

A common vision for European Water Innovation



Focus

APA 2009, Water in Romania

EXPOAPA takes place every year since 1998. This event is considered as the most important conference for actors in water supply and sewerage public utilities sector. EXPO APA takes place from 22nd -24th June in Bucharest, Romania.

More about Romania and Water on www.wsstp.eu

This year, presentations will focus on projects and investments programs, such as the Compania de utilitate Publice Dunarea- Braila SA, which intends to submit for UE funding for projects dealing with rehabilitation of water and sewerage networks and waste treatment works in the county.

The WssTP will make two presentations on Monday 22nd June to working groups of the Romanian WssTP and on Tuesday 23rd June during the opening session of the Technical conference.

http://www.ara.ro/ExpoApa/2009/eng/index_eng.html



Sustainable Development in Research

The DG Research organised in Brussels on May 28-29 a conference on "Sustainable Development : a challenge for European research".

The event gathered more than 400 participants, 24 different conferences and 129 speakers, 50 exhibitors...

http://ec.europa.eu/research/sd/conference/2009/index_en.cfm?pg=home

During the opening speech, J. Potocniz underlined the need to bring together different perspectives considering the complexity of sustainable development. He highlighted that the European Research has to strongly contribute to sustainable development through 1/ a long-term research based on strategic research agenda, 2/ a productive research that produces knowledge and technologies and 3/ a research based on international collaboration and win-win partnerships.

Read the opening speech:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/09/268>



Climate Change and water

An ongoing challenge, a transversal topic for our pilots

The Task Force "Climate Change" workshop

was held in Genova, Italy for the first time in order to present their work and collect the comments and feedback of the pilot leaders. The meeting gathered 15 participants with representants of four of the 6 pilots programmes of the WssTP and experts of Climate Change. The Task Force "Climate Change" is led by Cetaqua, Spain.

The workshop consisted in the presentation of the work done by the Task Force that consisted in referencing all the major initiatives on this topics, to list the major publications and working groups in order to set the priorities and research needs. Based on this presentation, participants interacted and set an action plan in order to present recommendations to the DG Research but also to participate to the update of the SRA.

The Task Force also decided to attend key events, to deliver a report by the end of the year and to participate to several calls for fundings focusing on Climate Change.

Interview of Carlos Campos, leader of Task Force "Climate Change"

1/ Would you describe the main reasons why the task force on Climate change was recently created?

The initiative to create this Task Force came from the Board of the Platform. They felt the need to have a position for this driver, and make sure the issue was properly addressed in the discussions of the different pilots.

The link between Water and Energy is already a debated topic in other groups as the ones from the EWP, DHI, the Global Water Research and in EU programs. Other initiatives have been taken as well i.e. a specialist group on Climate Change (IWA) and conferences have recently been hold in Lisbon and in Barcelona. All this confirmed that the WssTP had to go further on that matter.

Read more on www.wsstp.eu



Two workshops in Genoa host by IRIDE

The "Urban pilot" and the Task Force "Climate Change" met in Genoa on June 15th-16th. The meeting was kindly host by IRIDE Group.

Reports will be post on the website for member by the end of the month.

ACQUEAU

Water Eureka Cluster

The first meeting to set the road map and strategy for the Eureka Cluster on water "ACQUEAU" was host by UKWIR in London, United Kingdom, on 4-5th June.

The working group established a draft for a "technology road mapping" in order to distribute to pilot members and experts. The objective is to define the priorities and strategic needs for the technological development. This road map will encompass water supply, sanitation, water use in agriculture and industry, and river basin management to develop solutions for the global water market. The WsSTP will also help ACQUEAU as a secretary and contact point during the preliminary phase until September 2010.



The SRA update

By the end of 2009, the WsSTP has to released the update of the SRA. The update doesn't mean a complete review of the content of the SRA but new recommendations adapted to the current context and new challenges. The process for reviewing the SRA has been launched within the pilots, MSMG and members per College. The WsSTP plans to provide its first recommendations to the DG Research mid-September and to release the update in December with an official publication of the Document in early 2010.

For more information, contact us.



New publication

The Annual Report in Magyar!

Following our meeting in Budapest, young engineers from MAVIZ with the cooperation of the Budapest Waterworks (Vízművek) translated our Annual report in the Hungarian language. www.wsstp.eu

PREPARED, a success!

PREPARED "Enabling Change" is a large scale Integrated Project on "Adaptation of Water Supply and Sanitation Systems to cope with Climate Change". The project proposal is currently being negotiated with Panagiotis Balabanis. PREPARED has been built around a consortium of WSSTP experts and originates from the thematic working group sustainable water management in urban areas. The project aims to gather urban utilities in Europe and worldwide that (will) have an advanced strategy in meeting the upcoming challenges for water supply and sanitation brought about by climate change. It provides a framework that links comprehensive research with development programmes in these utilities.

PREPARED has been built around 12 European and 2 non-European city utilities and their reserach partners. More detailed information will become available shortly.

PREPARED will start end of 2009/beginning 2010 and will last four years. We will regularly provide information on this website.

PREPARED is coordinated by KWR Watercycle Research Institute, project coordinator Adriana Hulsmann. PREPARED has a three-fold management team that besides Adriana consists of Anders Lynggaard-Jensen of DHI and Yann Moreau-Le Golvan of the KompetenzZentrum Wasser Berlin.

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Links

Source: Euractiv

Blueprint in Baltic region

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/environment/commission-tables-baltic-region-blueprint/article-183073>

Parliament voted EU water quality law

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/environment/parliament-vote-wraps-eu-water-quality-law/article-173404>

EU bathing waters

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/environment/eu-bathing-waters-get-passing-grade/article-182823>

Eureau will publish its statistics overview of the water sector in Europe on June 23rd

www.eureau.org &
<http://pr.euractiv.com/press-release/eureau-statistics-overview-water-sector-europe-10020>

Agriculture and climate change

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/cap/agriculture-seen-key-fighting-climate-change/article-182870>

Save the Date

October 29th-31st

Water and Energy

WsSTP will organize a workshop during the IWA conference in Copenhagen, Denmark including the presentation of the work of our pilots on this topic.

Agenda of the WsSTP

June 22nd

Meeting Suschem and Pilot "Industry",
In Brussels, Belgium

June 22nd

Meeting ERANET and WsSTP,
In Barcelona, Spain

June 22-24th

Expo 2009 APA
In Bucharest, Romania with ARA

June 23-24th

Workshop on "Costal Zones"
in Bilbao, Spain host by Labein Tecnalia

June 25-26th

Workshop on "Reclamation of
degraded zones" in Bilbao, Spain host
by Labein Tecnalia

June 29th

Board meeting
in Barcelona, Spain host by Agbar

June 29-30th

Workshop on "Manage Aquifer
Recharge" in Graz, Austria host by the
Joanneum Research Center

July 6-7th

Eureka meeting in Dresden, Germany

July 8-9th

Workshop on "Monitoring and
Sensors", in Delft, the Netherlands host
by Schlumberger