



The European Water Association

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment. It was founded on 22 June 1981 as the European Water Pollution Control Association. The scope of the Association was enlarged in 1999 with the change of name to the European Water Association.

It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water sector, wastewater as well as drinking water and water related waste. With member associations from nearly all European countries EWA consists of most European Union Member States, including all countries from Central and Eastern Europe which joined the European Union on 1 May 2004. Other European countries represented within the EWA are Croatia, Romania, Ukraine, Serbia and Montenegro, Norway, and Switzerland.

The aim of EWA is to provide a forum for the discussion of key technical and policy issues affecting the growing European region. This is done through conferences, workshops, meetings and special working groups of experts all organised on an international basis together with regular publications.

Our vision

As a major and influential European organisation representing water professionals through their National Associations, EWA promotes the sustainable management of the total water cycle for Society's needs coupled with excellent service provided by informed and expert people.



Information about the conference

Early booking discount
Save EUR 20,- by registering before 1st August 2005!

Registration

The conference fee is EUR 150,- (incl. VAT), for members to our National Associations (with proof of membership) EUR 120,- (incl. VAT) and for participants from Central Eastern European Countries EUR 50,- (incl. VAT).

This includes coffee, tea, refreshments, a light lunch and the conference proceedings. The registration is binding. Please make registrations with the enclosed registration form to:

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After the receipt of your registration you will receive information how to pay the fee. Payment by credit card (Visa, Euro/Mastercard) is possible.

Cancellation policy

Participation fee (minus 25% administration fee) will only be reimbursed if a written description of the reason for cancellation has reached the registration office by October 7, 2005 prior to the conference (indicated by the postmark). In all other cases - including non-appearance at the conference - the full participation fee has to be paid. A substitute can be sent.

Hotel accommodation

Booking at reduced prices (EUR 130,- for single room per night incl. breakfast) can be made through:

Hotel Leopold Brussels
(just 2 minutes from the conference venue!)
to Lisiane Wattier, Reservations Manager
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Internet: www.hotels-belgium.com/brussel-ec/leopold.htm
Please use the booking reference
"Participants of EWA Conference", code 1662!

Conference venue

The conference takes place at the
Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU
(former Institute Pasteur) Rue Wiertz 77 • B-1000 Brussels
(please refer to www.bayern.de/Europa/Bruessel/verkehrsanbindung.html)
and www.EWAonline.de/downloads/location.pdf

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25th October 2005
in Brussels

First EWA
Brussels
Conference

European
River Basin
Management
Policy

Announcement
and Invitation to Register



Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU



European River Basin Management Policy

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Introduction

The purpose of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) is the protection of all inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and groundwater. The Directive came into force on 22 December 2000 and sets out a timetable for both initial transposition into laws of Member States and thereafter for the implementation of requirements. It requires the Member States to achieve "good status" for the water bodies at the latest by 2015.

This conference aims to give an overview of the latest developments in the implementation of the WFD. As Article 5 of the WFD requires, every Member State shall ensure that for each river basin district, an analysis of its characteristics, a review of the impact of human activity on the status of surface water and on groundwater as well as an economic analysis of water use. Results thereof were to be reported to the European Commission. Our Brussels Conference will be focusing on experiences made on the progress of the implementation and of the first environmental assessments. Therefore, we invited experts, such as from the European Commission, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) as well as of the Rhine (ICPR). The Brussels Conference addresses especially those, affected by the WFD and interested in its latest developments. Furthermore, you will be informed about the prospects of a specific region, the situation in the new EU-Member Countries and the status of the discussions concerning European directives related to the WFD.



Programme

- 10:00 Opening
*Prof. Dr. Jiří Wanner (EWA President);
Prof. Dr. Albert Göttle (President of the Bavarian State Office for Water Management);
Dr. Edeltraud Böhm-Amtmann (Head of the Representation)*
- 10:30 Water Framework Directive – Experience report on the progress of implementation and of the first environmental assessments (article 5)
Dr. Helmut Blöch (European Commission, Deputy Head of the Unit)
- 11:00 Results of the review from the view point of a region – example Bavaria
Jens Jedlitschka (Bavarian State Ministry for Environment, Health and Consumer Protection)
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- 11:30 Break
- 11:50 2nd Snapshot report – assessment of the results of the Water Framework Directive (joint EEB-WWF initiative)
Wim Van Gils (Water Policy Officer from Bond Beter Leefmilieu Vlaanderen)
- 12:10 The Common Implementation Strategy for the Water Framework Directive: Overview of existing Working Groups and progress achieved
Dr. Helmut Blöch (European Commission, Deputy Head of the Unit)
- 12:30 Status of the discussions concerning European directives
Zoran Nakić (EC Groundwater Working Group)
- 12:50 Status of the discussions in the European Action programme on Flood Risk Management
Ronnie Falconer (European Fluvial Flood Risk Network)
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- 13:10 Lunch
- 14:20 Implementation of the WFD in the work of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
Dr. Ursula Schmedtje (German representative of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River - ICPDR)
- 14:50 Implementation of the WFD in the work of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine
Dr. Fritz Holzwarth (German Water Director and President of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine)
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- 15:20 Coffee break
- 15:40 Implementation of the WFD in the work of the International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe and Oder River
Prof. Dr. Jiří Wanner (EWA President)
- 16:10 Discussion
Moderation by Prof. Dr. Jiří Wanner
- 16:45 Closing remarks



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Registration form

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