

Presentation of  
**THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD WATER  
DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2017**

Tuesday 6 June 2017  
European Parliament, Bruxelles  
14:30 - 16:30 Room A3E-2



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**WASTEWATER**  
The Untapped Resource



# PROGRAMME

## 14:30 - 14:50 Welcome and introductory remarks

- Esther De Lange, Chair MEP Water Group, and Vice-Chair of the EPP Group
- Edward Vernon, Coordinator, Environment Unit within Malta's Permanent Representation to the European Union
- Flavia Schlegel, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO
- Guy Ryder, Chair UN-Water and Director General ILO

## 14:50 - 15:10 Main policy messages and findings from the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR) 2017 "Wastewater: The Untapped Resource"

Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator and Director, World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) of UNESCO

## 15:10 - 15:45 Panel Discussion "The Value of Wastewater in the Circular Economy"

*Moderator:* Esther De Lange, Chair MEP Water Group

*(each speaker will introduce his/her perspective in 5-6 mins)*

- Water policy perspective, Katrine Rafn, Head of the Water Resource Division, Danish EPA
- Industry perspective, Boris Lesjean, Innovation Director, Veolia Germany
- Utility perspective, Marjoleine Weemaes, Research Coordinator, Aquafin NV
- Civil society perspective, Danka Thalmeinerova, Senior Knowledge Management Officer, GWP

## 15:45 - 16:15 Q&A with the audience

## 16:15 - 16:20 Short movie "AN (IN)FINITE WORLD" and demonstration of a Piece of Water Art

## 16:20 - 16:30 Closing Remarks

- H.E. Maurizio Massari, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative, Representation of Italy to the EU
- Esther De Lange, Chair MEP Water Group, and Vice-Chair of the EPP Group

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## THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD WATER DEVELOPMENT REPORT (WWDR)

The World Water Development Report (WWDR) is the reference publication of the UN System on the status of freshwater resources worldwide. Its production is coordinated by the United Nations World Water Assessment Programme of UNESCO which brings together the work of 31 Members and 38 Partners comprising UN-Water.

The WWDR 2017 demonstrates how improved wastewater management generates social, environmental and economic benefits essential for sustainable development. In a world where demands for freshwater are ever growing, and where limited water resources are increasingly stressed by over-abstraction, pollution and climate change, neglecting the opportunities arising from improved wastewater management is nothing less than unthinkable.

[www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr](http://www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr)

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