

Workshop on the Protection and Management of Small Water Bodies

14 November 2013

Venue: The House of Cities, Municipalities and Regions, Square de Meeûs 1, 1000 Brussels

Agenda

09:00-09:30 **Registration and coffee**

09:30-10:10 **Welcome and introduction**

Welcome

By Dalius Krinickas, Water Department, Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania

WFD and the 2013-2015 CIS work programme

By Peter Gammeltoft, DG Environment, European Commission

Small Waters and WFD

By Jeremy Biggs, Freshwater Habitats Trust

10:10-11:00 **Session 1: Why are small water bodies important?**

Session chair: Peter Kristensen, European Environment Agency

Small running waters: value and function for freshwater biodiversity

By Nikolai Friberg, Aarhus University

The role of small standing waters in maintaining diversity in the freshwater landscape

By Pascale Nicolet, Freshwater Habitats Trust

Discussion

11:00-11:15 **Tea/coffee break**

11:15-12:05 **Session 2: The policy framework**

Session chair: Nick Davidson, Ramsar

Linking Habitat Directive freshwater habitats with WFD water types

By Peter Kristensen, European Environment Agency

How can you protect small waters without excessive cost?

By Martin McGarrigle, Environmental Protection Agency, Ireland

Discussion

12:05-12:30 **Introduction to the afternoon workshop sessions**

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-14:30

Session 3: Application of policy in practice

Session chair: Patrick Grillas, Tour du Valat Biological Research Station

Small water bodies and ecosystem services in agricultural landscape

By Chris Stoate, Allerton Project, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust

Small water bodies and WFD in the Mediterranean region: case study from Spain

By Jose Prenda, Huelva University

A case study on the protection of small water bodies in Lithuania

By Audrius Sepikas, Environmental Protection Agency, Lithuania

14:30-14:45

Tea/coffee break

14:45-18:15

Session 4: Workshops

Workshop 1: How should we protect small waters practically?

Workshop 2: Can we integrate EU legislation and policies to protect small waters?

Workshop 3: What is the role of small waters in spreading knowledge of freshwater issues and engaging citizens?

18:15-18:30

Conclusions and next steps
