



Conference Programme

Date: 11 February 2016

Time: 9h30 - 16h30

Venue: WTC, [Heliconweg 52, 8914 AT Leeuwarden](#) (The Netherlands)

09h00 - 9h30 Registration/ Coffee

09h30 - 10h30

Welcome: Ferd Crone, mayor city of Leeuwarden

Chair: *Henk Ovink*, Water Envoy, The Kingdom of the Netherlands

Keynotes:

- *Karmenu Vella*, Commissioner DG Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
Purpose of the conference, setting the scene 20-30 years, cities as key actor
- *Hans Bruyninckx*, Executive Director, EEA
Urgency of water challenges, 20-30 years horizon
- *Aziza Akhmouch*, Head - Water Governance Programme, OECD
Official Launch of the water governance in cities report
- *Henk-Jan Meijer*, mayor city of Zwolle
Urban agenda, city deals and flood protection

10h30 - 11h15 Coffee break

11h15 - 12h30 Parallel Session 1: cities presenting challenges and best practices

1. Water Scarcity and water reuse- Separation at source, rainwater separation, water reuse, removing emerging compounds, novel desalination technologies, zero liquid discharge, water efficient agriculture

Introduction: *Max Linsen*, DG Climate, European Commission

Chair: *Roelof Kruize*, Waternet

Presentations:

Andres Martinez Frances, general director for Water, the regional government of Murcia

Dirk van der Stede, Vlakwa, drinking water saving in 5 Flemish cities

Xavier Romero, enhancing citizen awareness, City of Granollers

2. Water Quality and Circular Economy- Emerging compounds, separation at source, circular economy, resource recovery, feedstocks and animal feed from waste water

Introduction: *Pavel Misiga*, DG Environment, European Commission

Chair: *Ronald Hopman*, director business development, Veolia

Presentations:

Isabella Diks, Alderman City of Leeuwarden

Tanja Klip-Martin, Dijkgraaf, Water board Vallei-Veluwe

Zsuzsanna Kocsis-Kupper, EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Hungary

Christian Kabbe, Kompetenzzentrum Wasser Berlin, t.b.c.

12h30 - 13h45 Lunch break

13h45 - 15h00 Parallel Session 2: cities presenting challenges and best practices

3. Long-term sustainability of Infrastructure / Ageing Infrastructure - Investing in old technologies or going for innovative approaches? How to reduce the cost of sewage

pipelines? Treatment closer to the source? WWTP as energy or resource factory?

Introduction: *Sander Happaerts*, DG Regio, European Commission

Chair: *Lieve Declercq*, director, Vitens

Presentations:

Alberto Biancardi, Commissioner of Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy and Water and President of WAREG (European Water Regulators)

Krisjanis Krumins, Member of the Board, Rigas udens Ltd

Diane d'Arras, VP Water Europe, Suez: PPP as a model, city of Bordeaux

Gianfredi Mazzolani, Acquedotto Pugliese

4. Flood protection & Green Infrastructures - Flood protection in urban environment, multifunction measures, urban green infra, climate change adaptation measures, green infra for water storage

Introduction: *Lucia Bernal-Saukkonen*, DG Environment, European Commission

Chair: *Willem Jan Goossen*, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment t.b.c.

Presentations:

Harriet Tiemens, Alderman, city of Nijmegen

Juan Azcárate Luxán, Subdirector General de Energía y Cambio Climático, Madrid

Stefan Kuks, Eerste Watergraaf, Water Board Vechtstromen

Thomas Ofenböck, Vienna City Administration, Vienna

Julia Martinez, director New Water Culture Foundation, city of Zaragoza

15h00 - 15h30 Coffee break

15h30 - 16h30 Plenary session: panel on overcoming barriers and bottlenecks

- *Werner Schmidt*, EIB, Director Environment and Regional Development Department
Highlighting InnovFin, EFSI and Urban Regeneration
- *Cees Buisman*, Wetsus Executive Board, Professor Biological Recovery & Reuse Technology (WUR)
Innovation and research unlocking the next generation of water technology
- *Tom Vereijken*, European Water Stewardship, improving water risk management
Phocus on Water relationship Water Governance and Stewardship
- *Richard Elelman*, BlueSCities, integrating water and waste into smart cities
Water and waste policies in the urban agenda (organic matter, water reuse, nutrient recovery, etc.)

16h30 - 17h00 Outcomes of the conference: Urban Water Agenda 2030

Building Blocks presented



(Brief feedback for each parallel session, conference conclusions will be handed over to):

- *Henk Ovink*, Water Envoy from the Kingdom of The Netherlands
- *Ferd Crone*, Mayor city of Leeuwarden
- *Marianne Wenning*, European Commission

17h00 Network drink

Carel de Villeneuve, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, informing about the Dutch presidency of the EU

Mayor *Ferd Crone* informing about Leeuwarden Cultural Capital of Europe 2018

17h30 Walking diner

Network drink will continue with walking diner

