

# A common vision for European Water Innovation

November 2009



## THE STRATEGIC RESEARCH AGENDA WAITING FOR YOUR COMMENTS!

The major mission of the WssTP in 2009 was to update the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) in order to provide actualised recommendations to DG RTD. Since the beginning of the year, the WssTP has launched an internal process of consultation among its Committees and went through reviewing the SRA. Thanks to the strong involvement and collaboration of the members of the Pilot Programme Committee and the Member State Mirror Group, the WssTP is pleased to present the first version of the update of the SRA 2009 for public consultation. Your comments are welcomed by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009**. Download the document on our website: [www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu)



## FALL FOR ECO INNOVATION AND GREEN GROWTH

To create the conditions towards a low-carbon economy, there is strong need to create competitive advantages to develop businesses by investing in new sources of sustainable growth. It implies to strengthen efforts and R&D to boost eco-innovation. During the last month, the European Commission supported two events on eco-innovation and is setting the 7<sup>th</sup> ETAP Forum in Copenhagen, a few days before the World Summit on Climate Change. This event is a clear signal of the will of the EC to reinforce the competitiveness of our economy based on environmental technologies.

- **“International Forum of R&D for Eco-innovation: Research for combining environmental priorities with economic opportunities”** on October 22-23<sup>rd</sup> in Katowice, Poland. This event intended to identify, discuss, prioritise and recommend research needs for eco-innovations through a participative workshop. One aim of the event was to prepare the future Work programmes of FP7 and the ERA-Net Research for Eco-Innovation proposal. The WssTP presented recommendations on “Alternative water resources”. <http://www.envitech-net.org/>
- **“Strengthening the role of R&D in boosting eco-innovation and eco-efficiency”**. The DG RTD organized a workshop on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Brussels to present the vision of the DG on eco-innovation and to discuss research needs and priorities in order to promote the development and diffusion of eco-innovation in different sectors across Europe.
- **“The 7th ETAP Forum on eco-innovation”** will take place in Copenhagen on November 23-24<sup>th</sup>. The conference will bring together key policy makers and practitioners to: showcase the best of emerging practice on policy and action at national, regional and local levels; explore the role of eco-innovation, new collaborative approaches and financial mechanisms to ensure effective and sustainable responses; enable the cross fertilization of ideas and experiences among participants; make recommendations to the EU and Member States in setting future frameworks to support adaptation measures.

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoinnovation2009/2nd\\_forum/](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoinnovation2009/2nd_forum/)





## TWO NEW TASK FORCES

### Call for candidatures

The Board has decided to create two new Task Forces and is looking for two leaders to coordinate the missions of each Task-Force. "Task Forces" are working groups handling cross-cutting issues of several Pilot Programmes. They are created to tackle specific topic during a limited duration of time to provide R&D recommendation and state-of-the-arts to conciliate or complement the activities of the Pilot Programmes.

#### 1/ 2010 mission of Task Force leader "Water and Energy"

- Contribute to workshop on 4-5 January 2010 as planned by the Pilot Industry
- Coordinate the activities with the Task Force members
- Collaborate with EEA, IWA working group and industry on this topic
- Organise a follow-up workshop in course of 2010
- Provide a report by the end of 2010 to DG RTD with recommendations on R&D needs
- Represent the Task Force and report to Pilot Coordination Committee
- Explore opportunities of R&D projects for members

#### 2/ 2010 mission of Task Force leader "Membrane technologies for water applications"

- Coordinate the activities with the Task Force members and with the Water Cluster of the European Membrane House
- Organise at least one workshop in the first semester of 2010
- Provide a joint WssTP / EMH report by the end of 2010 to DG RTD with recommendations on R&D needs
- Represent the Task Force and report to Pilot Coordination Committee
- Explore opportunities of R&D projects for members

Candidates must be proposed by a corporate member of WssTP and must send their curriculum **before December 7<sup>th</sup>** for Board examination (December 14<sup>th</sup>)

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The Pilot Industry will meet again on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2009. One goal will be to prepare the workshop on **"WATER AND ENERGY" on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Brussels, Belgium**. They will also further work to progress on the different collaborations with other technology platforms including SUSCHEM.

Regarding this rich activity, Albert Jansen and Willy van Tongeren from TNO explained the different actions of their pilot: the tools for a better industrial management of water in industry; how to reduce environmental impacts of industrial activities; the various subjects to investigate water and energy research topics; to foster collaboration with other ETPs... Read their interview. <http://www.wsstp.eu/content/default.asp?PageId=417>

### On Board

The Board of the WssTP met in Copenhagen on 28<sup>th</sup> November in the offices of the European Environmental Agency.

They mainly discussed the content of the SRA, the ERANET on water, the next MSMG meeting and the progress of the Eureka Cluster.

They agreed to create two new Task Forces and to change the logo of the WssTP.

### Meeting with the EEA

The Board started a discussion with Jacqueline McGlade, the Executive Director of the EEA. They agreed to start collaborating by the following potential actions in 2010.

1. Organise with key entities and representatives of the European Commission in order to put water ahead in the political agenda.
2. Offer showcase to confirm data provided by the EEA and supplement information through the work of the pilot programmes of the WssTP.
3. Collaborate on the future Task Force on "Water and Energy".

### A NEW LOGO



The European Water Platform

The WssTP changed its logo to create a new dynamic and to affiliate its activities with the European Commission.

### Agenda

#### WssTP

November 24-25<sup>th</sup>

ETAP Forum  
in Copenhagen, Denmark

November 26<sup>th</sup>

Workshop of Pilot Industry  
in Brussels, Belgium

December 7<sup>th</sup>

Meeting of MSMG  
in Brussels, Belgium

December 10<sup>th</sup>

Workshop on "Sensors & Monitoring"  
in Barcelona, Spain

**DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS**  
**ON THE SRA UPDATE**

December 14<sup>th</sup>

Board Meeting  
in Paris, France

January 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Workshop on "Water & Energy"  
in Brussels, Belgium

January 6<sup>th</sup>

PCC meeting  
in Brussels, Belgium

January 14<sup>th</sup>

Board meeting  
in Brussels, Belgium

**For more events:**

[www.wsstp.eu/content/default.asp?PageId=270&LanguageId=0](http://www.wsstp.eu/content/default.asp?PageId=270&LanguageId=0)