



18th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE « EUROPE-INBO 2020 »

Programme of the online interactive workshop “European co-funded partnership “WATER4ALL” Water Security For the Planet”

Monday 9th November, 15h30 - 17h00 (on Zoom)

Horizon Europe is the European Union's framework program for research and innovation for the period 2021 - 2027. Horizon Europe thus follows on from the Horizon 2020 program, which ends at the end of 2020.

The theme of water is present in the various challenges identified (called clusters), and in particular its **Cluster 6 "Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment"**.

Horizon Europe will also support **European partnerships** with EU countries, the private sector, foundations and other stakeholders. The aim is to deliver on global challenges and industrial modernisation through concerted research and innovation efforts.

Several European stakeholders (the Water JPI, Water Europe, EUREAU, Aqua Publica Europea, EURAQUA, EWA, among others) are preparing a tentative partnership on water (**Water4All**) : the objective of this initiative is to boost systemic transformations across the entire water research – innovation pipeline, fostering the matchmaking between problem owners and solution providers. It proposes a portfolio of multi-national, multi-faceted and cross-sectoral approach, encompassing policy, environmental, economic, technological and societal considerations to enable water security for all on the long term.

By 2030, it intends to achieve reduced water stress, increased protection of water resources and ecosystems and enhanced resilience, mitigation and adaptation of water systems to global changes.

The aim of the webinar is then to better know the room for research on water in HEU, and how it could help **basin organisations** to best benefit from research and **innovation** ; and to see how INBO can support and be involved in the Water4All initiative.

15h30 - 15h35:

- Introduction of the agenda of the workshop
 - **Dr. Eric Tardieu**, INBO General Secretary,

15h35 - 15h55:

- Presentation of Horizon Europe, the next European research and innovation framework programme ; Water related topics in the 1st draft WorkProgramme 2021-2022
 - **Mr. Panagiotis Balabanis**, Deputy Head of Unit “Eco-Innovation” DG Research & Innovation

15h55 - 16h15:

- European partnerships with EU and associated countries, the private sector, foundations and other stakeholders - the Water4All initiative
 - **Mr. Olivier Bouc**, ANR, the French research agency

16h15 - 16h35:

- Round Table: European research and innovation programme, Water4All, which opportunities for basins?

Moderator: **Dr. Natacha Amorsi**, International Office for Water (OiEau)

- **Mr. Panagiotis Balabanis**, Deputy Head of Unit “Eco-Innovation” DG Research & Innovation
- **Mr. Olivier Bouc**, ANR, the French research agency
- **Mr. Miguel Polo**, Water Commissioner, Jucar Hydrographic Confederation, Spain

16h35 - 16h50:

- Questions and answers with the audience

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- Conclusions:
 - **Dr. Eric Tardieu**, INBO General Secretary