

A common vision for European Water Innovation



3rd Stakeholders event

Eco-Innovation, keys for European growth

In the context of the current crisis, the trend is “green”. Discussions of the Stakeholders event underlined the importance of investing in eco-innovation but also in assessing priorities in the broader context of potential decrease of research investments.

The debates of the WssTP accompanied a general trend of discussing impacts and potential of a green revolution.

- The **ETAP Forum** underlined the importance of Eco-Innovation.
- Janez Potočnik recently called for a “**Green Revolution**” using PPP. Read more on www.wsstp.eu, **Focus on Eco-Innovation**
- More collaboration for water competitiveness and economic growth, consult the **Final Report** of the stakeholders event, **Publications** on www.wsstp.eu



Coastal zones Towards the update of SRA

The WssTP 3rd Stakeholders event and the ETAP 6th European Forum on Eco-Innovation during the Wasser Berlin Trade & Fair were an opportunity for participants of the Pilot Programme ‘Coastal Zones’ to meet. The meeting was kindly hosted by the KompetenzZentrum Wasser Berlin on April 3rd, gathering participants from Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom and Turkey. Participants from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lebanon, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia and Slovenia that could not attend, mailed additional contributions.

The meeting was an opportunity to discuss how to update the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) as requested by the WssTP Board.

Based on the initial SRA, the needs & technologies defined thanks to the Implementation Cases in 2007 and 2008 and the contributions of the participants, workgroups are being constituted to update the SRA. Each participant presented a number of research and technology development

topics. All interested parties, including SMEs are invited to contribute and further efforts will be made to collaborate with existing initiatives such as IWRM-net, INBO, IWA... The objective is to deliver an updated document by September 2009 and present these recommendations to the DG Research, the DG Environment and the DG Enterprise & Industry before the official release of the SRA by the WssTP.

The mission of the Pilots being to execute the SRA, this update work will be used to draft a number of project proposals to fund the research and technology demonstrations at field sites. Proposals are to be finalized by the end of October 2009.

To achieve these two objectives, a workshop will be held in Bilbao on **the 23rd and 24th of June**, right before the meeting organized by the Pilot ‘reclamation of degraded zones’ on the 25th and 26th of June.

For more information, contact us.

Outcomes from Berlin

What are the main conclusions of the Stakeholders event held early April for the WssTP? How went the General Assembly of the WssTP? What are the main challenges for the WssTP regarding these events?

Read the interview of Diane d’Arras
<http://www.wsstp.eu>

MSMG New chair

The MSMG members gathered along with the stakeholders event in Berlin.

The meeting led to the nomination of a new temporary chair, Prof. Hans Zojer from Austria who will replace Robbert Droop. Robbert Droop animated the MSMG during six years and the WssTP will like to thank him for his continuing efforts and devotion to give energy and dynamism to the platform.

Last NEWS

Success for the KWB!

The Kompetenzzentrum Wasser Berlin organised two workshops during the Wasser Berlin week. The two days of "Final MBR-Network Workshop" gathered more than 200 international participants and the symposium on "Drinking Water Production and Resource Protection" attracted more than 80 participants mostly from Germany.

Check: www.kompetenz-wasser.de

Wasser Berlin

The edition of the Trade Fair Wasser Berlin was also successful with more exhibitors, larger area and more international participants.

The Wasser Berlin Fair and Congress published a useful tool on innovation:

http://www1.messe-berlin.de/vip8_1/website/Internet/Internet/www.wasser-berlin/englisch/Press_Service/Innovation_Report/index.jsp

Report from WWF

The WssTP reported on the "Water and Science session" of the World Water Forum (Istanbul, Turkey).

[More our website.](#)

Consult the traditional report of the UN:

<http://www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr/index.shtml>

Climate change

The European Water Partnership organized a conference on "Climate Change Adaptation and Water – The need for stronger cooperation in Europe" on 12 and 13 March, in Brussels. It gathered more than 170 participants. The discussions led to the conclusions for a need of greater collaboration.

More: www.ewp.eu



Research connection Display of our pilots programmes

The WssTP will participate to the Research Connection event organized by the DG Research in Prague on May 7-8. The WssTP has been selected to exhibit its achievements as an EU-funded project. With the collaboration of the Prague Water Company and Veolia Voda, the WssTP will exhibit a historic brass water meter from the 50s, a broken old cast iron pipe with incrusts, old and new gate valves. It will present information panels and simulation tools to illustrate the activities of our pilots programmes. Meet us on our stand n°2.

More: http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2009/rtd-2009/index_en.cfm

Annual General Assembly

The General Assembly was held on April 2nd in Berlin. It counted 22 members (out of 46).

22 new members have been approved confirming the regular growth of the WssTP since its creation.

The Chair, Diane d'Arras, described the main realizations in 2008 and early 2009. The Vice Chair, Xavier Chazelle, presented the main challenges for 2009 including raising the visibility of the platform, recruiting new members and the update of the SRA. The Treasurer, Mike Farrimond presented the financial report for 2008 and Durk Krol proposed the budget for 2009 that has been approved.

The Assembly ran the election by Colleges and nominated 4 new members:

- Theo van den Hoven, KWR, College B
- Ipo Ritsema, Deltares, College B
- Diane d'Arras, SUEZ Environnement, College A. She was renewed in her position of Chair of the WssTP
- Philippe Bréant, Veolia, College A
- Alain Rousse, UIE, College A
- Carlos Campos, Agbar, College A

Durk Krol was nominated Treasurer in replacement of Mike Farrimond.

Welcome!

Two new members joined the WssTP:

- **Agbar**
<http://www.agbar.es>
- **Leitat**
<http://www.leitat.org>

Agenda

April 23rd, 10 am – 4.30 pm

**"Sustainable Water Use in Industry"
Pilot workshop in Brussels**

5 May

Board meeting in Brussels

7-8 May

**Research Connection
In Prague, Czech Republic**



New Agenda of events
www.wsstp.eu

Links

- **Attract High Level Researcher**
<http://www.euractiv.com/en/science/higher-salaries-help-attract-top-researchers/article-181197>