



# Solidarity in Water

## SDG 6 on water & sanitation: how can Europe make a difference in third countries

**Tuesday 20 June 2017**  
**12:30-14:00**  
**Room JAN 6Q1**  
**European Parliament, Brussels**

Chaired by:

**Michel Dantin MEP**

Chair of the *“Agriculture and Water Management”* Working Group of the EP Intergroup on *“Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Sustainable Development”*

### DRAFT AGENDA

Adopted in 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals represent a comprehensive, universal and inclusive sustainable development framework. Among all, SDG 6 particularly underlines the importance of water and sanitation, as it aims to *“ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”*. Taking into account the need to involve local communities and authorities, SDG 6 addresses the issues relating to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, but also the quality and sustainability of water resources worldwide.

Recognizing the need to effectively implement the SDGs by undertaking concrete actions, the European Union has been doing so both internally and globally, through a sustainable development package, which includes the Communication on *‘Next steps for a sustainable European future’*, and on the new *‘European Consensus on Development’* adopted in November 2016. In particular, the European Commission aims to respond to the 2030 Agenda by mainstreaming SDGs into EU priorities, policies and initiatives and further develop a longer term vision and focus of sectoral policies after 2020. With regard to water and sanitation, the EU Water Policy was assessed to be the proper tool to reach SDG 6.

Taking into consideration the relevance of water and sanitation in sustainable development, this meeting, bringing together decision-makers, stakeholders and civil society, aims at sharing European experiences that can make a difference in implementing the SDG 6 in third countries.



- 11:50-12.15 Registration
- 12.30-12.35 Welcome and introduction by **Michel Dantin MEP**
- 12.35-12.45 **François Wakenhut**, Acting Director of Directorate C – Quality of Life, DG Environment, European Commission
- 12.45-12.55 **Pierre Marie Grondin**, Directeur Général Programme Solidarité Eau pS-, Water Solidarity Network  
**Case study 1:** The 1% solidarity mechanism in France serves to achieve SDG 6
- 12.55-13.05 **Gari Villa-Landa Sokolova**, Spanish Association of Water Supply and Sanitation (AEAS) **Case study 2:** Collaboration between AEAS and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) to achieve SDG 6 in Latin America – Ecuador Case Study
- 13.05-13.15 **Maggie White**, European Pact for Water co-coordinator  
**European Pact for Water**
- 13.15-13.55 Questions and discussion with the audience
- 13.55-14.00 Concluding remarks by **Michel Dantin MEP**