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at 16th June 2014 in Brussels**

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**EU Water Policy
Seminar I**

**Guide to the
EU Water Policy:
Principles,
Main Elements,
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Guide to the EU Water Policy: Principles, Main Elements, Key Players

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Introduction

Waters do not respect political or administrative boundaries, neither on pollution nor on floods. Based on these facts, planning and decisions in water management are increasingly shaped by EU legislation and initiatives, as well as river basin conventions under international law.

A grasp of legal basis, context and decision-taking mechanisms are thus of increasing importance for planners and decision makers at local, regional and national level in the private and public sector.

The EU Water Policy Seminar by EWA will present

- an overview of EU Institutions, their interaction and decision-making processes, from the European Parliament and the Commission to the Court of Justice;
- a survey “Who is who in water” in the EU, in all water-related policy areas, from environment to agriculture, from industry to internal market and EU enlargement,
- possibilities, paths and legal rights for access to information and documents, citizens’ initiatives;
- the core elements of legislation and funding instruments shaping the water environment within the EU, as well as conventions under international law.

The seminar aims at planners and decision makers at local, regional and national level, in municipalities and regional authorities and agencies, in branches of the water industry as well as in non-governmental organisations and stakeholder bodies.

Venue

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Chairman

Dr. Blöch has had a leading role at the European Commission dealing with water politics for many years. He has working experience in the environmental and water sector not only nationally, in Austria, but also on European level in Brussels. He has published several

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Outline

- **Overview of EU Institutions and EU decision-making process**
European Parliament, European Commission, Council, legislative procedures.
- **“Who is who in water” in the EU ?**
European Commission and Directorates – European Parliament
- **EU water legislation and water-related policy**
Which core elements of legislation and funding instruments are shaping the water environment?
- **Getting involved**
Where/when can you get information, provide information and contribute to the process?
- **Openness and transparency; citizens’ rights**
Right of access to documents; European Citizens’ Initiative; European Ombudsman; right of petition; right of complaint; monitoring progress of political negotiations on legislation.

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