



## Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

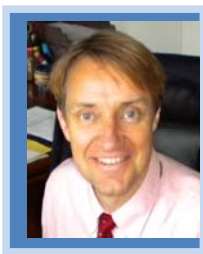
In the next year, EUREAU will continue to move closer to the European Institutions. This also will further contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency in our lobbying activities and will certainly promote our visibility in the EU-headquarters.

However, the world is facing a terrible economic 'crisis' and the water and wastewater sectors are also direct victims of this 'crisis'. It seems that the 'crisis' is not only a word anymore, it is not coming, it is already around us. EUREAU is sincerely concerned about the consequences of this crisis on the water and wastewater sectors. As a result EUREAU is not planning any further increase in fees in the coming years and we are looking for further increase in the use efficiency of our budget. I share the concerns of those of our Members facing problems in this context and sincerely hope that this will not affect us too much.

Andreas ANGELAKIS



## Message from Secretariat



Dear Members,  
Dear Readers,

**EUREAU** has continued to pursue activities to improve its visibility and present its work and achievements. The year 2009 will be a special year as European elections are foreseen.

This will bring a new European Parliament and a new European Commission that we will have to work with. I really hope that Water is going to be a priority on the political agenda. In Brussels, there is a real need to repeat this priority very often as it seems that most of the policy makers feel that the abundance of water is forever, for everybody and for cheap is almost guaranteed. EUREAU will continue its efforts to raise the political awareness and to promote the interests of its members.

Pierre-Yves MONETTE  
Secretary general

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## PEOPLE

EUREAU says goodbye to Gaëtane Suzenet and wish her a lot of happiness in her new career

EUREAU says goodbye to Michel GIBERT and wish him to enjoy his retirement

EUREAU says goodbye to Rauno Piipo

The Board decided the nomination of a new Communication Officer starting early January 2009 and appointed **Gregory MATHIEU**. Don't hesitate to contact him :

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## Upcoming events

**20/04/2009 – Water Working Group**

*Location : Brussels*

**29/04/2009 – Workshop on Sludge**

*Location : Brussels*

**04/06/2009 – EWA "European**

**Wastewater Benchmarking**

**Reporting**

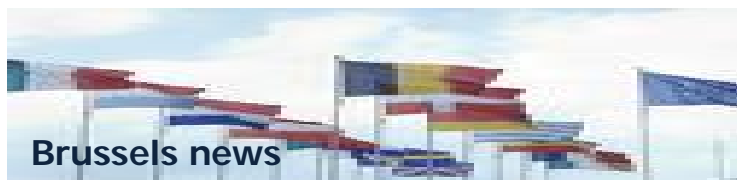
*Location : Hennef (Germany)*

**06/05/2009 – ExCom Meeting**

*Location : Brussels*

**27/06/2009 – Board Meeting**

*Location :*



**The European Parliament (13 January) voted to restrict the use of toxic pesticides**, despite and calls for better evaluation of the legislation's impact upon agricultural production and food prices. "The pesticides package is an important stage in preventing pollution from plant protection products at source. It provides the water sector with essential instruments and mechanisms to further protect drinking water supplies and help achieve the environmental objectives set at the EU level" said Daniel Villessot, past president of EUREAU and chairman of the Task Force pesticides.

**Revision of the Directive on Drinking Water (DWD).** DG Envi has thanked EUREAU for the provision of ideas regarding the integration of risk management in the drinking water directive. The Member States are providing data on small supplies, to support the Commission impact assessment on the revision of the directive. DG Envi should have the draft directive together with the impact assessment ready for inter-commission consultation during the summer 2009. It is expected that the draft directive will be released at the end of November 2009, for transmission to the European Parliament in early 2010

EUREAU meet the **Chairman of the ENVI** Committee, MEP Miroslav OUZKY (20 January).

**The Czech Presidency** announced (21 January) its priorities for Environment. The Czech Minister for Environment clearly stated that the Soil Directive will be a priority.

EUREAU meet the **Water Director of Sweden**. On 24 April Eureau had a meeting with various representatives of the upcoming Swedish presidency, among which the Swedish Water Director, Ms. Ann-Louise Mannson, to discuss policy issues relevant to the water surface sector on which the Swedish presidency may have a decisive influence. Issues discussed were i.a. the implementation of the Priority Substances Directive, the Soil Directive, revision of the Drinking Water Directive, climate change, and water & agriculture. The meeting were very constructive and were met with a lot of interest from the side of the Swedish government. Eureau would like to thanks Svensktvatten for their intermediary role.

## EUREAU WAS THERE

**20/01/2009 – European Water Forum lunch**

*Location : Istanbul*

**04/02/2009 – EWP : Water vision for Europe final meeting**

*Location : Brussels*

**12-13/02/2009 – Peace with Water conference**

*Location : Brussels*

**10-12/03/2009 – European Parliament Plenary session**

*Location : Strasbourg*

**16/03/2009 – Preparing the Belgian Presidency (Egmont Institute)**

*Location : Brussels*

**16-20/03/2009 – 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**

*Location : Istanbul*

**23-25/03/2009 – Water Safety Plans (WHO, IWA)**

*Location : Geneva*

**30-31/03/2009 – European Waste Regulations –Impact on Waste Industry and Public Authorities**

*Location : Berlin*

**02-03/04/2009 – Wise Conference : "Plunge into the debate"**

*Location : Brussels*



Water, Yes we care!

At the eve of the European elections, EUREAU launched a campaign that gathered signatures of 40 MEPs among which 23 members of the ENVI Committee.

The goal of our campaign is to put water on the political agenda and, encouraged by the results, EUREAU is willing to set up an intergroup on water after the European elections in June, combining the efforts of the different ongoing initiatives on water that already exist.

But as for now, the campaign should continue and possibly launched in every Member States with the aim to convince a maximum of candidates well positioned to be elected to sign it. The Secretariat would be happy to help you with this.



EUREAU organised a workshop on Sludge in Brussels. More than 40 experts from all over Europe and USA discussed the future of a possible revision of the Sludge Directive and had a unique opportunity to share views and comments with M. Bartosz Zambrzycki from DG Environment (European Commission). The meeting was chaired by Daniel Villessot who's objectives was: to contribute to the EC Sludge Directive Study and Impact Assessment; to make the voice of the waste water operators heard in the process of the Directive revision; to ensure the revised Directive contributes to the development of policy tools and instruments to reinforce confidence in the food supply chain as well as in the use of recycling treated sewage sludge (biosolids) as soil fertiliser; to express EUREAU views on crucial issues like Monitoring, QMS, Biowaste, Metal standards, Organic contaminants, etc; to ensure that recycling of treated sewage sludge as soil fertiliser is seen as an important contribution to recycling and sustainability.

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