



# Water News



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## WATER - MORE THAN A NEED

Water is essential for life. Clean drinking water is at the basis of human life. However, the access to water has a limit. Different studies show an increase on the demand of water in developing countries. Thus, it is important to manage the water, treat the wastewater to ensure there will be enough water for future generations.

A sustainable water and wastewater services is at the core of EUREAU's mission. In EUREAU we know as well that water is very sensitive and strictly dependent on climate conditions. Our sector depends on climate change. Climate change is already affecting the water sector from its source material to its customer base and its recycling routes. At the same time, the sector is impacted by climate change and contributes to it.

Keeping all the different factors that can affect the water sector, EUREAU works with a wide variety of stakeholders to ensure the environmental sustainability of Europe's water sector.

As president of EUREAU, I really hope you will enjoy the reading of this Water News newsletter and you'll find the information useful.



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## FIRST EDITION – WELCOME TO THE WATER NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of Water News, the EUREAU newsletter. Every two months the Water News of EUREAU will provide you information related to water and wastewater issues, and list the events and activities where EUREAU and its Members were represented. You will also be informed on water legislation and finance, as well as initiatives from the European Commission and the European Parliament.

EUREAU, the European federation of national associations of water and waste water services, through 70.000 utilities, 600.000 women and men, provides water services to more than 400 million people in Europe. EUREAU Members reflect the full diversity of the European water and wastewater services and represent public, private and mixed operators. EUREAU stands for a unique concentration of technical, scientific and managerial knowledge and practical experience in water services. Thanks to what EUREAU can provide better service to European citizens.

It is a pleasure to present you the Water News and I really hope you will enjoy its reading.

## Climate Change & Water: a common challenge

In October the EUREAU family met altogether for the first time in its 35 years of life. The three commission (Drinking Water, Wastewater and Legal and Economic Affairs) met in Brussels on the occasion of the European Conference on “Climate Change and Water: a common challenge” under the EU Presidency and the support of Belgaqua (Belgian EUREAU Member).



The conference was attended by more than 200 experts of the water sector and stakeholders. During the two main sessions: adaptation and mitigation to Climate Change, the participants were witnesses of the efforts done at institutional level to face climate change. The implementation of the Water Framework Directive by Member States, the situation of the Agriculture sector and how this can touch the water sector and affect climate change are just some of the examples of the discussions.

The trio presidency was present as at the conference. The conference took place under the auspicious of the Belgian

Presidency. The current priorities were presented to the audience. Representatives from the other two presidencies had the opportunity to share their ideas as well, related to water issues.

Participants were very satisfied with the outcomes of the conference. It offered them the possibility of networking and share ideas, as well as know what is happening in other regions of Europe.

All the presentations of the conference were made available on the [EUREAU website](#). For more information and to have an overview of the event you can watch the video about the “[Climate Change and Water](#)” Conference.



### INTERGROUP WATER/ WASSER

The Intergroup of Water, under the initiative of its founder MEP Dr. Richard Seeber, meets around 8 times a year. The latest meeting took place in Brussels at the European Parliament on 27 October under the title “Water and Climate Action” with the presence of Ms. Connie Hedegaard, European Commissioner for Climate Action. Her speech on the important role that water plays on climate change was followed by a vivid discussion with the participants.

For further information, [here you can find the report of the meeting](#).

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### THE BLUEPRINT

In Spring, European Commissioner for Environment, Janez Potočnik, announced the development of one of the most crucial policy initiative for the next two year, the “Blueprint to safeguard Europe’s water resources”. The Blueprint will be a set of policy recommendations made after an evaluation carried on upon three pillars: the assessment of the River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) under the Water Framework Directive (WFD); the review of the policy on water scarcity and drought (WS&D); and the assessment of the vulnerability of water resources to climate change.

Aware of the importance of this tool, EUREAU, together with its members, has already presented and commented the initiative, and it will keep an eye on the further developments.

For further information, please contact EUREAU Secretariat at [secretariat@eureau.org](mailto:secretariat@eureau.org).

# Events

In the past month the EUREAU has been present in:

**EGC SEMINAR URBAN WATER PROTECTION & CONSERVATION**  
**19 - OCTOBER 2010**  
**STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN)**

Anders Finnson -  
Svensktvatten (Sweden)

**EC AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE**  
**27-29 - OCTOBER 2010**  
**LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE (BELGIUM)**

Robert Schröder -  
Unie van Waterschappen (The Netherlands)

**PROFESSIONAL –**  
**BUSINESS CONFERENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**  
**CURRENT ISSUES IN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE**  
**10 -14 - NOVEMBER 2010**  
**PULA (CROATIA)**

Pierre-Yves Monette -  
EUREAU - Secretary General

**CONFERENCE ON WATER LOSS REDUCTION IN WATER SUPPLY**  
**SYSTEMS**  
**18-19 - NOVEMBER 2010**  
**SOFIA (BULGARIA)**

Prof. Teniu Peichev

**ORGANIZING OURSELVES FOR ADAPTATION**  
**23-24 - NOVEMBER 2010**  
**BRUSSELS (BELGIUM)**

Clive Harward -  
Water UK (United Kingdom)

**EUREAU produces position papers approved by the board of members that can be found in EUREAU Website**

The latest position paper:

- **EUREAU PP on Post 2013 CAP**
- **EUREAU PP on Control at source**
- **EUREAU PP on Climate Change - Mitigation**
- **EUREAU PP on Requirements for Financing Investment in the Water Sector**

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