



REGIONAL WORKSHOP 2

# Water supply and water stress

– what roles for Economic Instruments?

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# AGENDA

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**10:00 Registration & welcome coffee**

**10:30-11:00 Setting the scene: Water supply and water stress – roles for Economic Instruments?**

- Welcome to Barcelona  
Speaker tbc
- Overview: Aim of the Project  
Emma Watkins (IEEP)
- Aim of the Workshop and who we have as participants  
Mikael Skou Andersen (AU-DCE)
- Q&A

**11:00-12:00 Plenary roundtable I: Making it work: best practices**

Facilitator: Mikael Skou Andersen

**France:** A comprehensive architecture of water pricing

Speaker: Bernard Barraqué (tbc)

**Cyprus:** Pricing for irrigation and the cost of scarcity

Speaker: Christos Zoumides, The Cyprus Institute

**Malta:** Water pricing

Speaker: Marco Cremona, Malta Water Association

- Round table: lessons on good practice
- Q&A

**12:00 Coffee break**

**12:20-13:30 Plenary roundtable II: Process and Different actors: different perspectives?  
Making use of windows of opportunity – civil society engagement**

Facilitator: Emma Watkins (IEEP)

- Summary of stakeholder roles and the policy cycle  
Mikael Skou Andersen (AU-DCE)

**Portugal:** Water pricing and the Green Tax Reform Commission in Portugal: revenue raising vs. revenue neutrality

Speaker: Prof. Rui Ferreira dos Santos, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

**The Netherlands:** The stake-pay-say principle in the Netherlands

Speaker: Herman Havekes, Dutch Water Authorities

- Panel: perceptions of government, civil society, union and business engagement in MBIs
- Roundtable and questions: insights from the floor

**13:30 Lunch break and networking opportunity**

**14:30-15:30 Opportunities and barriers regarding fiscal instruments for water stress and availability**

Chair: European Commission

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**Session Objective:** To identify short-term, mid-term and long-term opportunity for fiscal instruments to meet WFD-objectives for full-cost water pricing, including resource and environmental costs, in your Member State/region.

- Q:** What are the most obvious entry points and opportunities for full-cost water pricing in your country/in your region? (political, economic, social, environmental)
- Q:** What are the main barriers to reform – and how can they be addressed?
- Q:** Which stakeholder can play which role; and what evidence base is needed to inform progress?
- Q:** What other measures are needed to support successful MBIs? (e.g. mapping and information; standards; complementary instruments)

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**15:30-16:15 The devil is in the detail – how can economic instruments for water pricing be made more effective?**

**Working-Group I: Design for effectiveness and acceptability**

**Facilitator:** Ignasi Puig (ENT)

- Q:** Which design features can improve acceptance?
- Q:** How can effectiveness be improved?
- Q:** What role is there for civil society engagement to help effectiveness and acceptability?

**Working-Group II: Windows of opportunity and civil society engagement for water pricing reform**

**Facilitator:** Emma Watkins (IEEP)

- Q:** What windows of opportunity are there (or could be created) for reforms to address the issues and challenges?
- Q:** Where is there a specific need for engagement by (which) civil society?
- Q:** Is there a specific place in the policy cycle for inputs?
- Q:** What tools and approaches could be helpful to facilitate progress?

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**16:15 Tea and coffee break**

**16:45-17:45 Final roundtable and wrap-up**

- Rapporteur's feedback  
Ignasi Puig and Emma Watkins
  - Final feedback from the floor – proposals for how to improve civil society engagement in fiscal reform
  - Wrap up and next steps  
Emma Watkins and European Commission
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