

**PROGRAMME**

EIP Water Annual Conference 2013 – 21. November 2013 – European Parliament, Brussels

Time	Subject	Speaker
08.30	<b>Registration and coffee</b>	
10.00	<b>Opening</b>	Marianne Wenning (Director Quality of Life, Water & Air, DG Environment, European Commission)
10.10	<b>Welcome</b>	Andrew Walker, Conference Moderator
10.20	<b>EIP Water and innovation, quick wins and long-term benefits</b>	Mr Tomás Michel (President, WssTP)
10.45	<b>Fast-tracking innovation and how to speed up the process of bringing innovation to the water market?</b>	Djeevan Schiferli (Business Development Executive, IBM)
11.10	<b>Driving innovation at the regional level: How organisations are cooperating in regions that have given water a “smart specialization” priority</b>	Regional representatives, including Antonello Antonicelli (Head of the Department for Water, Environment and Public works of Regione Puglia) and Hans Konst (Vice Governor of the Province of Fryslân)
11.35	<b>EIP Water Action Groups activities and challenges</b>	Representatives of the nine EIP Water Action Groups, including Laurent Bellet (Water & Energy Specialist, EDF), Richard Elelman (Head of Public Administration Projects, Fundació CTM), Carlos M. Gómez (Professor of Economics, Universidad de Alcalá), Albert Jansen (Project Manager, TNO), Pieter de Jong (Wetsus EU Liaison Officer), Frank van Lamoen (Coordinator International Affairs for the Department of Nature, Environment and Water; Provincie Noord-Brabant, Directie Ecologie), Ignacio Martín (CIRCE Foundation-Research Centre for Energy Resources and Consumption, University of Zaragoza), Aurora Seco (Professor, Universitat de València) and Guillermo Zaragoza (Senior Researcher, Plataforma Solar de Almería, CIEMAT)
12.30	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14.00	<b>Horizon 2020 as an opportunity for innovation in water Update and most recent information about the Horizon 2020 financing framework</b>	Kurt Vandenberghe (Director, DG Research and Innovation)
14.25	<b>How to bring innovation to the market</b>	Fiona Griffith (Isle Utilities)
14.45	<b>“EIP Water’s got talent” – Candidates pitch their innovation to a panel of expert judges</b>	Innovators, including Daniel Fernández Hevia (Project leader at the Photo-catalysis Group of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canarias, Founder and CEO of Watergy s.l.); Dr Armando Afonso, InTherN Hydric Efficiency (HP AG031), E.M. (Guus) Pelzer (MMO, Director Waterschapsbedrijf Limburg), and Hans van Breugel, Energy & Waterworks: Energizing Sustainable Deltas)  Expert Panel, including Cees Buisman (Member of the Executive Board of Wetsus), Bernard Guirkingier (Senior advisor to the CEO, Suez Environnement) and Harald Schölzel (Senior Engineer and Deputy Technical Advisor, European Investment Bank). Moderated by Fiona Griffith (Isle Utilities).
15.25	<b>Export opportunities – China and India</b>	Henrik Dissing (Head of European Secretariat, China Europe Water Platform) and Monish Verma (Environment Sector Specialist, European Business Technology Centre)
15.55	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Commissioner Janez Potočnik, DG Environment
16.10	<b>Networking marketplace</b>	Note: snacks and drinks will be provided
17:30	<b>End of conference</b>	