



The contribution of Water to Circular Economy

Practices of water reuse across Europe

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AGENDA

In the context of the publication of the European Commission's long awaited Circular Economy Package, this meeting aims to highlight the contribution of Water to the objective of circularity, through the compelling example of water reuse.

Water reuse is defined as “re-use” of waste water and grey-water after an appropriate additional treatment for irrigation, industrial purposes, in households and others. It is one of the main targets of the new Circular Economy Package, which foresees a legislative proposal on minimum requirements for water reuse in 2017. Water reuse provides many environmental, social and economic benefits such as mitigating environmental stresses, improving food security and enhancing resource efficiency.

The discussion will focus on the various practices of reuse in the Member States as well as analyse the motivations behind reuse projects and the main outcomes. It will bring together policy-makers such as MEPs and European Commission officials, project managers, stakeholders and members from civil society.

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Registration

07:30 – Altiero Spinelli Building, Rue Wiertz

08:00-08:05

Welcome and introduction by **Michel Dantin MEP**

08:05-08:15

Pavel Misiga, Head of Unit “Water”, DG Environment, European Commission

08:15-08:45

Contributions by Member States and/or Water Industry

- Netherlands - **Theo Cuijpers**, Senior Policy Advisor, Schieland en de Krimpenerwaard – The Aqua Reuse Project
- Italy - **Roberto Mazzini**, Chair of the EurEau Joint Working Group on Water Reuse - The Case of Milano Nosedo
- France – **Olivier Thibault**, Director of Artois-Picardie Water Agency – Cases of REUSE in French Water agencies

08:45-08:55

Balázs Horváth, Senior Policy Officer “Water & Soil”, European Environmental Bureau

08:55-09:25

Discussion

09:25-09:30

Closing remarks by **Michel Dantin MEP**

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