



TITLE CONFERENCE: Project Management, Best Practices and European Policy on Water issues

Venue: Residence Palace, room Maelbeek

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FOSTERING the participation of the European regions in the different EU programmes dealing with water issues: This will be the main goal of the seminar **Project Management, Best Practices and European Policy on Water issues**, organized jointly by the European project **Interregional Partnership Platform** and the **European Waterregio Network**, that will be held in Brussels next Thursday 19 April.

The **European Waterregio Network** (www.waterregio.net) is a platform of exchange of ideas, experiences and best practices in the field of water management and optimization of water resources. The essence of this network is its methodological approach to the identification of proposals and the partner search in common projects, financed either by the EU or by other bodies, in the field of water. Waterregio partners come from the Valencian Region, Murcia Region (ES), Piemonte, Veneto, Friuli – Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Sardinia (IT), Central Macedonia (GR), Istria (CRO) and Prahova (RO), and there are observers from other Spanish, Italian, Greek and Hungarian regions.

On the other hand, the **Interregional Partnership Platform** is one of the 18 subprojects funded by the Interreg IIIC South Regional Framework Operation Perspective 2007-2013 (www.perspective2013.info). Four regions participate in this initiative: the Valencian Region (ES), Region Centre (FR), Saxony-Anhalt (DE) and Eszak-Alfold (HU). The subproject aims at developing joint projects initiatives on the following themes: water resource management, sustainable transport, automotive clustering, waste management and energy efficiency.

Contents of the seminar:

- The Communication on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive
- State of the works on the Communication on Draught and Water Scarcity
- Workshop on water projects: Life +, Interreg IVC & 7FP Programmes
- Best Practices

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EUROPEAN NETWORK WATERREGIO - ANNUAL MEETING

- 9h00** Election of the Steering Committee of Waterregio and approval of the record of the 1st year of activity (closed-doors meeting)
- 10h30** Registration of participants
- 11h15** Opening session: Presentation of Waterregio.
- 11h30** **Morning session: Policy issues**
- The Communication on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive; state of the works on the Communication on Draught and Water Scarcity; common position of the Network Waterregio. **SPEAKERS:**
- **Ms Stephanie Croguennec**, DG Environment (to be confirmed)
 - **Mr Millán Millán**, Director of the Mediterranean Centre for Environmental Studies
 - **Mr Georges Zalidis**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
 - **Mr Juan José Morenilla**, Valencian Entity of Sewage Water (to be confirmed)
 - **Mr José Alberto Comos**, Director of Fundación Agua y Progreso

13h00 **LUNCH BREAK**

INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM WORKSHOP

- 14h30** **Afternoon session: Workshop on water projects**
- PROGRAMMES:**
- **Mr Santiago Urquijo**, DG Environment – Life + Programme
 - **Mr John Walsh**, DG Regio - Interreg IVC Programme (to be confirmed)
 - **Mr Leonardo Piccinetti**, Emilia-Romagna Region RTD officer, 7th Framework Programme
- 15h30** Project Forum Corner
- 16h30** **Closed-doors meeting: Interregional Partnership Platform partners**

Possibility of parallel meetings

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