



## P R E S S R E L E A S E

### **The European Water Association (EWA) published its third issue of the EWA Water Manifesto**

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**“The Water Manifesto wants to draw attention to current important water issues in Europe and to propose their resolution by the sustainable management and use of water resources”. These were the words of the EWA-President, Professor Pertti Seuna, when the Water Manifesto at the “Open Days” in Brussels was introduced to official sources.**

With the third issue of the EWA Water Manifesto, the European Water Association calls upon the society in general and all relevant stakeholders to strive for responsible use and exploitation of water. After being published for the first time in November 2010, the third issue of the EWA Water Manifesto has become an integrated part and a cornerstone of EWA efforts in Brussels. “There is still a great need for research and innovation in the water sector”, the EWA-General Secretary Johannes Lohaus adds who is thinking about the new challenges associated with the topic of micro pollutants in particular. Therefore the EWA is in frequent contact with the “European Innovation Partnership

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on Water” which was founded by the DG Environment recently to provide them with suggestions concerning water-related topics.

The scope of the EWA Water Manifesto has grown since the publication of the first issue; however, the topics of the third issue are a continuation of the “hot topics” and are as follows:

- Implementation of the EU Water Legislation
- Climate Change and Water
- Demographic Changes and Water Safety
- Water Scarcity and Droughts in Europe
- Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Services
- Changing Cities and Integrated Urban Water Management
- Flood Resilience - a Major and Growing Challenge
- Water Efficiency and Agriculture
- Water and Biodiversity
- Water and Energy
- Emerging Pollutants
- Water Cost Recovery and Incentive Pricing

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## **EWA**

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation promoting the sustainable and improved management of the total water cycle and hence the environment as a whole.

It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water cycle, as well as wastewater and drinking water, water and wastewater treatment related wastes. With member associations from many European countries, EWA includes most of the current European Union Member States as

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well as Norway and Switzerland. Today, EWA consists of 25 European leading professional organisations in their respective countries, each representing professionals and technicians for wastewater and water utilities, academics, technology providers, consultants and contractors; local authorities and regulators. The Association also has a growing number of corporate members: firms and enterprises, institutes or associations. EWA thus represents about 50,000 professional individuals and specialists working in the broad field of water and environmental management.

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