



River Basin Adaptation Conference

Society as a key player in river basin adaptation for global change

7-8 March 2017

Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Overview

There is an urgent need for adaptation plans to outline how individual river basins can prepare for the impacts of climate change and other pressures. The development of successful adaptation strategies needs to involve both regional and local stakeholders.

The River Basin Adaptation Conference will be a practice-oriented conference with a strong science base. The aim is to share experiences from the BeWater project and other initiatives and identify best-practices on science-society interactions for river basin management and climate change adaptation.

“Legitimised decision making spaces, bringing together all stakeholders in the river basin, are crucial to overcome confronted interests exacerbated by the impacts of global change.”

Mr. Gabriel Borràs
Catalan Office for Climate Change
Head of Adaptation Area

Programme

The conference day, on 7 March, will include keynote speeches, presentations and interactive sessions on best practices in adapting river basin management to climate change, while involving society. Participants have the opportunity to share their own experience on conference themes through targeted oral presentations.



The BeWater project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Programme for research, technological development and demonstration under grant agreement No. 612385.

Call for abstracts

Abstract submissions are invited for short (5-10 minutes), targeted oral presentations during the River Basin Adaptation conference. All abstract submissions should link to one of the conference themes.

Abstracts can be submitted to either of the following sessions:

Best Practices for designing adaptive management strategies

Policy Considerations for participatory river basin management

Abstracts are welcomed from policy makers, representatives of public administrations, environmental NGOs, scientists and other professionals working in the field of river basin management and climate change adaptation.

Abstracts should show how their experience can be useful to others, e.g. through identifying lessons learned, providing recommendations on best practice and considering whether the approach could be transferred to other regions or different contexts.

Submit your abstract now!

Deadline for abstract submissions:
30 November 2016.

Field trip

The field trip, on 8 March, visits the Vivava river basin, one of the four BeWater case studies. The trip will follow the course of the river, from spring to reservoir, with points of interest including hydrotechnical works, conservation areas, flood risk protection measures and a waste water treatment plant.

“We are hoping that the BeWater project will be a source of inspiration at the level of participatory planning in the water catchment [...] which will lead to practical processes that would gradually be applied in other regions of the country.”

Mr. Abdallah Rabhi
Cabinet-chief of the Ministry of
Agriculture, Tunisia

Registrations

The conference is open to practitioners, scientists, stakeholders and policy-makers, indeed anyone interested in considering strategies for adapting river basins in the face of climate change and other pressures. The conference language will be English.

Registrations are now open at the [event webpage](#).



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