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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' DAY

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Organisers



International
Water Association



International Association
of Water Supply Companies
in the Danube River
Catchment Area



Background

Water and related issues play a major role at local and regional level. The organisers have identified three major topics to be addressed in the conference:

1. The legal, financial and organisational framework
2. The impact of increasing economic growth and urbanisation
3. Challenges of the climate change

The **first session** will assess what means local and regional governments have to provide good sustainable water management service to the citizens, looking at the effectiveness of different organisational and legal structures (public, private, public-private, public-public organisational form). Complementarily, it aims to address the financial and legal challenges in the European internal market context and in the global setting, with problems involving bad management and transparency. Solutions such as hydro-solidarity and private-public financing will also be addressed.

Cities experience are more and more confronted with urban sprawl. Consistent with the United Nations' millennium development goal number seven, that seeks to ensure environmental sustainability, the **second session** intends to explore developments on different continents and to present solutions on how to face the challenges of rapid growing population and economic growth and its impact on the water management (e.g. planning, quality, regulations, risk management, etc.), the main question being that of finding the fragile balance between economic growth and successful water management.

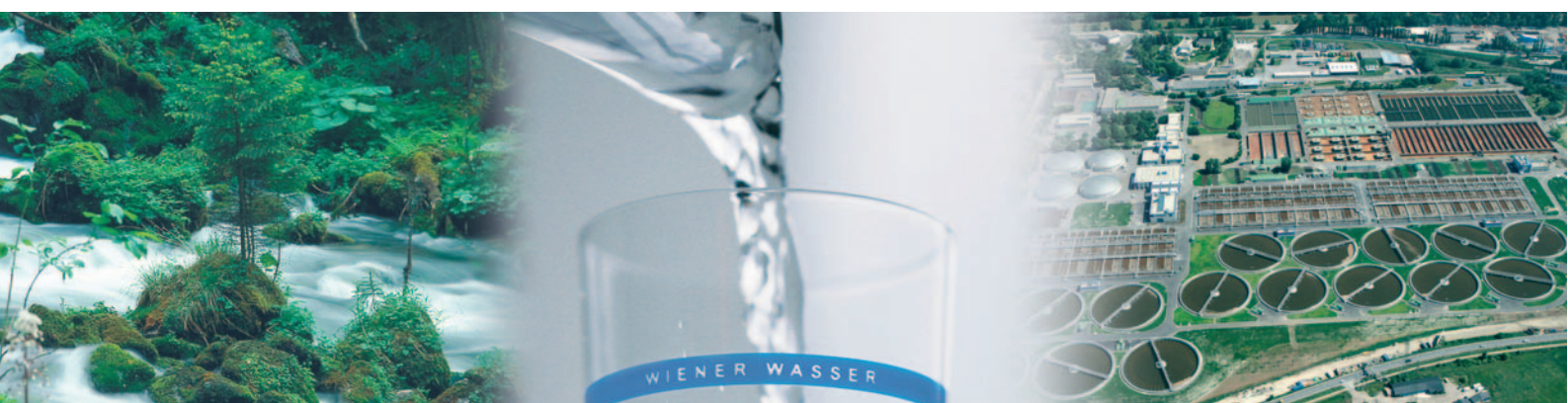
Climate change has an important impact on water and influences many related issues that are directly or indirectly connected to water.

The **third session** will address the possible consequences of climate change on the use of water for energy (e.g. cooling, refining, and hydropower) and the use of energy for water (e.g. wastewater, networks, transport and treatment).

The direct impact of climate change on water management will also be discussed, as the problems linked to water may cause: more severe floods and droughts, as well as risks of contamination of drinking water by salt-water due to the rise in sea level. The session also aims to take a broader view and to look into the meaning of coastal zones and the role they play as recreation housing, tourism areas and how rising temperatures will need to be taken into account in the planning and building activities.

Some questions for discussions:

- What are the challenges that local and regional authorities face at legal, organisational and financial level?
- Do they have the right instruments to handle these challenges?
- How can fast growing cities prepare for potential impact on water services?
- Are urban planners and local politicians able to take measures at the relevant levels to limit water related risks?
- What methods exist to handle problems like draught and flooding at local level?
- How can local authorities prepare for the challenges of climate change?
- What measures does the industry take to contribute to a sustainable water management?





8:30 Keynote speech, Michael Häupl, CEMR President, Governor and Mayor of Vienna

FIRST SESSION

9:00 Are local and regional governments' legal, financial, organisational instruments sufficient to ensure high quality water management to all citizens at an affordable price?

Moderator: **Jeremy SMITH**, Secretary General, CEMR

Speakers:

Eric GRASSET, Member of the City Council, Grenoble (France)

Franco LORIS GRECO, Mayor of the City of Cerisano (Italy)

Christian OXONITSCH, Member of the City Council, Vienna, President of the Federation of Austrian Enterprises with Public Participation and of General Economic Interest (VWÖK)

Matthias KOLLATZ-AHNEN, Vice-president of the European Investment Bank

Piet JONKER, Managing Director, DZH Drinking Water Company of Den Haag region and Chair of EUREAU Commission on Legal and Economic Affairs

Daniel VILLESSOT, Scientific Director, Suez/Lyonnaisse des Eaux, France and Past President of EUREAU

Jaime BAPTISTA, President, Portugese Institute for Regulation of Water and Solid Waste

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Keynote speech, Yaacob IBRAHIM, Singapore Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

SECOND SESSION

11:30 What is the impact of urbanisation, increasing economic growth and fast growing cities on the provision of water services?

Moderator: **Edgardo BILSKY**, Director of programmes and studies, UCLG

Speakers:

Jerzy ZAJAKALA, Mayor of Lubianka (Poland), President of the Commission for sustainable development of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Abel MEJIA, Water Sector Manager, World Bank

Mevlut VURAL, Director General ISKI (Istanbul Water and Sewage Administration)

John JACOBS, Waterplan Programme Manager, City of Rotterdam (The Netherlands)

Maria Luisa GARCIA GARCIA, Innovation and Commercial Director, EMASESA (Aguas de Sevilla, Spain)

12:45 Lunch break



THIRD SESSION

14:00 **Helmut BLÖCH**, European Commission, Directorate General Environment
„Climate change and water: risks and opportunities for Europe“

14:30 **Climate change and its challenges: how to adapt and prepare at local and regional level?**

Moderator: **Angelika POTH-MÖGELE**, Director of Policy, CEMR

Speakers:

Bärbel DIECKMANN, Mayor of Bonn, CEMR Executive President, President of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change

Abel CABALLERO, Mayor of Vigo, President of the Network of Spanish Cities for Climate

Eduardo GALLEGOS CORAL, Director for Ingeniering, Metropolitan Company for Sanitation and Water Supply of the City of Quito (Ecuador)

Margaret PAGELER, Member of the Executive Committee of ICLEI and its representative on the Board of Governors of the World Water Council

Lisbeth IVERSEN, Councillor for Climate, Environment and Urban Development, City of Bergen (Norway)

Pavel KABAT, Professor and Chair of Wageningen University Climate Center, Council Chair of the Dutch National Climate Research Program and lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change from 2004 until 2007

Thomas GRÜNEBAUM, Head of the wastewater division central activities, Ruhr River Association, Essen (Germany)

16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:30 **Final Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **Paul REITER**, Executive Director, IWA

Speakers:

Bärbel DIECKMANN, Mayor of Bonn, CEMR Executive President, President of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change

Helmut BLOECH, European Commission, Directorate General Environment

René THISSEN, Walloon Deputy, President of the Walloon Enterprise for Water (Belgium)

Hans SAILER, Managing Director, Vienna Waterworks (Austria)

Zekai SEN, Coordinator of the Istanbul Urban Water Consensus, on behalf of the Mayor of Istanbul and of the President of UCLG

Antoine FRÉROT, CEO Veolia Water (France)

Jean-Louis CHAUSSADE, CEO Suez Environment (France)

Chuck GORDON, CEO Siemens Water

18:00 **END**

The organisers



The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

is the European umbrella organisation of 51 national associations representing local and regional government in 37 countries.

Water issues are addressed in CEMR's activities in the context of the EU internal market and the environmental policy.

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United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

is the world organisation with members in over 127 countries in all world regions, including cities and national associations.

UCLG has a committee on water and sanitation, which aims to ensure an integrated and sustainable management of water resources through cooperation between local governments and the international community.

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International
Water Association

The International Water Association (IWA)

is a global network of water professionals with members from research institutes and practitioners.

The focus of their work is on effective and sustainable approaches to water management, with emphasis on the science and management of drinking water, wastewater, storm water and the conservation of water resources throughout the world.

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International Association
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The International Association of Waterworks in the Danube Catchment Area (IAWD)

is an independent technical organisation. It is not commercially or profit oriented and exclusively serves public and scientific goals.

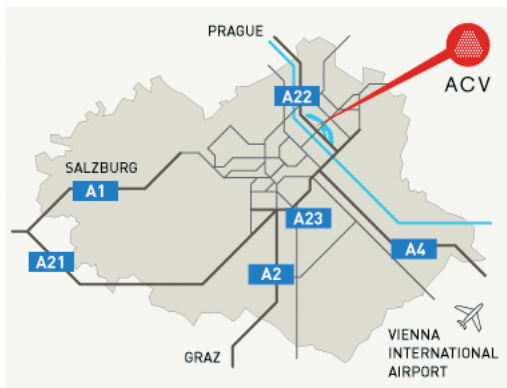
The problems of water supply can only be served by means of transboundary solidary co-operation. The particular circumstances of the water companies in the Eastern European Danube catchment area are given special considerations.

The activities of IAWD are based on content goals set by the constituted technical committees.

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from Reichsbrücke

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Follow street straight ahead, turn right at the traffic lights
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Parking

There is a garage available at the Austria Center Vienna.
In order to receive a reduced parking fee of € 6,-- for one day, you will have to ask for an additional parking ticket at the registration desk.

Public transport:

Take subway U1 (red) to the Station „**Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Center**“,
Choose exit “Schüttaustraße”
Turn right and follow foot path to “Austria Center Vienna”.

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Registration / participation fee:

Elected representatives, together with one accompanying staff specialist per local authority, are invited by the organisers to attend the Local Governments' Day without participation fee. This includes access to the Exhibition of the IWA World Water Conference.

Participants in the Local Governments' Day can also register for the full one day programme of the IWA World Water Conference, including all other sessions, for a participation fee of € 350.

Registration for the Local Governments' Day is handled by the CEMR and UCLG secretariat (contact details below); free participation needs to be confirmed by the organisers.

Conference language:

Conference language is English. Translation in French will be provided.

Accommodation:

To book your hotel, please refer to “booking & registration” on the conference webpage:
www.iwa2008vienna.org

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