water policy – focus, expectations, concerns;
- The challenge of implementation – with emphasis on four key elements of water legislation
  - Water Framework Directive
  - Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
  - Drinking Water Directive
  - Nitrates Directive.

The time schedule will allow for ample time for discussion and complementary questions.

The seminar aims at planners and decision makers at local, regional and national level, in municipalities and regional authorities and agencies, in branches of the water industry as well as in non-governmental organisations and stakeholder bodies.

