



## 16th EWA Hybrid Brussels Conference Water in the Value Chain

**Date and time** 9 November 2021 at 10 am CET  
House of Dutch Provinces, Brussels

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### Registration and payment

“Promoting new forms of collaboration with industry and investments in strategic value chains are essential” (citation Green Deal dated December 2019). However, time is running fast and a cross-sectoral collaboration is imperative in order to achieve a common cross-sectoral strategy on the topic of water. The 16th EWA Brussels Conference will show some of the interdisciplinary initiatives and you can have first access to this process.

**Session 1** on “European Legislation and Initiatives” will show which strategy the European Commission has chosen to implement its legislation and how to fund the existing and new water policies, as well as the role water has in the taxonomy regulation.

**Session 2** on “Circular Water / Integrated Water Resource Management” will show the Commission’s expectations to the Revision of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive and the European legal road map on the circular uptake of raw materials from waste water.

In **Session 3** on Protection of the Water Resources, the conference will elaborate on the strategies to guard the existing water resources. The views from both DG Agriculture as well as DG Environment will be elaborated.

Finally, in **Session 4**, a show case of Climate Adaptation Strategies from the Commission will be shown.

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Time	Topic / Activity	Speaker
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome speech	The Representative of the House of the Dutch Provinces Raymond Erpelding, President of the EWA
10:05 – 10:35	The Member States Role in implementing the EU Water Policy – What the Commission does to Enforce Policy, Incentivize and Facilitate its Implementation	Bettina Doeser, Head of unit -Clean Water ENV.C.1 , DG Environment, European Commission
<b>Session 1: Financing Water Policy and the Role of the EU</b>		<b>Moderation: Wendy Francken, Chairwoman of the European Policy Committee of EWA</b>
10:35 – 10:55	Financing Water Supply, Sanitation and Flood Protection- Challenges in EU Member States and Policy Options	Xavier Lefave, OECD
10:55 – 11:15	Multiple Roles of Water in the Taxonomy Regulation	Karoly Kovacs, EWA
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break	
<b>Session 2: Circular Water / Integrated Water Resource Management</b>		<b>Moderation: Dieter Staat, Vewin</b>
11:45 – 12:10	The Revision of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive – its Contribution to IWRM and the Circular Economy	Michel Sponar, DG Environment, European Commission
12:10 – 12:30	A European Legal Roadmap Towards the Circular Uptake of Raw Materials from Waste Water	Katrien Bijl, WOW!-project
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A	
12:45 – 13:55	Lunch	
<b>Session 3: Protection of the water resources</b>		<b>Moderation: Tom SCHAUL, Advisor of the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development of Luxembourg</b>
13:55 – 14:25	Support for Water Policy from the CAP and CAP Strategic Plans.	Claudia Olazábal, DG Environment, European Commission
14:25 – 14:55	Impact of agriculture in the Rhine River Basin, how the Rhine Commission (ICPR) plans to address them, and how it could be supported by the CAP	Marc Daniel Heintz, ICPR (International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine)
14:55 – 15:15	Coffee break	
<b>Session 4: Climate Adaptation Strategies</b>		<b>Moderation: Claudia Suppan, Deputy Director of the EU-representation of Steiermark of Austria</b>
15:15 – 15:40	The Role of Water in Climate Adaptation in the EU – how to make it happen in the Member States	Elena Višnar Malinovská, Head of Unit A3: Adaptation to Climate Change, DG Clima
15:40 – 16:00	What does this mean for the local authorities?	Jurgen Bals, Dutch Water Authority 'Hoogheemraadschap Schieland en Krimpenerwaard'
16:00 – 16:10	Reflections for Discussion	MEP Pernille Weiss, MEP Water Group
16:10 – 16:15	Conclusions and Invitation to Network	Raymond Erpelding, President of the EWA
End of the Conference		