

# A common vision for European Water Innovation



## From Stockholm to Copenhagen Water & Climate Change

The World Water Week in Stockholm has gathered more than 2.500 participants coming from 130 countries and 175 convening organisations.

Each year, the Stockholm Water Prize rewards outstanding achievement in water-related activities. For 2009, Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, founder of the Sulabh Sanitation Movement in India was rewarded.

<http://www.worldwaterweek.org/sa/node.asp?node=474>

During the World Water Week, water experts and political leaders called for water to be a key part of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen this December.

**The WssTP will make a presentation on "Climate Change, Water and Energy: formulating a R&D based EU concept for actions" during the [IWA Water and Energy](#)**

**More on Euractiv:**

[Water experts pour on pressure for Copenhagen deal](#)

[Policy section : Climate Change](#)

## Sensors and Monitoring

### Deliver recommendations for Env-2011

Kerry Thomas and Pierre Sacareau held on July 8-9 their first workshop for the Task Force Sensors and Monitoring in Delft, the Netherlands. The meeting was kindly host by Schlumberger Water. They first presented what they believed to be the objectives, deliverables and timeframe of the task force. The group agreed to concentrate on finalizing the report initiated at the Oxford Workshop in 2008, to contribute to the SRA update and produce recommendations on R&D challenges for 'sensors & monitoring' in the water sector for recommendation to European Commission. The group will meet for a new workshop on **October 27-28<sup>th</sup> in Barcelona, Spain** to finalise the report which will be distributed to DG RTD.

Read the interview of Kerry Thomas and Pierre Sacareau:

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

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## FP7 2010

### EU turns to Africa

Two Information Days on FP7 Calls in Brussels, Belgium on 17-18<sup>th</sup> October.

**More:**

[http://cordis.europa.eu/guidance/event\\_en.html#EnvironmentInformationDay](http://cordis.europa.eu/guidance/event_en.html#EnvironmentInformationDay)

EU-African Union Scientific Partnership:

€63 million to support research for Africa

**More:**

[http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article\\_8927\\_en.htm](http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article_8927_en.htm)

J. Potocniz visited Africa to boost Science partnerships between African Union and European Union

**More:**

[http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article\\_8966\\_en.htm](http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article_8966_en.htm)

[http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article\\_8971\\_en.htm](http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article_8971_en.htm)

The WssTP will hold **its first workshop on MDGs** during the 1<sup>st</sup> IWA Development Congress on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 1 to 3 pm. This workshop is organised in cooperation with Vewin.

**More:** <http://www.iwa2009mexico.org/workshops.asp>

### The networking event between Europe and Africa in Vienna, Austria

During this event held by the DG Research, Andrea Tilche, Head of Unit, presented the different activities of the European Commission under FP7 but also, the general orientations and key challenges related to water and sanitation issues. He further explained the main goals of FP5, FP6 and FP7. In this regard, he underlined the role of the WssTP as a concrete answer on technological aspects for FP7.

This event was an opportunity for several cooperation projects funded by the European Commission to describe their activities and results.

**The WssTP made a presentation of its activities** during the round table on international networks. It was an opportunity to meet African partners and other water funded projects on Africa under FP6.

**More:** <http://www.b2match.com/watervienna09/>

## Focus on Sludge

The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety (VKM) released a report on "Risk assessment of contaminants in sewage sludge applied on Norwegian soils". This comprehensive and multi-parameter risk assessment performed by the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety concludes that the use of sewage sludge is not expected to constitute a significant risk to the aquatic environment nor to food producing animals. The Panel does not consider neither the risk associated with the use of sewage sludge as soil conditioner for the dietary intake (including drinking water) of the assessed contaminants to be of significance for the general population. This sound scientific investigation demonstrates that providing basic care in the implementation, the practice of land application of municipal sewage sludge is reasonable and sustainable. This public document can be downloaded at <http://www.vkm.no> or **contact us**.

## PILOT 6

### A twin chair, the recipe for success

Following the successful experience of twining chairs for pilot programme, the Board has nominated two new chairs to coordinate the Pilot 6 "Hydro-Climatic Events".

Alan Jenkins, Water Science Director of the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in the UK and Cees van de Gucht, Manager Section on Climate Adaptation and Risk Management for Deltares in the Netherlands. Mike Butts will remain a member of the pilot for DHI, Denmark.

## Welcome

The WssTP welcomes one new member in Category B:

**FHNW**

University of Applied Sciences  
Northwestern Switzerland

[www.fhnw.ch](http://www.fhnw.ch)

## PCC Meeting

### The update of the SRA

The WssTP Pilot Coordination Committee (PCC) gathered for his second annual meeting in Brussels on 15 September 2009. Xavier Chazelle, Vice-Chair, represented the Board and introduced the rules of procedures to clarify and to facilitate the organisation and role of the PCC. He also developed the achievements of the platform since last February 2009. The pilot leaders introduced their progress and reported on the update of the SRA as well as the three Task Force leaders.

Boris Lesjean, Chair of the PCC, further moderated a discussion on the structure and content of the updated SRA. The group concluded the meeting on the organisation of the next meeting with representatives of the European Commission to be held in DG Research on 12 October 2009. The next PCC will be organised early January before the first board meeting in 2010.

**For more information, contact us**

## DG Environment

The Chair of the WssTP, Diane d'Arras, officially met Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Unit for Water, Chemicals and Cohesion, Head of Protection of Water and Marine Environment, and Helmut Bloech, Head of Water Sector Protection in DG Environment.

This meeting was a first step for the WssTP to formally collaborate with DG Environment on common subjects. They both agreed to further work on common issues in the update of the SRA, water quality, agriculture and the MDGs.

## Links

Techneau: watch the video  
[www.techneau.org/index.php?id=145](http://www.techneau.org/index.php?id=145)

Aquafit4Use : their first newsletter  
[www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu)  
[www.aquafit4use.eu](http://www.aquafit4use.eu)

### **Euractiv**

Water sustainable business  
<http://www.euractiv.com/en/sustainability/water-business-sustainability/article-173757>

Innovation top of the Agenda  
<http://www.euractiv.com/en/innovation/minister-keep-innovation-high-eu-agenda/article-184509>

### **Other**

International cooperation website  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm>



## Agenda

### WssTP

#### September 17<sup>th</sup>

Workshop Pilot in Industry,  
in Brussels, Belgium

#### September 17-18<sup>th</sup>

FP7 Info Day  
in Brussels, Belgium

#### October 12<sup>th</sup>

Meeting WssTP – European Commission  
In Brussels, Belgium

#### October 13<sup>th</sup>

Meeting ETPs  
In Brussels, Belgium

#### October 27-28<sup>th</sup>

Workshop on Sensors and Monitoring  
in Barcelona, Spain

#### October 28<sup>th</sup>

Board Meeting  
in Copenhagen, Denmark

#### October 29-31<sup>th</sup>

Presentation during IWA Water & Energy  
on "Climate Change, Water and Energy"  
in Copenhagen, Denmark

## SAVE THE DATE

### November 10<sup>th</sup>

Workshop on "Water and Energy"  
in Brussels, Belgium

### For more events:

<http://www.wsstp.eu/content/default.asp?PageId=270&LanguageId=0>