

# Empowering public procurement for innovation in the EU water sector

Zaragoza, Spain  
9-10 November 2016



## 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), 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 (tbc)
- 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
- 16:50**     **Accelerating innovation in the public water sector – Part I**
- Water PiPP recommendations for procurers*
- **Pedro Bueso Guillen**, 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
- 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) (tbc), **Marco di Ciano/ Sebastiano Lopez** (Regione Puglia-Acquedotto Pugliese, Italy) (tbc) and **Cesare Cristoforetti** (CAP Holding, Italy) (tbc)
- 19:20**     **Wrap up: Impressions and observations**
- **Marisa Fernández**, ZINNAE
- 19:30**     **End of programme**
- 20:00**     **Cocktail Reception**

## Thursday | 10 November

- 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?**

- 10:15** *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)

### **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, leakage reduction, energy efficiency in water cycle and many more topics. CAP Holding, Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority, City of Zaragoza (tbc), Viveracqua, Acquedotto Pugliese, the Regional Water Authority of Aragon (tbc) and the Ebro River Basin Authority (tbc) are looking forward to exchanging with procurers and suppliers in the audience.*

- 11:45** **Coffee Break**

- 12:15** **Suppliers' perspective | Sketching out barriers for the private sector in public procurement of innovation processes**

- Presentations by large, medium and small companies

- 12:45** **Five tips for planning and identifying needs for public procurers to take home**

- Ville Valovirta, Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT)

- 13:15** **Wrap up: Impressions and observations**

- Lieve Bos, Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology, European Commission (tbc)

- 13:25** **Farewell**

- 13:30** **End**

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