

2015 Danube Water Conference: **Water Services: The State of the Sector**

6 May 2015

NH Danube Hotel, Wagramer Straße 21, 1220 Vienna

Draft agenda of Pre-meeting (Regulators only)

Time	Content	Speaker
10:00	Opening and introduction	Chair (David Michaud, tbc)
10:10	Brief updates From participating regulatory agencies (5-10 minutes each) on on-going activities of overarching relevance or interest.	Updates from the various regulatory institutions present
11:00	WAREG Presentation and Discussion WAREG, the Water REGulators Network, followed by questions and discussion	Fabio Tambone , External Relations Manager, Italian Regulator of Electricity, Gas and Water
11:30	OECD Regulatory Work Presentation of the new OECD report on the governance of water regulators, followed by questions and discussions	Celine Kauffman , Deputy Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD
12:00	ERRA's Water Initiative ERRA's water initiative, followed by questions and discussion	Krisztina Kasza , Program Director, Energy Regulators Regional Association
12:20	Closing and next steps	Chair (David Michaud, tbc)
12:30	End of session	

Panel discussion and exchange on “Water and Development: Infrastructure and Institutions - Lessons from the World Bank experience”

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Federal Ministry of Finance, Room J5.440, Johannesgasse 5, 1010 Vienna

Program:

- 17:15 Registration
- 17:30 Welcoming Remarks.
Harald Waiglein, Director General for Economic Policy and Financial Markets,
Ministry of Finance
Ellen Goldstein, Country Director for Western Balkans, World Bank
- 17:40 Opening Statement: Water and Development: Infrastructure and Institutions
Junaid Ahmad, Senior Director, Water Global Practice, the World Bank
- 18:00 Panel Discussion moderated by Elisabeth Gruber (Ministry of Finance)
Discussants:
- Anton Mair, Deputy Director General for Development Cooperation,
Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs
 - Steven Schonberger, Practice Manager for Western Balkans, Middle East and
North Africa, Water Global Practice, the World Bank
 - Jyoti Shukla, Senior Manager, Water and Sanitation Program, the World
Bank
 - Helmut Habersack, Head, Institute for Water Management, Hydrology and
Hydraulic Engineering, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences
 - Vladimir Tausanovic, President, International Association for Water Supply
Companies in the Danube Water Catchment Area
- Q & A and Discussion
- 18:45 Light reception and informal exchange (End approx. 19:15 h)

The presentation and the discussion will be held in English. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the discussion.

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Draft agenda of Session A – Getting institutions and policies right at all levels

Time	Content	Speaker	
11:15	5'	Introduction	Steven Schonberger , Practice Manager, the World Bank
11:20	10'	Framing the issue: Regulation in the Danube region and beyond	Celine Kaufman , Deputy Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD
11:30	10'	Presentation: the Italian experience	Alberto Biancardi , Commissioner of the Italian Regulator of Electricity, Gas and Water, and Member of WAREG - European Water Regulators
11:40	10'	Presentation: the Austrian experience	Manfred Eisenhut , Head of the water department, Austrian Association for Gas and Water
11:30	10'	Presentation: the Albanian experience	Avni Dervishi , Chairman, Albanian regulator
11:50	30'	Panel discussion, Q&A and discussion with the audience: Regulation, pros and cons?	Chair and speakers
12:30		End of session	