



8th WORLD WATER FORUM 2018

European Regional Process

3rd Consultation Meeting

Porto, Portugal, 26 September 2017

1. The World Water Forum

The World Water Forum is the world's biggest water-related event, organised by the World Water Council (WWC) together with a host country and city, and bringing together all those interested parties engaged in water issues. Its mission is to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, to facilitate the efficient conservation, protection, development, planning, management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis for the benefit of all. The next Forum will take place in Brasilia (Brazil) in March 2018 and is organised around a thematic process, a political process, a regional process, as well as a Citizens forum, a sustainability focus group and a fair and exhibition. The overall theme of this 8th World Water Forum edition is "Sharing".

2. The European Regional Process

In the context of the World Water Forum, the European Regional Process will debate the main problems and guidelines for cooperation and integrated water management in Europe, based on an open and democratic process, in close link with the other processes and bridging with other regions. The deliverables of the European Regional Process will be a report on the region and several regional and inter-regional sessions at the Forum, assessing the themes climate, people, development, urban, ecosystems, financing, sharing, capacity and governance. The European Regional Process is coordinated by the Ministry of Environment of Portugal, as lead coordinator, and the European Pact for Water, as co-Coordinator.

3. The 3rd Consultation of the European Regional Process

In the context of the European Regional Process of the 8th World Water Forum, a consultation meeting will be held in Porto, in Portugal, on 26th September 2017, organised by the Ministry of Environment of Portugal and the European Pact for Water.

Agenda items will include the structure and current status of the European Report, including the methodology adopted, the geographic scope, the thematic and topic scope, the assessment of the most relevant topics for each theme, the assessment of the UNECE level implementation, and a detailed analysis and description of priority topics and case studies.

This meeting in Porto, with participation of the European Regional Coordinators, national focal points, chapter coordinators and other relevant water experts, has the main goal to obtain additional inputs to the report.

This meeting will link with Porto Water Innovation Week 2017 Conferences (<http://www.portowaterinnovationweek.eu/>), namely European Innovation Partnership on Water Conference 2017, on 27-28th September, and the Mayors & Water Conference 2017, on 29th September.

4. Event Registration

Participation in the 3rd Consultation meeting is free of charge but delegates are asked to register via the link https://pt.surveymonkey.com/r/WWF_ERP_Porto. Registration will be accepted until September 18 and is limited to the capacity of the meeting room.

Registration is valid only after reception of a confirmation email sent by the technical secretariat of the European Regional Process.

5. Technical Secretariat

For more information, please contact the technical secretariat: rita.amaral@live.com.

6. Participation in Other Events and Hotel Reservation

Delegates are also invited to consider the participation in other parallel events planned for the Porto Water Innovation Week 2017, the EIP Water Conference 2017 (27th & 28th September) and the Mayors & Water Conference 2017 (29th September). The participation is also free of charge, but delegates are asked to register via the link http://portowaterinnovationweek.com/index/#page_fees

A number of hotel rooms in different price categories have been booked at special rates for EIP Meeting participants from the 25th to 30th of September 2017. Additional nights can be confirmed on request. For more information, please contact Loreta Sardo (Vinitur) through the following email: booking@portowaterinnovationweek.com.