

Conference Announcement



Third Water Framework Directive international conference: climate change impacts on water security and safety

4th-6th November 2013
at the Polytech'Lille, Lille, France

Objectives

The conference will review technical challenges faced by Member States, stakeholder organisations and scientists, while integrating climate change components (understanding, prevention, preparedness) into the River Basin Management Planning under the Water Framework Directive (WFD), in particular adaptation measures expected to take place within the 2nd RBMP. It will look at the way cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary co-operation has developed with a strong focus on climate change research, and how emerging issues such as adaptation to climate change will be considered in the water sector in the future.

This event aims to be a forum of exchanges between policy-makers, stakeholders, and scientists on issues that are closely related to the implementation of EU water policies. Discussions will hence not be limited to the WFD, but will open up to related policies concerning, for example, floods, climate change adaptation, as well as UN policies.

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Who should attend?

- Water professionals, managers and scientists
- Consultants
- Academics
- Local authority and government body representatives

Posters

Poster contributions are encouraged in both scientific and policy categories, and the full poster papers will be published in the printed proceedings. Guidelines on poster submissions are available on the website www.WFDLille2013.eu.

Additional features include

- An associated trade exhibition throughout the event
- Two poster displays, covering related topics (policy and research)
- Proceedings published after the event, to include speakers' full papers and poster papers
- A formal conference dinner – optional (Monday evening)

Outline Programme

Monday, 4th November (half-day) - Introductory session

Introduction and policy

Welcome by Water Authorities and European Commission

Scene setting

Keynote lectures on FP7 achievements, 12 years of WFD implementation, and communication of climate change adaptation

Poster session covering technical features linked to water policy information

Tuesday, 5th November 2013 - Science supporting policy

Session 1 – Science-policy interfacing

Focus on science-policy interactions, research needs and implementation

Session 2 – Transfer of knowledge and know-how

Focus on knowledge transfer from EU to regional actors, needs for field demonstration, synergies among disciplines and sectors

Session 3 – International co-operation

Focus on EU-Africa co-operation on drought, EU-Asia co-operation on floods, EU-India co-operation on water technologies

Four parallel workshops, covering public-private partnerships (including the insurance industry), climate change in vulnerable mountain environments, drinking water security, data production, use and sharing

Wednesday, 6th November - Perspectives

Session 4 – Innovation

From research to management, water technologies, links to industry

The conference will start at 2 pm on Monday and close at 4 pm on Wednesday. The registration desk will be open from midday on Monday. Full-event registrations only

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- A free evening in Lille (Tuesday)
- Round table discussions on future needs and visions

Exhibition

To participate in the associated trade exhibition, please contact the Secretariat (full details given below).

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