Water PiPP
Public Innovation Procurement Policies

Empowering public procurement for innovation in the EU water sector

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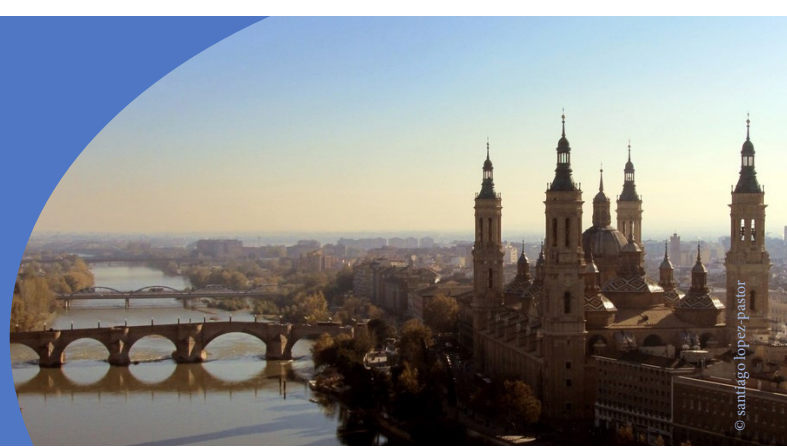
Wednesday | 9 November

15:30   **Registration**

16:00   **Words of welcome and programme introduction**
- **José María Gimeno**, University of Zaragoza/ Aragonese Court of Public Procurement, Spain, and **François Touchais**, Water PiPP Coordinator, Office International de l'Eau (OIEau), France, with **Alice Reil**, ICLEI European Secretariat

16:15   **Water and the Innovation Union: The role of the water sector for driving innovation in the European Union**
Explaining the EU innovation strategy and the relevance of the water sector for its implementation
- **Severina Markova**, Directorate General for Research & Innovation, European Commission, Belgium

16:30   **Procuring Innovation – Pre-commercial Procurement, Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions and Innovation Partnerships in the New Directives**
Explaining the novelties of Directives 2014/24/EU and 2014/25/EU, and opportunities for the water sector deriving from them
- **Sara Bedin**, The European House-Ambrosetti, Italy

16:50   **Accelerating innovation in the public water sector – Part I**
Water PiPP recommendations for procurers
- **Pedro Bueso Guillén**, University of Zaragoza, Spain
Water PiPP recommendations to policy makers at European level
- **Umberto Fratino**, Regional Agency for Technology and Innovation, Italy

17:20   **Coffee Break**

17:50   **Accelerating innovation in the public water sector – Part II**
- Q&A with representatives from the European Commission and the Water PiPP consortium
Facilitator: **Michiel Blind**, Deltares, The Netherlands

18:20   **Procurer's lounge | Preparing procurement for innovation – Lessons learnt from practice**
- Panel discussion with **Aninka Urho** (Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority, Finland), **Diego Macchiella** (Viveracqua, Italy) and **Samuel Reyes** (Catalan Water Agency)
Facilitator: **Ville Valovirta**, Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT)

19:20   **Wrap up: Impressions and observations**
- **Marisa Fernández**, ZINNAE, Spain

19:30   **End of programme**

20:00   **Cocktail Reception**

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09:30   **Welcome and recap**
- **Alice Reil**, ICLEI European Secretariat

09:45   **Transforming Europe into a 'water-smart' society - How can procurers and suppliers make it happen together?**
Presenting the WssTP vision and research agenda and reflecting on its relevance and implications together with procurers and suppliers in the audience to make Europe 'water-smart'
- **Durk Krol**, Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform (WssTP), Belgium

10:15   **Market dialogue | Consulting on innovative solutions for the public water sector**
Parallel sessions for procurers and suppliers to meet and discuss innovative solutions on water management with ICT tools, recovering raw materials and promoting energy efficiency in water cycle as well as many more topics. Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority, City of Zaragoza (tbc), Viveracqua, the Regional Water Authority of Aragon, Catalan Water Agency and the Ebro River Basin Authority (tbc) are looking forward to exchanging with procures and suppliers in the audience.

11:45   **Coffee Break**

12:15   **ICT4Water Cluster and Strategy**
- **Aude Glénisson**, European Commission Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology, Belgium

12:30   **Suppliers' perspective | Sketching out opportunities and challenges of public procurement of innovation processes for the private sector**
- With contributions from **Joan Carles Guardiola** (Aguas de Valencia), **Jesús Manuel Ruiz Martínez** (IDEYA) and **Juan Sala** (NoNO3)

Facilitator: **Durk Krol**, Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform (WssTP), Belgium

13:00   **Lessons learnt and tips for planning innovation procurement**
- **Ville Valovirta**, Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT)

13:25   **Wrap-up of the day and farewell**

13:30   **End**

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Conference languages: English & Spanish

Note this is a provisional programme as of 04 November 2016. Minor amendments may occur in the run up to the event

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