

STAKEHOLDERS EVENT OF THE WssTP
Strengthening European research and innovation for water
June 1st 2010

Focus:

The inclusion of innovation in the title of the DG Research, Innovation and Science, has brought a clear stronger focus on building an economy based on innovation, market driven and technology initiatives and policies.

The WssTP as the European Water Platform acts as a key player to promote research and technology in the water sector. It delivers a common vision for water focusing on technology developments and need in a short and long term agenda. One of the missions of the platform is to shape the future priorities for research and innovation; it includes promoting water in the political agenda and the allocation of RTD budget of the European Commission. The stakeholders event is therefore a key opportunity to discuss and survey the potential next steps for shaping research needs and priorities including the key existing and new funding schemes such as FP7, JPI, Regional funds, others.

Objectives:

- Learn about financing possibilities for water research and innovation and discuss how to improve the coordination of funds within the European Union
- Discuss the future of research priorities and needs of the water sector to provide recommendations for the FP8 and the JPI initiative for water
- Raise awareness on research challenges in the water sector
- Present on-going research projects funded by the EC that bring added-value towards research and innovation approach
- Strengthen links between the different stakeholders working on water and environmental issues

Speakers:

- High level representatives of the European Commission
- Representatives of WssTP: Board, PCC, Members, MSMG

Draft Agenda

- 9.00-9.30 Registration and Welcome coffee
- 9.30-11.30 **Boosting innovation through coordinated funding**
Opening of the session: *WssTP, DG RSI, DG Env, DG Regional Policy*
- Revision of FP7 and JPI on water, *Representative of DG RSI*
 - Importance of vision and strategy for research: outcomes of the SRA, *Representative of the WssTP*
 - Approach of DG Env
 - Involve industries, enterprises, SMEs: support innovation
Representative of DG Enterprise and Industries
 - Coordination of funding, *Representative of DG Regional Politique or future JPI on water*
- Focus: Concrete steps for the future funds*
- 11.30-11.45 BREAK
- 11.45 -13.15 **Challenges of cross-cutting topics and synergies**
General: Issues for cross-cutting topics and policies
- Eco-innovation**
Environmental technologies
- Extreme events**
Adaptation and mitigation in water, *TF Climate Change of the WssTP*
- Adaptation**
Water and Energy links, *TF Water and Energy of the WssTP*
- Water demand and services**
Managing water in real time, *TF Sensor and Monitoring of the WssTP*
- LUNCH BREAK
- 14.30-16.00 Workshop
- 1. Support implementation, demonstration and applied research**
- 14.30-16.00 Workshop 1: **Support implementation, demonstration and applied research**
- Focus on ongoing research projects from Life+, FP6, FP7
- Workshop 2: **Discuss the future of research (FP8)**
- Focus on the revision of FP7 and shaping the future FP8
- 16.00-16.30 Break
- 16.30 **Wrap-up session and closing**