

WATER INNOVATION WEEK, PORTO

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Mayors and water – Urban Water Agenda 2030

European cities, which are home to more than two thirds of Europe's population, are important centres of water use. Cities are significantly impacted by the environmental pressures on water resources, such as water scarcity, floods or contamination by pollutants.

We are seeking commitment and visibility from cities that are willing to share their experience as a response to the challenges in urban water management - including the implementation of EU water policies.

The aim is to encourage and support cities to create new initiatives that can enhance quality of life in European cities and at the same time contribute to Member States' efforts to meet the policy objectives of EU water legislation.

The first part of the conference will be dedicated to the political level, striving to encourage cities to commit to future progress. The second part of the conference is targeted at public administration and presenting opportunities and tools for cities to use in their future planning. Experience and insights from cities are going to be the core of the conference.

Moderator: Katrina Sichel and Peter Gammeltoft

Friday, September 29, 2017

09:00 – 10:00	Networking breakfast
10:00 –	Opening of the conference
	Welcome to Porto and the Porto Water Innovation Week
10:30 – 10:45	Building the water-proofed cities of tomorrow - Key note from Mayor followed by the European Commission
11:15 – 11:25	Introduction to panel discussion -
11:25 – 12:30	Panel discussion: What motivates ambitious "water-cities" - How to support cities' ambitions
	Road ahead and Porto Declaration on Urban Water Agenda
12:30 – 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00 – 14:15	Challenges and guidelines for cooperation and integrated water management in Europe - Portugal to 8th World Water Forum (Brasilia, Brazil)
14:15 – 14:45	Sharing experience and getting tools for sustainable water planning - How to support cities: knowledge sharing and collaboration
	Urban Agenda for Europe – highlighting a new tool to support cities - Presentation from the European Commission

	The Urban Water Atlas for Europe and The City Blueprints - <i>Presentation by Richard Elelman</i>
	European Water Stewardship, European Water Partnership - <i>Presentation by Sergiy Moroz</i>
	Links with the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - <i>Presentation by Claire Baffert</i>
14:45 – 15:45	Urban Water Agenda 2030 – how can the initiative help cities? - <i>Panel discussion with cities from the core group</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:00	Financing cities' water ambitions - <i>Introduction by the European Commission (DG ENV), including introduction to EU Water Policy.</i>
	The long road to financing from a city's point of view - <i>City of Copenhagen, Denmark</i>
	Funding and support from EU regional and urban policy - <i>Presentation from the European Commission (DG REGIO), including presentation of possibilities in relation to the Urban Agenda for Europe.</i>
	Knowledge sharing and funding possibilities in the Life program - <i>Presentation from the European Commission (DG EASME)</i>
17:00	Summary of the day and conclusions