

European Cities for Water

How cities can contribute to safeguarding Europe's water resources

Date: 22 March 2011 (14:30 – 17:00)

Venue: Committee of the Regions, Room JDI 51

**Organised by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
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Goals of the event:

- Identifying the links and synergies between European water policies and water management at local level
- Raising attention to key water issues in European cities

DRAFT AGENDA (as of 8 March 2011)

14:30 Opening and welcome
MEP Richard SEEBER, President EP Intergroup Water
Gerhard STAHL, Secretary General, Committee of the Region (tbc)

15:00 Part I: European policies for sustainable water management
Moderator: MEP Judith MERKIES, Vice-president EP Intergroup Water

15:00 Towards a Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Water Resources
Peter GAMMELTOFT, Head of Unit Water, DG Environment, European Commission

15:15 Research and innovation for a water efficient Europe
Mike FARRIMOND, Water supply and sanitation Technology Platform (WssTP)

15:30 Urban challenges for water utilities
Klara SZATKIEWICZ, President of EUREAU

15:45 Part II: Critical issues in urban water management in Europe
Moderator: Henning JENSEN, Member of the Committee of the Regions (tbc)

15:45 Managing water in the city – lessons learned from SWITCH
Ralph PHILIP, Project Officer, Water, ICLEI European Secretariat

16:00 Facilitated panel discussion:
How can cities contribute to safeguarding Europe's water resources?

Panelists: Katrin LOMPSCHER, Senator for Health, Environment and Consumer Protection, City of Berlin (tbc); (N.N.), Minister for Environment, Energy, and Urban Renewal, Brussels Capital Region (tbc); Philippe MAREST, Director-General for Environment and Urban Services, Nantes Métropole (tbc); (N.N), Rotterdam Climate Proof, City of Rotterdam; María Dolores CAMPOS PALACIO, Councillor, Infrastructure and Water Cycle, City of Zaragoza (tbc); Claudio BAFFIONI, Responsible Department for Environmental Protection, City of Rome; (N.N.) City of Riga.

17:00 Closure followed by Cocktail drink (sponsored by WssTP) in the Atrium



To register (free of cost) please email to Emma Mitrotta, ICLEI Brussels Office, at:

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