

EU Green Week
PARTNER EVENT

Tapping into the untapped

The potential of reclaimed
and non-potable waters to
increase water resilience

Athens, Greece
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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
OF PUBLIC WATER OPERATORS



ATHENS 20 JUNE 14:00 – 16:30 (ATHENS TIME)

AGENDA

14:00 - 14:05

WELCOME ADDRESS

Bernard Van Nuffel, President, Aqua Publica Europea

14:05 - 14:15

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Petros Varelidis, Secretary-General for Natural Environment and Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy

14:15 - 14:30

SETTING THE SCENE: PROMOTING A MORE AGILE USE OF WATER RESOURCES TO PROMOTE RESILIENCE

Valentina Bastino, Policy Officer for EU Water Legislation and Policy, European Commission's Directorate General for Environment [online]

14:30 - 15:15

SESSION I – POTENTIAL (AND CHALLENGES) OF NON-POTABLE WATER: EXAMPLES FROM WATER OPERATORS

This session will present local best practices resulting in reduced pressures on water resources. The case studies will include water reuse projects for aquifer recharge and for urban use as well as a new regional draft ordinance to separate black and grey water in new buildings.

Louise Vanysacker, Manager R&D, De Watergroep (Flanders, Belgium)

Giorgos Sachinis, Director of Strategy and Innovation, EYDAP (Athens, Greece)

Maria José Chesa, Head of Environment and External Relations Service, Barcelona Cicle de l'Aigua (BCASA), and Jordi Molist, Director of Water Supply, Catalan Water Agency (Barcelona, Spain) [online]

15:15 - 15:30

COFFEE BREAK

15:30 - 16:15

SESSION II – HOW TO FOSTER THE POTENTIAL OF NON-POTABLE WATER: ADDRESSING GOVERNANCE AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

This session will provide an opportunity to discuss the governance and technical conditions needed to maximise the potential of non-potable water in Europe, including to allow for a scale up of local best practices presented in the previous session. It will feature perspectives from the scientific community, national authorities, regulators, and businesses.

Theodore Bellos, Director of Water Management, Decentralised Administration of Attica

Diana Georgakopoulou, Director General, SEV Business Council for Sustainable Development

Roberta Maffettone, Scientific Project Officer, European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Manuel Sapiano, Chief Executive Officer, Malta's Energy and Water Agency (EWA)

16:15 - 16:30

CONCLUSIVE REMARKS

George Stergiou, Chair of the Board of Directors, EYDAP

