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Conference

“Water Framework Directive in the Mediterranean”

April 22-23, 2010, Barcelona, Spain

Introduction to the conference

With this conference, the EEB aims to facilitate the dialogue between EU Mediterranean Member States and civil society in order to identify and discuss in a constructive manner how the WFD can help address some of the most pressing water management issues facing the Mediterranean region.

The results of the conference should serve to identify common strategies and possible approaches to tackle the main issues that will arise in the development, debate and implementation of the new Basin Management Plans in order to reach WFD goals by 2015, and that are particularly relevant to countries in the Mediterranean region.

Draft Programme

DAY ONE – APRIL 22

- 9.30 **Registration and coffee**
- 10:00 Welcome & Introduction by EEB and Ecologistas en Accion
- .15 Opening speech by **Mrs Marta Moren Abbat**, Spanish Presidency (confirmed)
- 10.30 Opening speech by **Peter Gammeltoft**, European Commission (confirmed)
- 10:45 Best practice examples in: Transparency and public participation
Joaquim Brugué Torruella, President of IGOP (confirmed)
- 11:15 Best practice examples in: Good status of groundwater bodies
José Maria Niñerola, Former Head of Groundwater Coordination Unity, Agència Catalana de l'Aigua.(confirmed)
- 12:45 **Coffee break**
- 12:30 Best practice examples in: Water tariff systems and demand management
David Navarro Valbuena, Head of Tax Planning Unit, Agència Catalana de l'Aigua (confirmed)

13:00 Best practice examples in: implementation of environmental flows in the new river basin management plans
Antoni Munné Torras, Head of the Department of Control and Improvement of Water Ecosystems, Agència Catalana de l'Aigua (confirmed)

13:30 Lunch

15.30 Workshops organized on national issues
[Parallel sessions, facilitated by independent facilitators, in national languages]

17:00 **Coffee**

17:30 Continuation of workshops organized on national issues

19:00 **Conference dinner**

DAY TWO - APRIL 23

09:00 Workshops organized on topics reflecting on the results of the national workshops [parallel sessions in English]

11:30 Coffee

12.00 Continuation of workshops organized on topics

14:30 Lunch

15.30 Plenary session: Reporting back from parallel sessions by rapporteurs

17:30 Closing remarks by EEB, European Commission and Spanish Presidency.

DAY THREE - APRIL 24

C – Optional site visits to the Ebro Delta and Llobregat River

Conference organized by EEB, Ecologistas en Acción, Xarxa per una Nova Cultura de l'aigua, and FNCA, in cooperation with ECODES, BirdLife/Seo and WWF/Adena with financial support of the European Commission.

Conference Language will be English/Spanish in the plenary sessions.