

# The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges

## Dates and Time

- **27 October 2020 at 14:30 CET:**  
'The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges'
- **10 November 2020 at 14:30 CET:**  
'Research and Developments for the Water Environment'
- **24 November 2020 at 14:30 CET:**  
'Water Framework Directive beyond 2027'
- **8 December at 14:30 CET:**  
'Future Challenges of the Water Framework Directive'

## Registration fee

**79 € pro seminar or € 249 € for all 4 web-seminars**

## Email to register



The European Water Association launches its 15th EWA Brussels Conference as a series of 4 online seminars under the theme of 'The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges'.

In December 2019 the European Commission announced the "European Green Deal" with the main target to achieve a climate neutral EU before 2050. In order to achieve this, water plays a central role. With this series of online seminars, EWA wants to highlight the importance of the water sector and the need of research to achieve the targets. Furthermore, in December 2019 the EU Commission published the evaluation of the EU Water Framework Directive stating that the directive is fit for purpose. At the same time, the commission asserts, that there is still a huge gap between the targets of the directive and the actual condition of the water bodies in Europe. With this series on 'The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges', the European Water Association will address exactly these topics.

It will be possible to ask questions during the web-seminars.



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# Programme

## 27 October 2020: 'The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges'

### Presenters

- Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life (Air, Water & Industrial Emissions) at the European Commission, Brussels, BE: 'EU Green Deal – Perspective from the Commission'
- Jutta Paulus, MEP: 'EU Green Deal – Perspective from the Parliament'
- Christophe Hansen, MEP: 'EU Green Deal – Perspective from the Parliament'

### Moderators

- Wendy Francken, Chair of the European Policy Committee of the European Water Association
- Bjørn Kaare Jensen, President of the European Water Association

## 10 November 2020: 'Research and Developments for the Water Environment'

### Presenters

- Pavel Misiga, Head of the Unit for Circular Economy & Bio-based Systems at the Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, Brussels, BE: 'Water related Programs of the DG Research regarding the EU Green Deal'
- Ronan Uhel, Head of Programme, Natural Capital and Ecosystems of the European Environment Agency (EEA), Copenhagen, DK: 'Challenges in Europe to meet the SDGs'
- Dominique Darmendrail, FProgramme Director Water and Global Changes at the BRGM -the French geological Survey 'WATER4ALL Partnership'

### Moderators

- Harsha Ratnaweera, Member of the Management Committee of the European Water Association and Representative in the Water JPI Advisory Board
- Bjørn Kaare Jensen, President of the European Water Association

## 24 November 2020: 'Water Framework Directive beyond 2027'

### Presenters

- Bettina Doeser, Head of Unit 'Clean Water' at the Directorate-General for Environment, Brussels, BE: 'Recent Developments in EU Water Policy'
- Thomas van Gilst, Head of Division, European Investment Bank (EIB), NL: 'Financing of the Measurements'
- Professor Julio Berbel, Water, Environmental and Agricultural Economics University of Cordoba, ES: 'A Practical approach to Water Framework Directive beyond 2027'

### Moderator

- Bjørn Kaare Jensen, President of the European Water Association

## 8 December 2020: 'Future Challenges of the Water Framework Directive'

### Presenters

- Kala Vairavamoorthy, Executive Director of the International Water Association, UK: 'Challenges influencing Europe'
- Dr. Marlene Liebeskind, Wupperversband, DE: 'The Technological Challenges to Fulfil the WFD'
- Sabine Schellens, Manager HR & Organisational Development at Aquafin, BE: 'The Human Challenges to fulfil the WFD'

### Moderators

- Raymond Erpelding, Vice President and President Elect of the European Water Association
- Bjørn Kaare Jensen, President of the European Water Association

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