



EEAC Working Group on Fresh Water Affairs

Tentative 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)

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| 09.30 | Programme by VleVA (<i>in Dutch language only</i>)
Overview of developments in current European environmental and energy policies |
| 10.35 | Welcome and introduction International Programme (<i>in English</i>)
Jan Verheeke, Minaraad |
| 10.40 | Origins and evolution of the Framework Directive Water in the member states by dr. Veronique Van Den Langenbergh, Flemish Environment Agency |
| 11.10 | The potential contribution of water technology in the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (TBC - 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**
- 12.50** **Conclusion and Wrap-Up**

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.**