

Hennef, 15.11.2023 – **The European Water Association announces Arthur Guischet as successor to Secretary General Johannes Lohaus.**

The European Water Association (EWA) is pleased to announce the successor to its longstanding Secretary General, Johannes Lohaus, who is retiring after 18 years of dedicated service to the organization. The baton will be passed to Arthur Guischet, who will officially take over as Secretary General on June 1, 2024. However, he has taken the role of Deputy Secretary General effective November 1st, to facilitate a smooth transition. Johannes Lohaus will continue to fulfill his duties until the IFAT Munich 2024 (13-17.05.2024), ensuring a seamless handover.



Arthur Guischet, born in 1990 in Toulouse, France, currently resides in Germany with his wife and two children. He holds two master's degrees, one in "Peacebuilding in post-conflict situations" from the Marseille-Aix en Provence University and another in "European Law" from Bordeaux University. His professional journey spans both France and various international assignments. Notably, he spent two years in South Africa as an EU Project Officer for the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development.

Subsequently, Arthur Guischet moved to Germany, where he initially worked for the University of Bonn – Center for Development Research (ZEF) as an Assistant Researcher and later as a Senior Researcher, focusing on Climate Change policies and Science Diplomacy.

Arthur Guischet joined the European Water Association in May 2022 as a Water Policy Officer, contributing his interpersonal skills and diverse experiences to represent EWA in various events and working groups. Additionally, he actively animates the EWA Members network and organizes various EWA events.

In anticipation of his new role, Arthur Guischet expressed, *"As I prepare to step into the role of Secretary General, I am honored and enthusiastic to continue the legacy of Johannes Lohaus. Determined to tackle the challenges ahead, I am excited to embark on this journey with my dedicated colleagues at EWA. Together with our valued members, I look forward to shaping a future where excellent water management and clean water are our shared success."*

Johannes Lohaus also shared his sentiments, stating, *"As I transition into retirement, I am excited to announce the next chapter for the EWA, with Arthur Guischet, stepping into the role of Secretary General. His fresh perspective and proven commitment as the Water Policy Officer promise an innovative and successful future for the organization. I am confident that under his leadership, the EWA will continue to grow, embracing the challenges of a new era in water management. I wish him a lot of success and the full support of the Management Committee and the EWA members."*

The European Water Association extends its gratitude to Johannes Lohaus for his exemplary leadership and welcomes Arthur Guischet as the incoming Secretary General, confident in his ability to drive the organization towards new heights.

About the European Water Association (EWA):

The European Water Association is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment. As an NGO, EWA represents an extensive network of water professionals and specialist such as national member associations, corporate members, and research members. The EWA provides a forum for the discussion of key technical and policy issues in Europe and its regions.

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