

Invitation

RISKBASE has focused in the last three years on preparing the floor for an integrative approach for understanding and managing the multi-compartment soil-sediment-water system at the river-basin scale. It has become an integrative platform and a stepping stone towards advanced river basin management planning, further policy development, risk based management of soil-sediment-water systems and the development of a research agenda related to risk based river basin management.

At its final conference RISKBASE invites you to take notice of, and discuss new aspects and future perspectives in river basin management planning (RBMP)!

The event will start with a "Parliamentarian Evening" at the Club University Foundation in Brussels on November 16th to discuss major findings and needs in a more generic atmosphere on an institutional level with EP members, member state representatives, decision makers, EC DG employees interest groups and others. On November 17th and 18th the conference will continue with more in depth presentations and discussions at the Public Waste Agency of Flanders (OVAM) in Mechelen.

We are looking forward to discuss with you the latest perspectives on risk based river basin management and future initiatives in river basin management planning!

Parliamentarian Evening, Brussels

Brussels, Monday November 16th, 2009

Parliamentarian Evening at the Club University Foundation in Brussels

18.30 Registration of participants

Introduction

- 19.00 Welcome and opening
Christos Fragakis, EC DG Research, Belgium (tbc)
- 19.05 Status of WFD implementation to date and opportunities for the next rounds of RBMP
Marieke van Nood, EC DG Environment, WFD team, Belgium (tbc)
- 19.20 Towards risk-based river basin management: the RISKBASE messages
Jos Brils, RISKBASE Coordinator, Deltares/TNO, The Netherlands
- 19.35 An inspiring example from practice: the Lonjsko Polje management approach
Goran Gugic, Managing Director Lonjsko Polje Park, Croatia (tbc)
- 19.50 Discussion: What RISKBASE messages can inspire the next rounds of RBMP?
Moderator: Adrian Sloob, TNO, The Netherlands

20.30 *Drinks & snacks*

22.00 End of Parliamentarian Evening

Final Conference, Mechelen

Mechelen, Tuesday November 17th, 2009

Final Conference at OVAM in Mechelen

09.30 Registration of participants & coffee/tea

Introduction

- 10.00 Introduction to RISKBASE
Jos Brils, RISKBASE Coordinator, Deltares/TNO, The Netherlands

Key note

- 10.30 Why do we need to adapt our approach towards river basin management
Bob Harris, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

11.00 *Coffee break*

Understanding and risk based management of river basins

- 11.30 Understanding the ecosystem as basis for river basin management
Philippe Negrel, BRGM, France
Werner Brack, Helmholtz-Zentrum, Germany
- 12.00 The key principles of risk based catchment management: informed, participatory and adaptive
Dietmar Müller, UBA, Austria
Adriaan Sloob, TNO, The Netherlands

Key note

- 12.30 An inspiring example from practice: The Lonjsko Polje management approach
Goran Gugic, Managing Director Lonsjko Polje Park, Croatia

13.00 *Lunch*

Parallel sessions: risk-based RB in practice

- 14.00 Northern Europe
Moderated by Adriaan Slob, TNO, The Netherlands
- Southern Europe
Moderated by Damia Barcelo, CSIC, Spain
- 16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.30 Plenary report back
Chaired by moderators

Farewell party

- 19.00 Music & Buffet
- 22.00 **End of day two**

Mechelen, Wednesday November 18th, 2009

- 08.30 Registration & coffee/tea

**What to expect in the RISKBASE Springer book:
a few teasers**

- 09.00 Conceptual models as starting point in RBM
Joop Vegter, TNO, The Netherlands
- 09.15 Sediment management
Sabine Apitz, SEA Environmental Decisions Ltd., United Kingdom
- 09.45 Contamination
Gerhard Klaver, Deltares, The Netherlands
- 10.15 *Coffee break*
- 10.45 Southern Europe management case example
Lorenzo Galbiati, Catalan Water Agency, Spain (tbc)
- 11.15 Ecosystem services as core element in risk based river management
Kate Brauman, Stanford University, USA (tbc)

- 11.45 Adaptive management: a learning concept to cope with uncertainties
Ilke Borowski, University of Osnabrueck, Germany (tbc)
- 12.15 Summary and conclusions
Jos Brils, RISKBASE Coordinator, Deltares/TNO, The Netherlands
- 12.30 *Lunch & End of Conference*

13.30 AQUAREHAB Stakeholder Workshop

17.00 End of workshop

General Information

Club University Foundation (16.11.2009)

Rue d'Egmontstraat 11
B-1000 Brussels

OVAM (17-18.11.2009)

Stationsstraat 110
B-2800 Mechelen

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Hotel Booking

For hotel reservation please contact Mechelen tourist office: <http://www.tourismmechelen.be/>

Registration Fee

Participation is free of charge. The number of participants is limited to 100.



**Final Conference RISKBASE:
towards risk-based
river basin management**

**Invitation for participation
16th - 18th November 2009
Brussels and Mechelen, Belgium**



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Participation (only 1 form for 1 participant)

**1) Parliamentarian Evening at Club University Foundation, Brussels
16th November 2009**

- YES, I will participate
 NO, I am not able to attend the Parliamentarian Evening

**2) Final Conference at OVAM, Mechelen
17th-18th November 2009**

- YES, I will participate
 NO, it is not possible for me to attend.

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