

European Actions to Achieve Sustainable Sanitation for all

Reflecting on the International Year of Sanitation

Tuesday, 17th of March 2009

Location: Istanbul, Sütlüce Congress Centre, Amphitheatre 2

17.00 – 18.00

The European Region has for many years been a frontrunner in improving sanitation and wastewater systems. Key factors were the introduction of water-borne centralized systems for waste water collection and treatment as a standard. However there are still Millions of people in the European Region without adequate access to sanitation and wastewater management.

- Which lessons has Europe learnt from the experiences of the last 150 years?
- Which actions does Europe take to reach the goal of providing sanitation for all?

17.00 – 17.05 **Welcome by the chair**

Introduction of the theme presenting the variety of Europe's sanitation situation and wastewater management achievements, opportunities and challenges
Chair: **Sascha Gabizon**, *WECF, Executive Director*

17.05 – 17.25 **Keynote presentation**

Sanitation in the European Union, **Helmut Blöch**, *Deputy Head of Unit Water and Marine, DG Environment, European Commission.*

17.25 – 17.55 **Panel**

Panellist:

- Swiss national campaign and successful actions in the International Year of Sanitation, **François Münger**, *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation,*
- Achievements and Challenges in Europe, **Peter Cook**, *President of European Water Association,*
- Wastewater management in an urban setting – Paris, **Anne Le Strat**, *Deputy Director of Water Utility Eau de Paris (tbc)*
- Innovative onsite wastewater system in Meppel, **Marga Kool**, *Water Board Reest en Wieden, Netherlands*
- Implementation of modern dry sanitation in Moldova, **Galina Budu**, *NGO SEE Moldova,*
- Implementing the right to water and sanitation in the European Region, **Jürg Staudenmann**, *UNDP Euro-region (tbc)*

17.55 – 18.00 **Closing**

Expected outcomes

Proposals of initiatives on

- How to keep sanitation and wastewater management on the political agenda? Keeping the (IYS) momentum
- How to promote Sustainable and Affordable Sanitation for all, in large cities, small villages?



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