

# A common vision for European Water Innovation



## The World of Water in Istanbul

The 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum



The WssTP is participating to the WWF by focusing on networking and participation to key sessions related to research and innovation in the water sector.

Many WssTP Board members are in Istanbul to meet key people from DSI, the General Directorate of the water, Turbitak, the Scientific and Research Technical Research Council of Turkey... They will make presentation on issues like the financing of research.

[Find out the Agenda on our website](#)



## Pilot Update

### First PCC meeting in 2009

The first Pilot Coordination Committee meeting was held in Brussels on February 27<sup>th</sup>. It was the first time that all the pilot managers gathered to discuss their activities.



During this meeting, each pilot leader presented his action plan for 2009. They expressed their concerns about the current perception and activity of the WssTP.

They had the opportunity to discuss with X. Chazelle, WssTP Vice Chair, who came to represent the Board

The Pilot leaders agreed to work on the update on the Strategic Research Agenda and to product their recommendations for September.

The WssTP will present the first results of this update in October.

Three new members also joined the PCC as "task-force" leaders. They will focus on specific and transversal topic on short to long term involvement for the WssTP. The first will work on "Climate change" and is led by C. Campos from Cetaqua. The second, led by G. Grützmaier from the Kompetenz Zentrum Wasser Berlin will examine "Managed Aquifer recharge". The third led by A. Tang from Environmental Knowledge Transfer Network, will focus on "Monitoring and sensors".

**For more information, contact us.**

## Water in Turkey

Key Figures

26	Hydrological basins
38,9	Md m <sup>3</sup> water consumption
120	Natural lakes
555	Large dam reservoirs
643	mm/m <sup>2</sup> of mean precipitation
7 816	km of total Length of Coastline
213 562	km <sup>3</sup> /yr of renewal water resources

Source : [DSI](#)

## Focus

### Turkish R&D

On 29 January 2009, the European Parliament celebrated the Turkish R&D Day.

This event underlined the growing involvement of Turkey in EU-funded projects and the potential of Turkey's future research potential.

Janos Potoczniak qualified this conference, "a promising partnership" underlying "the importance of a strong partnership between Turkey and the EU in research and technology".

[Read more on www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu)

Source: [Research Review](#)

## Last NEWS

### Evaluation of Research

The **EU**ropean **FO**rum on **R**esearch and **D**evelopment **I**mpact **A**ssessment (EUFORDIA) was held under the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU in Prague on 24 - 25 February, 2009.

The conference focused on the FP 6 evaluation and the impacts of the Frameworks Programmes. It supported the recommendations given by this report as for instance, efforts put by Member States to develop European Research Agenda. It encourages Member States to develop integrated tools, interactions and to evaluate the impacts of synergy on both research outcomes and the building of research capacity. In the end, it underlined the importance to extend future work based on evaluation results.

[www.eufordia2009.eu](http://www.eufordia2009.eu)

### New comers!

Two new members joined the WssTP:

- **Lonza**

<http://www.lonza.com>

- **CSTB**

<http://international.cstb.fr/>

The WssTP edit a new leaflet:

**Why join the WssTP?**

### Link

- **European Research Council**

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/science/commission-launch-european-research-council-review/article-179751>

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Stakeholders Event

### Check the Program!

The WssTP and the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA) are very pleased to invite the participants of the stakeholders' event to **visit the site of Marienfelde** near Berlin. This new large, and technically sophisticated test plant will welcome you for a two hours tour on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

To register: [wsstp@wsstp.eu](mailto:wsstp@wsstp.eu)

## J-15 days!



## Agenda

**16-22 March**

**World Water Forum**

Check our website!

**30 March -3 April**

**Wasser Berlin**

**1<sup>st</sup> April: 11.30 – 11.50 am**

**“Research meets Industry”**

**WssTP & German Water Partnership  
Industry forum, Messe Berlin**

**1<sup>st</sup> April: 1.30 – 6 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Stakeholders event**

**“Risks management and  
financial crisis in the water and  
sanitation sector”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April:**

**Visit of Marienfelde: 9 am – 1 pm**

**MSMG meeting: 10 am - 1 pm**

**General Assembly: 2.30 – 6 pm**

**2-3 April: 11 am – 5 pm**

**ETAP 6<sup>th</sup> Forum in Berlin**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April: 8.30 am – 12 pm**

**“Coastal Zones”**

**Pilot workshop in Berlin**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April: 10 am – 4.30 pm**

**“Sustainable Water Use in Industry”**

**Pilot workshop in Brussels**

### All aboard!

*Main decisions from last  
Board held March 10<sup>th</sup>*

1. Meeting with Hungarian stakeholders. The Board met 5 representatives including from the Ministry of Environment and Water, Budapest water utilities, the water and health institute. The meeting was host by the Magyar Víziközmű Szövetség, the Hungarian Water Utility Association: [www.maviz.org](http://www.maviz.org)

2. Internal rules: the Board will work on rules of management for the pilots programmes.

3. The Board has decided that the name of WssTP will be changed. A list of names will be proposed to the General Assembly for discussion. The change of name will accompany the change of logo of the platform.

4. The pilot “Reclamation of degraded zones” will be led by H. Duel from Deltares with E. Feliu from Labein Tecnalia.