



CONFERENCE-DEBATE

The Need for Long-Term Investments in the Water Sector

How to ensure high quality water services to future generations

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Agenda

Water and sanitation services are essential drivers for our societies and our economic development. Providing water and sanitation services is a capital-intensive activity that requires large investments in water assets with a long-term vision. In order to ensure that future generations enjoy the same level of services at affordable prices, investments have to take place now, following the positive momentum towards a circular economy and the need to take into account climate change and demographic challenges. In this meeting, co-hosted by MEP Dantin and MEP Riquet, the Dutch EU Presidency, the European Commission, the EIB and the OECD will outline the importance of modernising water infrastructures and discuss about investment tools, as well as funding opportunities in the framework of the Juncker Plan and the European fund for strategic investments.

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08.15-8.45	Registration – Ex-INFO-POINT
09:00-09:10	Welcoming words by Michel Dantin MEP and Dominique Riquet MEP
09:10-09:20	Statement from Jan Busstra, Water Director, Dutch Presidency of the European Council
09:20-09:30	Thomas van Gilst, Head of Water Management Division, European Investment Bank
09:30-09:40	Xavier Leflaive, Water Team leader, OECD Environment Directorate
09:40-09:50	Matjaž Malgaj, Head of Unit " <i>Marine Environment and Water Industry</i> ", DG Environment, European Commission
09:50-10:00	Pierre Menet, Advisor within the Department for institutional, international and European relations of Caisse des Dépôts
10:00-10:50	Discussion with participants
10.50-11.00	Closing remarks by Dominique Riquet MEP and Michel Dantin MEP

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