

A common vision for European Water Innovation



Pilot 5

a new Tandem

In March, the Board nominated Harm DUEL from DELTARES to become the new leader for the Pilot on "Reclamation of Degraded Zones" in collaboration with Efrén FELIU from LBEIN TECNALIA who was appointed Vice-Chair of the Pilot 5.

Together, they will bring a complementary approach to lead the group towards new results.

Together, they answered few questions to describe their objectives and expectations from their **next workshop in Bilbao on June 25-26th**.

Read more on www.wsstp.eu



Research Connection

European researchers met in Prague

The Research Connection 2009 is a major event on EU research programmes. It brings European researchers and industry together to promote scientific excellence. It gathered more than 600 participants from all over Europe including more than 80 speakers and 47 exhibitors of EU funded projects.

More about the event on www.wsstp.eu

What? New Panels on our pilots

The WssTP presented pipes, water meters, valves and simulation of urban flooding on its stand n°28. [More: www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu)



Where? Focus on Czech Republic

The event was an opportunity to meet researchers and universities, [Report on networking available for members](#), from new European Countries... And in particular, Czech Republic! [More: www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu)



Who? Focus on DG Research

The work of the Directorate-General is directed towards the creation of a Europe of knowledge. The WssTP cooperates with the department on "Environmental Technology & Pollution Prevention". [More: www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu)



Industry

Building bridges and new research topics

The members of the Pilot "Water in Industry" met on April 23rd. The meeting was kindly held by the European Water Partnership and organised in collaboration with TNO. The **14 participants** who attended, were coming from Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden.

The meeting started with an update on the latest activities of the WssTP by Pilot Coordinator Boris Lesjean. A. de Reus presented the view of **NALCO on the challenging issue "water and energy"**. She presented the activities and projects led by NALCO. She underlined the drivers involved in the development of new innovations which are customer demands, legislative commitments and financial issues. The group further discussed the importance of "water and energy" challenges. They all agreed that the group will form a task force and organise a workshop focusing on "water

and energy" targeting technology aspects.

Related to this discussion, Albert Jansen and Willy van Tongeren reported on the last workshop held in Vienna. The working group established a list of **10 research topics** which highlighted the importance on "energy production from waste and water", "energy savings by water recovery", "treatment at process conditions", "energy efficient process water treatment systems" or "energy efficient water based processes". The debates led to find out possible synergies on different other topics with other pilots activities as sludge or climate change.

The other main conclusion was the possible collaboration with **Suschem, the European technology platform for sustainable chemistry** and with the **European Membrane House**. For the former, the group has already begun to set up a framework of collaboration and road map that will allow

them to get to concrete steps and actions. Following these discussions, the group further exchanged on potential subjects to extend the group activities to new members which included the Food for Life European Technology Platform, and Biomining, the European Technology Platform for biomineral production.

The next meeting will be held in Brussels on 16 or 17 September. It will further work on developing collaboration with the urban pilot on "water and energy" with a specific interest on sludge, to report on the **AquaFitForUse** project and to push efforts to recruit new members in the WssTP.

For more information, contact us.

NEWS

Technology Strategy Board

The Technology Strategy Board, the UK's national innovation agency held its first conference in Brussels on "Investing in Innovation for the future". This event was the occasion to present their different research projects and platforms focusing on innovation, low impact buildings or carbon vehicles.

More about... www.innovateuk.org



LIFE+

Calls are opened!

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU, as well as in some candidate, acceding and neighbouring countries. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed some 2,750 projects, contributing approximately €1.35 billion to the protection of the environment.

More:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/>



CALL for CANDIDATURE

The Task Force "Sensors and Monitoring" is looking for a new Leader. Task Forces are working groups handling cross-cutting issues of several Pilot Programmes.

We are seeking for a candidate to take over the current working group, who started to review current R&D projects and to identify future needs and projects. His/her first task will be to co-organise and chair the next workshop of the group on 8-9 July 2009, kindly hosted by Schlumberger in Delft, The Netherlands. Candidates must be proposed by a corporate member of WssTP and **must send their curriculum before May 31st**.

For more information, contact us

A new working area!

The website of the WssTP www.wsstp.eu continues to progress and to improve to provide relevant and useful information for its members. Members have received a first letter containing information on calls for May 2009 and can also access to a library containing reports produced by pilots and communication tools on the WssTP.

**If you are member and you didn't get this information,
Please contact us.**



Last Board

After a short discussion on outcomes from the last stakeholders event in Berlin, Board Members held an active meeting considering several key subjects for the WssTP.

1/ Update of the SRA

The Board agreed to elaborate a guideline form to launch the process of updating the SRA addressing the pilots programmes, members and associate members in order to better conduct the future recommendations to deliver to the European Commission.

2/ Rules of Procedures

The Board agreed on creating rules of procedures including the description of the role of different bodies including the secretariat, the PCC, pilot programme, task-force and MSMG.

3/ Collaboration with ETPs

The Board agreed to formalize its collaboration with Suschem and decided to encourage pilot programmes to develop collaboration with ETPs.

4/ Calls for FP7

The Board discussed the different aspects of the upcoming FP7 to be published in July.

5/ Recruiting members

The Board identified several areas where new members should be recruited.

The next board will be held on **June 29th in Barcelona in order to meet Spanish stakeholders.**

Agenda

Towards a busy June

June 4th – 5th

Workshop on ACQUEAU
in London, United Kingdom

June 15-16th

Workshops on "Urban Pilot" and
"Climate Change"
In Genova, Italy with Iride

June 23-24th

Expo 2009 APA
In Bucharest, Roumania with ARA

June 23-26th

Workshops on "Costal Zones" and
"Reclamation of degraded zones"
In Bilbao, Spain with Labein Tecnalia

June 29th

Board meeting in Barcelona, Spain

June 29-30th

Workshop on "Managed Aquifer
Recharge" in Graz, Austria



Links

Biodiversity and rural areas

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/environment/eu-rural-development-policies-failing-deliver-biodiversity/article-182140>

Shift to low-water economy

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/sustainability/veolia-calls-shift-low-water-economy/article-181446>

Water, a priority for Paper Industry

<http://pr.euractiv.com/press-release/water-%E2%80%93-priority-european-paper-industry-9509>

Water we eat

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/cap/eu-study-sheds-light-water-eat/article-181495>