

Economic system (rooms 3 and 4, 2nd floor)

What economic framework should guide the provision of essential public services such as water?

Water rates as a tool for managing demand

Joaquín García Lucea, director of tax affairs at Zaragoza City Council

How to ensure the affordability of the human right to water and sanitation through the rates

Cristina Barberà, member of Engineers Without Borders and author of the study "DHAS i tarifes" ("Human right to water and sanitation and water rates")

The calculation of the rates and other economic aspects

Aure García, director of Aigües del Prat

The role of the workers in the pricing of the water supply

José Manuel Jurado, head of Sustainability at CCOO Catalunya and member of the Catalan Price Commission

Moderation: **Lluís Basteiro**, head of the Water and Energy Office at Barcelona City Council

6.00 pm PRESENTATION OF THE BASES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE URBAN WATER CYCLE

Miriam Planas, Aigua és Vida
Gonzalo Marín, Red Agua Pública
Jaime Morel, AEOPAS

6.30 pm REMUNICIPALISATION

Barcelona and other municipalities in the metropolitan area have positioned themselves recently in favour of public management. Elsewhere, Terrassa is in the process of remunicipalisation, as is Valladolid; and the cases of Brussels and Paris serve as points of reference for systems of water management that follow the logic of the common good.

What are the challenges facing these cities? What tools are needed to facilitate these processes?

Barcelona: **Eloi Badia**, councillor for Water and Energy

Brussels: **Christiane Franck**, general director of Vivaqua and CEO of Aqua Publica

Paris: **Célia Blauel**, deputy mayor

Valladolid: **María Sánchez**, deputy mayor

Terrassa: **Alfredo Vega López**, deputy mayor

WATER, A COMMON GOOD. CHALLENGES AND FUTURE

REMUNICIPALISATION AND GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE URBAN WATER CYCLE



CONFERENCE

MARCH 21st 2017 9 am TO 8 pm
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(Sant Antoni M. Claret, 167, Barcelona)
Francesc Cambó Room

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In recent years there has been a steadily growing line of thought that understands that water should be managed as a common good. Major European cities have recovered the concessions and are developing new forms of water management. In Catalonia, the remunicipalisation of water is also an established trend, with numerous success stories and big cities also taking this path.

In parallel to this trend towards public management, new challenges have come to light that need to be incorporated across all areas, such as the concept of water and sanitation as a human right recognized by the UN; the role of the community, transparency and accountability; the economic system guiding management; the good maintenance of large bodies of water and climate change; and the general regulation of the sector that incorporates these and other essential perspectives.

With the involvement of the major public managers from the State administration, Europe and the organized community, the conference "Water, a common good. Challenges and future" aims to take a step forward in the definition of the model of water management in the 21st century and serve as a platform to promote the legislative changes needed to make this possible.

PROGRAMME

9.30 am OFFICIAL OPENING

Janet Sanz, deputy mayor and councillor of Ecology, Urbanism and Mobility
Miriam Planas, spokesperson for Aigua és Vida ("Water is Life")

10.00 am OPENING SPEECHES (Francesc Cambó Room)

International perspective on pro-public and pro-private tendencies

Susan George, president of the Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, and honorary president of ATTAC-France (Association for Taxation of Financial Transaction to Aid Citizens)

Water as a human right. The experiences of Europe and Ireland. Opportunities for other countries

Lynn Boylan, Sinn Féin MEP

11.30 am COFFEE BREAK (Hypostyle Hall)

NOON ROUND TABLES

Participation, transparency and accountability (Francesc Cambó Room)

What are the principles and practical tools that will enable progress towards empowering, transparent and truly democratic water management?

General legal basis for public participation in the public service of water supply and sanitation

Àlex Peñalver, senior lecturer in Administrative Law. Coordinator of the Environmental Law Clinic (Right to Rights) at the Faculty of Law of the University of Barcelona (UB)

Situation of public water services and participation in Spain

Luis Babiano, director of AEOPAS

Proposals for social participation and control in the public management of water

Juan Martínez, member of Terrassa Water Board

Principles, goals and instruments for information, transparency and public participation in water management. Proposals for discussion

Violeta Cabello, member of the New Water Culture Foundation (FNCA, Fundación Nueva Cultura del Agua)

Moderation: **Edurne Bagué**, Aigua és Vida

Regulation (rooms 3 and 4, 2nd floor)

What new elements need to be incorporated by the water service understood as a common good? What aspects need reviewing and updating?

Mechanisms for control of concessions and proposals to strengthen public capacity

Joan Pinyol, director of the Department of the Environment of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB)

Water and climate change: further reasons for regulation

Gabriel Borràs, biologist, Catalan Office for Climate Change

Territorial and environmental determining factors in the management of the urban water cycle

Salvador Milà, director of the President's Office of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB)

Remunicipalisation: practical difficulties of a political challenge

Joan Gaya, water engineering consultant

Moderation: **Moisès Subirana**, head of the Office for the Environment of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB)

2.00 pm LUNCH BREAK (catering not provided)

4.00 pm ROUND TABLES

Human right (Francesc Cambó Room)

What does the consideration of water as a human right mean and what are the technical and legal implications?

The recognition of water as a fundamental human right is an extremely valuable investment for our future: the case of Slovenia

Igor Soltes, member of the European Parliament

How to guarantee the human right to water: Law 24/2015

Maria Campuzano, spokesperson for the Alliance Against Energy Poverty

Addressing the affordability of water. The approach taken by public operators at a European level

Alessandro Russo, vice president of Aqua Publica Europea

The human right to water and the new urban water cycle model

Gonzalo Marín, spokesperson for Red Agua Pública (RAP)

Moderation: **Pau Orfinez**, Aigua és Vida