

Drinking Water protection paramount

– Best practices and challenges –

The Dutch EU Presidency and the European Commission, DG Environment will organise a **seminar on Thursday 21 January 2016 in Brussels** with EU Member States experts and stakeholders.

Meeting Venue:
Conference Centre Albert Borschette
Meeting Room AB 2D
rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels

Draft Agenda

Arrival and registration (9:30 – 10:00) - room AB 2D

Morning session (10:00- 12:30) - room AB 2D

10:00 – 10:15 - Plenary session – keynotes (setting the scene)

- Welcome, outline and objectives of the seminar (NL EU Presidency, COM)
- Main outcome of the Rome workshop in Oct 2014 (COM)

10:15 – 11:15

- Expectations for Member State implementation of Art. 7 WFD - reducing treatment costs through better implementation of land management measures (Claire McCamphill, COM) and review of the Priority Substances list (Stephanie Schaan, COM)
- Experiences protecting drinking water sources, applying risk based approach in the Netherlands and Flanders/Belgium (Susanne Wuijts, NL & Kris van den Belt – BE)

11:30 – 12:15

- Micro-biological pollution – risk of diseases and lower productivity (Darragh Page, IE)
- Sustainable use of pesticides: national action plan (Patrizia Pitton, DG SANTE, COM)
- Risk management from catchment to tap: EurEau's views on costs, regulatory framework and parties to be involved (Carsten Schmidt, EUREAU)

12:15 – 12:30 - Discussion

Lunch break 12:30 – 14:00

Afternoon session (14:00 – 17:00)

14:00 – 15:45 - Case studies and group discussions - two parallel sessions that discuss from a different focal point questions regarding risks for drinking water

Session A: (rooms AB 4B) – moderator: NL Presidency

Focus on planning - water safety planning, risk assessment

Initial presentations

- Nitrate in Danish groundwater and health risk (Birgitte Hansen, DK)
- Case study of PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid) pollution of groundwater (Stefano Polesello, IT)
- Drinking water protection through hydrogeological knowledge in territorial planning (Kestutis Kadunas, LT)

Group discussion and suggestions, e.g.

improve the relation between DWD (WSP) and WFD in practice, coherence of Art.7 (WFD) and Water Safety Planning (DWD), risk assessments - tox based and precautionary principle, costs and benefits, better regulation (cross compliance with agriculture policy, Nitrates Directive, SUD etc.), ...

Session B: (room AB 2D) – moderator: COM

Focus on implementation and management - risk management and catchment measures

Initial presentations

- Actions to deal with Metaldehyde (Fred Parsonage, Defra , UK)
- Implementation of water safety plan due to water contamination from thallium (Enrico Veschetti, IT)
- 10 year anniversary of TOPPS project – Training Operators to Promote best management Practices and Sustainability (Manfred Roettele, Betterdecisions)

Group discussion and suggestions, e.g.

risk management, how to handle substances, and deal with “non-regulated substances” posing a risk, setting quality standards (national/EU), how to define measures out of a complete set of existing instruments

16:00 – 17:00 - Plenary session - Feedback parallel session - room AB 2D

- Reporting by chairs of discussions in parallel sessions
- Issues for further guidance under DWD and/or WFD CIS work programme
- Areas to be considered in the possible revision of the DWD
- Discussion, conclusions and way forward

17:00 End of Seminar

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