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EU Water Conference, 20-21 September 2018

Halle E, Museum Quarter, Vienna

Thursday, 20 September

8.30 Registration, coffee

9.30 Opening

- Elisabeth Köstinger, Austrian Minister for Sustainability and Tourism
- Video message from Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Michel Dantin, Member of the European Parliament

Moderators: Günter Liebel, Director General for Water Management, Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, Austria and Veronica Manfredi, Director, European Commission, DG Environment

10.30 Coffee

11.00 Europe's waters today

- Ronan Uhel, Head of Natural System and Sustainability, European Environment Agency
- Anders Finsson, Chair EurEau WFD Working Group
- Bettina Doeser, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Environment
- Q&A session

Moderator: Veronica Manfredi, Director, European Commission, DG Environment

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Agriculture and sustainable water management

- Valentin Opfermann, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development
- Harold Kingston, Farmer based in the South-West region of Ireland
- Elena Lopez-Gunn, Independent consultant, ICatalist
- Niels Peter Nørring, Chairman, COPA-COGECA
- Q&A session

Moderator: Manuel Sapiano, Water Director, Malta

15.30 Coffee

16.00 Restoring our rivers

- Martine Rohn-Brossard, President Rhine Commission
- Otto Pirker, Chair Working Group Hydro, Eurelectric
- Martina Mlinaric, Chair Living Rivers Europe / WWF
- Peter Kristensen, Project Manager, Water and Marine Unit, European Environment Agency
- Q&A session

Moderator: Jo Halvard Halleraker (NOR, Lead TG HYMO)

17:15 How to cope with the challenge of floods

- Ben Wichers Schreur, Senior Researcher, Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute
- Heide Jekel, Head of Division, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Gheorghe Constantin, Water Director, Romania
- Q&A session

Moderator: Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

18.30 End of day 1. Networking Cocktail

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9.00 Tackling chemical pollution in our waters

- Steven Van De Broeck, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
- Olivier Gras, French Ministry for an ecological and solidary transition
- Caroline Whalley, Project Manager Water, and Marine Unit , European Environment Agency
- Q&A session

Moderator: Marjan van Giezen, Deputy Water Director, The Netherlands

10.00 Water financing and investments

- Xavier Leflaive, Principal Administrator, OECD
- Dominique Gatel, Vice President - Public Affairs / Water, Veolia
- Maria Felisbina Quadrado, Head of Department, Portuguese Environment Agency
- Q&A session

Moderator: Patricia Lopez, Danube Water Program leader, World Bank

10.45 Coffee

11.15 EU water legislation – fit for purpose?

- Lourdes Alvarellós, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Environment
- Sergiy Moroz, Senior Policy Officer, EEB / Living Rivers Europe
- Jean-Paul Lickes, Water Director, Luxembourg
- Oldřich Vlasák, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, rapporteur on water reuse, Councillor of the City of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic
- Q&A session

Moderator: Veronica Manfredi, Director, European Commission, DG Environment

12.45 Closing and conclusions

- Veronica Manfredi, Director, European Commission, DG Environment
- Günter Liebel, Director General for Water Management, Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism

13:15 End of conference. Lunch