



Dear Colleague,

The second meeting of the European Regional Process (ERP) for the fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul 2009 will take place on the **8th and 9th of July in Zaragoza, Spain**. The programme will start at 1500 on the 8th and finish at 1600 on the 9th. The goal of this meeting is to discuss the overall Process and the progress within the eight themes of the ERP as well as to identify the next steps that will have to be taken to prepare the European input to the World Water Forum. Furthermore, taking place in Zaragoza, it will focus on receiving the Southern European input in the European Regional Process.

The European Water Partnership, as the European Regional Coordinator for the World Water Forum, would like to invite you to attend this event. Please send the attached registration form to Lucilla Minelli at l.minelli@ewp.eu or by fax at 0032 2 735 0682.

Objectives of the meeting

After the first meeting in February in Brussels, which identified the themes relevant for Europe and an initial list of organisations willing to work on them, this second meeting will discuss progress within these themes and next steps to be taken to prepare the European input. To achieve this, the programme has been divided into a plenary session and workshops on the different themes.

The **plenary session** will address the general activities of the European Regional Process, explaining the work done so far, discussing the European Regional Document as well as the European Regional Session in Istanbul and any other initiatives we could undertake. Furthermore it will identify any missing issues which should be addressed, specifically from a Southern perspective.

The **workshops** will each focus on one of the themes of the European Regional Process, which are listed below. The objective is to discuss the work that has already been executed, identify next steps to be taken as well as identify which sessions to focus on in Istanbul. The workshops will again aim specifically to incorporate the Southern European input.

The themes of the European Regional Process are:

- Future of Water in Europe
- Climate Change and Adaptation
- Water for Energy, Energy for Water
- Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation
- Finance
- Sanitation
- Water Scarcity and Droughts
- Water Science and Technologies



The workshops will be organised in two sessions, on the afternoon of the 8th and on the afternoon of the 9th of July. This will give you the opportunity to attend two different workshops on two different themes. Please indicate on the registration form which themes are most interesting to you, in order of preference. We will take these preferences into account as much as possible in setting up the final programme.

A workshop on Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation will be organised separately by INBO on the afternoon of the 8th of July. An invitation to this workshop is available at <http://www.inbo-news.org/friobang.htm>.

Hotelrooms

Because of the logistical difficulties of finding hotelrooms in Zaragoza we have reserved a limited number of hotelrooms for reasonable prices in advance for the 8th and 9th of July. The options we can offer are ****hotel at 180 Euros per room or student residences at 86-145 Euros per room (all with private bath). These high-standard residences are mostly double rooms, with prices for double occupancy the same as for single. Please indicate on the registrationform whether you would like us to book you a room.

I hope I will be able to welcome you in Zaragoza and would like to ask you to send your registration form as soon as possible to l.minelli@ewp.eu or by fax to 0032 2 7350681. For more information on the ERP, please visit www.ewp.eu/erp09. For more information on the World Water Forum, please visit www.worldwaterforum5.org, where the second announcement is now available in different languages.

In case you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 0032 2 735 0681 or by email at h.riedstra@ewp.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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