



River Basin Adaptation Conference

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

7-8 March 2017
Nova Gorica, Slovenia

“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

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.

Programme

Conference: 7 March

Keynote speeches, presentations and interactive sessions on *Adaptation of river basin management to global change* and *Science and society interactions in water management*.

Field trip: 8 March

Follow the course of the Vipava river, from spring to reservoir with various stopping points.



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

Speakers

Leading experts in climatology, water management and participatory techniques will discuss conference themes. Confirmed speakers include:

Prof. Dr. Lučka Kajfež Bogataj, Head of the Centre for Agricultural Meteorology, University of Ljubljana, climatologist and member of the International Panel on Climate Change.

Dr. Ad Jeuken, Deltares, the Netherlands, expert advisor in the field of climate change adaptation and water management.

Dr. Sebastian Vicuña, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Executive Director of the Global Change Research Center, Chile.

Dr. Marc Parés, Institute for Government & Public Policies, UAB, Spain, political scientist leading the research group on Urban Governance, Commons, Internet and Social Innovation.

Registrations

The conference is open to 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](http://www.bewaterproject.eu).

Extended deadline

Abstract submissions are invited for short (5-10 minutes), targeted oral presentations related to the topics of the parallel sessions:

Best practices for designing adaptive management strategies

Policy considerations for participatory river basin management

Abstracts should describe experience that may be of use to others: lessons learned; recommendations on best practice; policy considerations; and whether the approach could be transferred to other regions or different contexts.

The deadline for submission has been extended.

Submit your abstract now!

“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

