



**European Economic and Social Committee  
Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT)**

**PROGRAMME**

**Public Hearing  
"Towards smart and sustainable agricultural water use in Europe"**

**8 April 2013, 2.30 – 6.30 p.m.**

*EESC, meeting room JDE 62<sup>1</sup>*

**Interpretation (5/3):** from ES/DE/EN/FR/IT into DE/EN/FR

<b>2.00 p.m.</b>	Hearing chaired by <b>Josef Zboril</b> , NAT Section Member <b>Registration &amp; coffee</b>
<b>2.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mario Campli</b>, NAT Section President: opening speech</li></ul> <b>Agricultural water use in Europe: needs, impacts and trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Wouter Vanneuville</b>, Project Manager, Water and Vulnerability, European Environmental Agency</li></ul> <b>How integrated are the EU water and farming policies?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Claire McCamphill</b>, Policy Officer, WFD Implementation and Water Policy, DG Environment, European Commission</li><li>• <b>Martin Scheele</b>, Head of Unit Environment, Genetic Resources and EIP, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission</li></ul>

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<b>3.30 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Session 1. Increasing water productivity</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adriano Battilani</b>, Senior Researcher, Canale Emiliano Romagnolo (CER)</li><li>• <b>David Velarde Trigueros</b>, Head of the Rural Infrastructure Department of Murcia Region: Murcia Irrigation Modernisation Plan</li></ul>
<b>4.15 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>4.45 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Session 2: Strengthening resilience through sustainable land management and green infrastructure</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Thomas Strassburger</b>, Soil Sector, DG Environment, European Commission</li><li>• <b>Sergey Moroz</b>, Freshwater Officer, WWF-EPO</li></ul>
<b>5.30 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Session 3: Agricultural water pricing and other economic instruments</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Almut Bonhage</b>, Secretary General, European Federation of National Associations of Water &amp; Waste Water Services (EUREAU)</li></ul>
<b>6.10 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Conclusions, recommendations, and follow-up by the EESC</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>George Cingal</b>, EESC Rapporteur on NAT/593 <i>Blueprint to safeguard Europe's water resources</i></li></ul>
<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	<b><i>End of the hearing</i></b>

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