



Evaluating Economic Policy Instruments for
Sustainable Water Management in Europe

AGENDA

First EPI-WATER Conference

Understanding the Application
of Economic Policy Instruments
(EPIs) in Water Management

*Review of Empirical Evidence,
Experiences and Lessons Learned
from Europe and elsewhere*

Berlin, 26 - 27 January 2012
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Day 1 – Thursday 26 January, 2012

Programme	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration & Coffee
Introductory Session	
09.30 – 09.40	Welcome to the First FP7 EPI-Water Conference R. Andreas Kraemer, Director, Ecologic Institute
09.40 – 09.50	The FP7 EPI-Water Project in a Nutshell Jaroslav Mysiak, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM)
09.50 – 10.00	Workshop Objectives Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute
Session I: Setting the Water Policy Scene (Chair: Pierre Strosser, ACTeon)	
10.00 – 10.20	The Role of Economic Policy Instruments in the Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Waters Lukasz Latala, EC Directorate General ENVIRONMENT
10.20 – 10.40	Outline of EEA activities on water economics Mikael Skou Andersen, European Environmental Agency
10.40 – 10.50	What Do we Expect from EPIs for Policy Making? Statements from EPI-Water Policy Think Tank Members EPI-WATER Policy Think Tank Members
10.50– 11.00	Questions & Discussion
11.00- 11.20	Coffee Break
Session II: What is at Stake? An introduction to the EPI-Water Assessment Framework and Ex-Post Case Studies (Chair: Jaroslav Mysiak, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei)	
11.20 – 11.35	The Assessment Framework David Zetland, Wageningen University
11.35 – 11.50	Presenting the European and Non-European EPI-Water Case Studies Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute
11.50 – 12.15	An illustration of the Application of the EPI-Water Assessment Framework: Lower Ebro (Spain): Voluntary agreement for river regime restoration services, Carlos Mario Gomez, Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies in Water
12.15 – 12.45	Questions & Discussion
12.45- 14.00	Lunch Break
Session III: How Do EPIs Perform? Key Results of the Ex-Post Assessment (Chair: Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute)	
14.00 – 14.15	Setting the Stage for Break-Out Sessions and Expected Outcomes <i>This session is divided into three different break-out sessions focusing on different aspects (tasks) of the assessment framework.</i> Ecologic Institute

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14.15 – 16.30	Working Groups
	<p>WG 1 – Do They Help Achieve (Better) Environmental Outcomes and Reduce Uncertainties? Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies in Water and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Danish Pesticide Tax, Anders Branth Pedersen, Aarhus Universitet, National Environmental Research Institute • Effluent Tax in Germany, Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute • The Chilean Water Allocation Mechanism, Guillermo Donoso Harris, Universidad Catolica de Chile
	<p>WG2 – What are the Economic Impacts and Distributional Effects? University of Bologna and Middlesex University- Flood Hazard Research Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary intersectorial water transfer -Llobregat River Basin Economic and distributional issues, M. Molinos Senante, Universitat De Valencia • Great Miami River Watershed Water Quality Credit Trading Program- Economic and distributional issues, Mark S. Kieser, Kieser & Associates
	<p>WG3 – The Delicate Question of Transaction Costs and their Relation to Institutions and Policy Implementability Wageningen University /Ecologic Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative agreements between water supply companies and farmers in Dorset, Colin Green, Middlesex University, Flood Hazard Research Centre • Groundwater tax in the Netherlands, David Zetland, Wageningen University • The role of the Unbundling water rights in Australia's Southern Connected Murray Darling basin, Mike Young, University of Adelaide.
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee Break
Session IV: Innovative EPIs: But What Does "Innovative" Really Mean?	
16.45 – 18.10	<p>An Interactive Panel Discussion Between Experts From the Inspiration of the EU group, the EPI-Water Consortium and Participants Facilitators: Colin Green (Middlesex University- Flood Hazard Research Centre) and Manuel Lago (Ecologic Institute)</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <p>Prof Mike Young, University of Adelaide, Australia Dr Iddo Kan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel Mr Mark Kieser, Kieser & Associates, LLC, United States Dr Andrew Yates, University of Richmond, United States Prof. Guillermo Donoso Harris, Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile</p>
18.10 – 18:30	<p>Wrap Up of the First Day – Closing Session ACTeon/Ecologic Institute</p>
18.30	End of the First Day
19:00	Dinner

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Day 2 – Friday 27 January, 2012

Programme	
08.45 – 09.00	Welcome Coffee
09.00 – 09.10	Opening of the Second Day Ecologic Institute and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei
Session III (cont.): How Do EPIs Perform? Key Results of the <i>Ex-Post</i> Assessment	
09.10 – 09.30	How do EPIs Perform? Key Results of the <i>Ex-Post</i> Assessment (cont.) Reporting from the WG Sessions: Presentations by Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies in Water, University of Bologna, and Wageningen University. Facilitator: Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem - Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research
09.30 – 09.50	Questions & Discussion
Session V: How do EPIs Contribute to Solving Water Management Problems? Key Results of the <i>Ex-Post</i> Assessment (Chair: Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute)	
09.50 – 10.05	Presentation of the Focus of the Break-Out Session and Expected Outcomes / Setting the Stage for Break-Out Sessions and Expected Outcomes <i>This session is divided into three different break-out sessions focusing on the water management problems addressed with the EPI</i> Ecologic Institute
10.05 – 12.00	Working Groups
	WG 1 – Addressing Water Quantity Issues National Technical University of Athens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water tariff system in Italy and tariff structure in the Region Emilia Romagna (RER), Jaroslav Mysiak, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei • Subsidies for Drinking Water Conservation in Cyprus, Maggie Kossida, National Technical University of Athens • Price setting of urban water under centralized management, Iddo Kan, university of Jerusalem
	WG 2 – Tackling Water Quality Concerns Aarhus University, National Environmental Research Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Abstraction Charges and Compensation Payments in Baden-Württemberg (Germany), Jennifer Möller-Gulland, Ecologic Institute • Financial compensation for environmental services: the case of Evian Natural Mineral Water, Pierre Defrance, ACTeon • Nitrogen Permit Trading in North Carolina's Neuse River, Andy Yates, University of Richmond
	WG 3 – Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems & The Sustainable Development of Hydropower ACTeon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Hydropower in Switzerland. Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute • Subsidies for ecologically friendly hydro-power plants through favourable electricity remuneration in Germany. Verena Mattheiß, ACTeon

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12.00 – 13.30	Lunch
Session V (cont.): How do EPIs Contribute to Solving Water Management Problems? Key Results of the <i>Ex-Post</i> Assessment	
13.30 – 13.50	Reporting From the WG Sessions Reporting from the WG Sessions chaired by the National Technical University of Athens, Aarhus Univerisitet - National Environmental Research Institute, and ACTeon. Facilitator: University of Valencia
13.50 – 14.10	Questions & Discussion
14.10 – 14.25	Coffee Break
Session VI: What Are the Implications of First Results of EPI-Water? Support to Policy Makers & Unanswered Questions (Chair: ACTeon)	
14.25– 14.45	Key Results from the Overall Comparative Assessment Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute
14.45– 15.15	A <i>Tour d'Horizon</i> of PTT Members' Views EPI-WATER Policy Think Tank Members
15.15– 15.40	Questions & Discussion
Session VII: Moving Forward: The Next Steps of the EPI-Water Project	
15.40 – 15.50	General Presentation Jaroslav Mysiak, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei
15.50 – 16.00	Questions & Discussion
Closing Session	
16.00 – 16.10	Key Messages from the Workshop Jaroslav Mysiak, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei
16.10 – 16.15	Closing Words from the Organisers Manuel Lago, Ecologic Institute
16.15	End of the Conference