

Shaping the Future of Water Management in Europe

EWA/NWA Spring Seminar 2025

Description	Program
kl. 08:30–09:00	Registration & coffee
kl. 08:50–09:00	Welcome music Haakon Thaulow, Former President, EWA
kl. 09:00–09:15	Welcome address Moderator: Arthur Guischet, Secretary General, EWA Maria Ystrøm Bislingen, President, Norwegian Water Association Opening remarks, Harsha Ratnaweera, (Vice)President, European Water Association
kl. 09:15–09:50	Setting the scene: Overview of the recast of the UWWTD and the responses from the member countries so far Moderator: Arthur Guischet, Secretary General, EWA Keynote by Michel Sponar, Deputy Head of Unit at the European Commission, Directorate General for the Environment
kl. 09:50–10:30	Session-I: European water resources: status and impact of pollution in the context of emerging pressures Moderator: Arthur Guischet, Secretary General, EWA • Overview of impacts of wastewater discharges (>10 000pe) on Norwegian recipients, Christian Vogelsang, Norwegian Institute for Water Research-NIVA Read more
kl. 10:30–10:45	Tea/coffee
kl. 10:45–11:45	Session-II: The Revised Urban Wastewater Directive: Managing impacts with innovative technologies Moderator: Joahnnes Lohaus, former Secretary General, EWA • The apparent paradox in legislation (and how to deal with it) Experience from Belgium. Jan Goossens, CEO, Aquafin, Belgium Read more
kl. 11:45–12:15	Award of the Dunbar medal, and the address by the 2025 laureate Professor Dr. Ir. Jules B. van Lier, Netherlands • Awarding ceremony • Award of the medal: President of the EWA and Collin Davis, Executive Director, Messe München Read more
kl. 12:15–13:30	Lunch, main restaurant, buffet
kl. 13:30–15:00	Session-III: Panel discussion: The Way forward for a common future Moderator: Arthur Guischet, Secretary General, EWA • Are we on route to implement the revised UWWTD? • How can we enhance synergies between utilities and policy makers? • What should be the next topic for a Europe-wide conference?

Michel Sponar (EC), Károly Kovács (Hungary), Jan Goossens (Belgium) and Arne Haarr (Norway)

kl. 15:00–15:30

Tea/coffee

Session-IV: The Revised Urban Wastewater Directive: Stormwater and sewers

Moderator: Thomas Wintgens, Professor, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

kl. 15:30–16:45

• Driving sustainability for piping systems: insights from comparative LCAs to guide environmental impact reduction, Caroline Spirinckx, Project Manager, Flemish Institute for Technological Research, (VITO),

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kl. 16:45–17:00

Closure of the conference

Arthur Guischet, Secretary General, EWA