



EEAC Working Group on Fresh Water Affairs

Programme

EEAC Working Group on Fresh Water Affairs:

**Taking stock of our waters and its future: discussing the Water Framework Directive
in prelude to its 2019-review**

Wednesday 5 July 2017, 10.35 to 15.30

VLEVA headquarters
Kortenberglaan 71, 1000 Brussel

Part I: EEAC Partner Event with Minaraad and Flemish Agency for European Cooperation

Chair: Hubert David,
Former Chairman of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils
Network (EEAC)

- 09.30** **Programme by VleVA** (*in Dutch language only*)
Overview of developments in current European environmental and energy policies
- 10.25** **Welcome and introduction International Programme** (*in English*)
Jan Verheeke, Minaraad
- 10.30** **Origins and evolution of the Framework Directive Water in the member states** by dr.
Veronique Van Den Langenbergh, Flemish Environment Agency
- 11.55** **The potential contribution of water technology in the implementation of the Water
Framework Directive** (Dirk Halet - VLAKWA)

- 11.20** **The Water Framework Directive - from Great Expectations to Problems with the Implementation** by dr. Nick Voulvoulis, Imperial College London
- 11.50** **State of play of the Framework Directive Water: options for post 2027?** By Bettina Doeser, Head of Unit Water, DG Environment of the European Commission
- 11.20** **Debate with European Commission and stakeholders**
Betina Doeser (European Commission)
Martina Mlinaric (WWF)
Niels-Peter Norring (Copa-Cogeca)
Nick Voulvoulis (Imperial College London)
- 12.50** **Conclusion and Wrap-Up**
Jan Verheeke, Minaraad

13.00 **Lunch**

Part II: Internal EEAC Working Group on Fresh Water Affairs (closed session)

- 14.00** **Welcome and introduction**
Jan Verheeke, Minaraad
- 14.10** **Tour du table:** National and sub-national experiences: implementing the Water Framework Directive. // Identifying the possible role of national and sub-national councils in prelude to the review of the Water Framework Directive.
- 15.15** **Conclusion, Wrap-Up and Next Steps**
Jan Verheeke, Minaraad
- 15.30** **End of session.**