



The role of water in the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change



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Since 2013, the EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change has been a significant reference for adaptation in the European Union. Given however the climate emergency and its impacts on people, planet and prosperity, the European Commission has decided to put forward a new – more ambitious – EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change in Q1 2021, in the context of its European Green Deal.

While climate extremes are having far-reaching effects, water shortages both in the EU and globally result in direct impacts in a plethora of sectors and activities. Underlining the essentiality of water services in ensuring availability, as well as sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, this webinar aims at addressing water in the new EU adaptation strategy as well as the growing impact of climate change on water, providing MEPs the opportunity to share their views with institutional actors, water sector professionals, industry representatives and NGOs.



AGENDA

- 10:00 – 10:10** Introduction by **MEP Tiemo Wölken**
- 10:10 – 10:25** Keynote address by **Liviu Stirbat, Deputy Head of Unit A3 on Adaptation, DG CLIMA, European Commission**
- 10:25 – 10:35** **Thomas Stratenwerth**, Head of Division on General, European and International Water Management Issues, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- 10:35 – 10:45** **Dr. Claudia Castell-Exner**, President, EurEau
- 10:45 – 10:55** **Sasha Koo-Oshima**, Deputy Division Director of Land and Water, Natural Resources and Sustainable Production, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- 10:55 – 11:05** **Piotr Całbecki** (PL/EPP), President of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region & European Committee of the Regions' Rapporteur on Water Framework directive and Floods directive
- 11:05 – 11:15** **Sergiy Moroz**, Policy Manager for Water and Biodiversity, EEB
- 11:15 – 11:25** **Dr. Maria-Helena Ramos**, President, Hydrological Sciences Division, European Geosciences Union
- 11:25 – 11:35** **Reactions by:**
- **Pär Holmgren MEP**
 - **Petros Kokkalis MEP**
- 11:35 – 11:55** Q&A session moderated by **MEP Tiemo Wölken**
- 11:55 – 12:00** Closing remarks by **MEP Tiemo Wölken**