



TIME FOR AN
EU Blue Deal



HIGH-LEVEL HEARING
27 February 2023 | 14.30 - 18.00 | Room JDE 62

Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI) high-level hearing:
"Time for a Blue Deal"

PROGRAMME

Moderation: Mariam Zaidi

13.45 – 14.25 Arrival of participants and welcome coffee

14.30 – 15.00 Opening

- **Christa Schweng**, President of the EESC
- **Pernille Weiss**, MEP, Chair of the MEP Water Group (intervening remotely)
- **Pietro Francesco De Lotto**, President of Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI)

15.00 – 16.10 Panel 1: Global challenges at stake

This panel will look into key challenges and existing policies concerning:

- the preservation of freshwater resources and clean water
- access to water, economics of water and water poverty
- geopolitics of water and blue diplomacy

Speakers:

- **Sergiy Moroz**, Policy Manager for Water and Biodiversity, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
- **Mirjam Wolfrum**, CDP
- **Milo Fiasconaro**, Executive Director, Aqua Publica Europea
- **Marc Zeitoun**, Director General, Geneva Water Hub

16.10 – 16.20 Break

16.20 – 17.30 Panel 2: Sustainable water management

This panel will look into key challenges and existing policies concerning:

- water consumption and wastewater produced by households, public administration, agriculture and industries, notably water-intensive ones:
- water efficient technology sector,
- distribution networks and water infrastructures from the triple perspective of efficiency, sustainability and resilience.

Speakers:

- **Will Sarni**, founder and CEO, Water Foundry (intervening remotely)
- **Li Lifeng**, Director of Division for Land and Water, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Johannes Lohaus**, Secretary General, European Water Association
- **Oliver Loebel**, Secretary General, EurEau

17.30 – 18.00 Closing

- **Oliver Röpke**, President of the Workers' Group, EESC
- **Salla Saastamoinen**, Deputy Director-General, Joint Research Centre (JRC)

18.00 End of hearing