

18th EWA Brussels Conference:

What future for the water sector after the European Elections?



In 2024, Europe stands at a pivotal moment in advancing towards a more sustainable and resilient future for its water sector. Alongside, the EU Parliamentary Election will shape the composition and priorities of the next Commission.

The **18th EWA Brussels Conference** will explore the post-election landscape of the water sector in Europe. Participants will engage in discussions including:

- A Roundtable on the Future of the water sector featuring representatives from various EU Institutions
- Climate change and its implications for the water sector
- The Recasting of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
- The future trajectory of the Water Framework Directive

This year's speakers will include EU Institutions representatives and experts from the EWA network, sharing best practices, experiences, and insights. The conference will provide a platform for dialogue among key water stakeholders, ranging from policymakers to end-users.

Participants are also invited to network and connect over a drink at the end of the conference.

Join us on **November 19th** at **VIVAQUA**, Bd de l'Impératrice 17/19, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

Registration Fee: *(coffee and lunch break included)*

195 € Non EWA Member

175 € EWA Member

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09:30 - 09:35	Welcome Address	Wendy Francken , EWA President
SESSION 1: CLIMATE EMERGENCY		
09:35 - 10:00	Keynote: Climate Emergency & Water: Environmental perspective	Speakers to be confirmed
10:00 - 10:45	Climate Change in the Water Sector Impulse + discussion /Q&A	
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15 - 12:15	Roundtable: Future of the water sector in Europe after the European Elections?	Veronica Manfredi , Director, ENV C Zero Pollution, Directorate General Environment, European Commission Pietro Francesco de Lotto , President, Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI), European Economic and Social Committee Wendy Franken , EWA President Other speakers to be confirmed
12:20 - 13:40	Lunch Break	
SESSION 2 : URBAN WASTE WATER DIRECTIVE RECAST		
13:40 - 14:50	Impact of the UWWTD Recast Impulse + discussion/Q&A	Michel Sponar , Deputy Head of Unit European Commission, DG ENV C2 , Marine Environment and Clean Water Services Other speakers to be confirmed
14:50 - 15:20	Coffee Break	
SESSION 3: WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE		
15:20 - 16:30	Impact of the WFD so far and looking at its future + Nature Restoration Law: Impulse + discussion/Q&A	Speakers to be confirmed
16:30 - 16:45	Conclusion	Wendy Francken , EWA President
Invitation to network over drinks		



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