

A common vision for European Water Innovation



Dear WssTP friends,

Only a month to go! WssTP is in full preparations to welcome you all to its annual stakeholder conference that will be happening from the 24th to 26th of June at the Diamant Centre in Brussels.



Improving on previous editions, this year's Water Innovation Europe 2015 conference will feature, as you might expect, an exciting agenda of top-notch speakers and compelling sessions. We are now fine-tuning the final edition of the agenda that will become available within the next week.

WssTP also held its board meeting on 19th of May 2015. During the meeting, the new strategy for the coming two years 2015-2017 was unanimously adopted by the Board. The strategy will be officially presented at the WssTP Annual General Meeting that will take place on 26th of June in the context of Water Innovation Europe 2015 conference. At the General Meeting, all positions of the board will be also up for (re)election for a term of 2 years.

WssTP working groups are important and so is their progress, and high quality work. WssTP is currently working on the preparation of a special handbook for all WssTP Working Groups. The handbook will provide a useful point of reference for the WG leaders and members, with the aim to promote a better understanding of the WG structure and expectations. We intend to provide a guide on how to run successfully a Working group. In the meantime, WssTP WG Shale Gas is publishing three reports, which summarize the Working Group's work on three different topics over the last months. For more details, read the article below.

In the context of the water sector's coordinated approach to raise the profile of water in the EU Commissioners' portfolios, after meeting previously with Karmenu VELLA, Phil HOGAN and Carlos MOEDAS, WssTP and the key water organisations have met since our last newsletter with EU Commissioner Neven MIMICA for International Cooperation and Development, and with the cabinets of EU Commissioner Miguel ARIAS-Cañete for Climate Action & Energy and of EU Commissioner Günther Oettinger for Digital Economy & Society.

WssTP keeps expanding! Only this month we had 4 new members joining our family and bringing our total number to 137. As Water Innovation Europe 2015 is coming closer and closer, we count on everyone's presence and contribution to make our conference another big success! Looking forward to seeing you all in 4 weeks in Brussels!

Tomas Michel, WssTP President



Water Innovation Europe 2015

All you need to know about
the must conference of the
water sector!

Water Innovation Europe 2015 is just around the corner! WssTP annual stakeholder conference will be dedicated to **'The role of water in the circular economy'** and will take place from the **24th to 26th of June in Brussels**. This year's edition is expected to welcome more than 200 participants from all over Europe.



Why should you be there?

- Join the discussion and add your voice to the hot topic **'The role of water in the circular economy'**.
- Make direct contact with EU-level decision makers and leading actors and companies from across the whole water value chain.
- Gain a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities for water in the circular economy concept.
- Get the chance to hear from top expert speakers of the European water sector.
- Benefit from targeted networking and extra speed dating sessions.
- Meet the winners of the prestigious **WssTP SME Awards**.



What does the conference offer?

- More than 30 distinguished speakers and panellists.
- Exclusive knowledge-filled sessions focused on key areas of the water sector: **Industry, Agriculture, Cities**.
- Special session on Market Opportunities outside Europe.
- Presentation of the most outstanding FP7 and H2020 projects.
- Exhibition floor with projects and companies, showcasing their work.
- The 2nd edition of WssTP SME Awards.



Who will be there?

Water Innovation Europe 2015 will bring together all the aspects of the water sector: scientists and technology developers, utility representatives, large water users, European and national/ regional policy makers and finance experts.

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WssTP WG Shale Gas reports published!

EU-India: New funding opportunities for water R&I

After months of work, WssTP WG Shale Gas is proud to publish its three new reports. The reports are mainly summarizing the Working Group's work on the following three different topics:

- State of the art: best practices for Flowback water, Produced Water and Wastewater treatment- Identification of the missing technologies and needs for research
- Definition of a monitoring strategy in relation to the technologies involved as well as to the identified risks - Identification of the missing technologies and needs for research
- Specifications of an impact assessment study to be used for authorization procedures

A Europe-India network is growing between researchers, innovators and private companies, with the purpose of sharing experiences and expertise and improving new collaborations, research projects and start-up.

Promotion of collaborations between Europe and India in the field of environmental sustainability – specifically addressing challenges of water decontamination of polluted waters and soils: is the main goal of **TECO – Technological Eco-Innovations for the Quality Control of Polluted Waters and Soils**. The new EU co-funded project has an opportunity:

The summaries of each report are now available on WssTP website. To receive the full report, please mail wssstp@wssstp.eu

1. To boost collaboration between the EU and India, specifically in the field of technological eco-innovations for the decontamination of polluted waters and soils. The project opens new opportunities **for mobility and collaboration schemes and exchange programmes in research and innovation between EU and India**.
2. **To stimulate new opportunities of joint EU-India research involving the private sector and SMEs** to deliver appropriate local-context adjusted solutions reinforcing the link among various local actors in the project objective field.
3. **To increase networking, information sharing and new partnerships building** among target groups and stakeholders via match-making opportunities, conferences and events in the EU and India.



EIP Water Conference 2016

Leeuwarden/Ljouwert, The Netherlands – 10
February 2016

The 2016 Conference of the European Innovation Partnership on Water (EIP Water) will be held on 10 February 2016 in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, announced the EIP Water, a European Initiative led by the Directorate General for the Environment of the European Commission, yesterday.

In early March this year the EIP Water had launched a competition for host cities and Conference partners of its 2016 Conference: the city of Leeuwarden was selected out of five very competitive proposals.

Leeuwarden scored highest in almost all criteria for selecting the host city and Conference Partner such as strong institutional and private sector involvement, political buy-in as well as synergies with ongoing EU research and innovation projects in the water sector. Participants of the one-day EIP Water Conference on 10 February 2016 will be able to find out about these unique features of Leeuwarden as well as a series of side events and site visits preceding and following the Conference. *To learn more, please visit the EIP Water website.*

The first call will open the **31st of July 2015** and will close on the **15th of September 2015**. The Italian National Research Council (CNR) coordinates a mobility project from the whole Europe towards India, funded by the European Union, to support ideas and researches about water and soil conservation. The people exchange programme is dedicated to researchers, engineers, innovation managers and entrepreneurs. A scientific joint Indo-Italian committee will select the projects. The mobility programme will start from January 2016. All information and submission forms are available on Tecoproject website. Contact: teco.project@cnr.it

Welcome 4 new members!

Increase your chances
to succeed in 2015

Calls- Horizon 2020!



Join WssTP!

WssTP counts now 137 members, a constant growth since its creation in 2007. As a WssTP member, you can have a European impact on the EU Water RTD&I strategy and be benefited from numerous services including:

- Networking workshops and brokerage events
Information on the latest news about calls for proposals and relevant EU policy
- Take a leading role in one of our working groups
- Contribute to the shaping of relevant EU policy and the priority setting for public funding, research and innovation at EU level.

For more information, please contact [Durk Krol](#) !



LabFerrer, Spain

LabFerrer is an SME, composed of Agricultural Engineers, Graduates in Biology and Pharmacy Technicians and Electronics. LabFerrer is an international scope company, accustomed to working in partnership with all kinds of professional and domestic companies. LabFerrer provides services of irrigation management, footprint and efficiency assessment as well as applied research. *For more information, please click [here](#).*



Rijkswaterstaat
Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Milieu

Rijkswaterstaat,
The Netherlands

Rijkswaterstaat is part of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and responsible for the design, construction, management and maintenance of the main infrastructure facilities in the Netherlands. Water related activities of Rijkswaterstaat are: retaining or storing water supplies, dynamic maintenance of the coastline using sand replenishment, strengthening dikes, dividing water and regulating low and high water, prevention and curtailing of surface water contamination, eco-friendly management of water systems and banks. *For more information, please click [here](#).*



REGENERA, Spain

Established in 2007, REGENERA is a Spanish SME focuses on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and the environment. Over the years REGENERA has worked on many different kinds of facilities and projects, and as it gained experience it turned towards the industrial field, a much more competitive and complicated sector. The business focuses on the areas of: - Energy Efficiency (ESCO) and renewable energy - R&D projects - Automation - Water & Waste - Infrastructures. Building. O&M. *For more information, please click [here](#).*



Aguas de Portugal, Portugal

AdP Group is the leading group operating in the environmental sector in Portugal and its mission is to contribute to the pursuit of national objectives in the water supply, wastewater sanitation and treatment and recovery of waste, within a framework of economic, financial, technical, social and environmental sustainability. The activities of its companies include water collection, treatment, storage and supply while following the highest of quality patterns; collection, treatment and disposal of urban and industrial wastewater, including its recycling and reuse in an environmental safe manner; and waste treatment and recovery. *For more information, please click [here](#).*

AGENDA

2nd June 2015

'Nature-Based Solutions: bridging the gap between research and innovation on biodiversity and ecosystem services'

2nd June 2015

Pharmaceuticals in the environment, EP

3rd-5th June 2015

Green Week 2015

Nature: Our health- Our wealth

8th-9th June 2015

SusChem Stakeholder Event

9th June 2015

Open Innovation SME Workshop and Brokerage Event

10th-12th June 2015

EuroNanoForum 2015
Riga, Latvia

15th June 2015

Visualizing Energy 2015

24th -26th June 2015

Water Innovation Europe 2015,
Brussels

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