

CONFERENCE ON WATER USE IN AGRICULTURE

Key challenges, best practices, and next steps

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This event seeks to advance the discussion on the severe water situation in Europe, and its impacts on the agriculture sector.

The speakers will seek to raise awareness of best practices, projects addressing the issue and determine what can be realistic next steps to mitigate the water situation.



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of the Regions

Venue: Room JDE53 Committee of the Regions - Jacques Delors Building, Rue Belliard 99/101, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

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With translation
to French and
English

- 9:00** Welcome of participants and registration
- 9:30** Start of the conference
 - Simona Caselli, President of AREFLH
 - Pedro Narro, Project Manager - Climate, Energy and Green Deal, Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy - Committee of the Regions
- 10:00** Luca Perez, European Commission, DG Environment, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit C.1 Sustainable freshwater management - EU Water Resilience Initiative
- 10:30** Coffee break
- 11:00** Examples of projects and best practices
 - Lydie Bernard, Agriculture Vice-President of the Pays de la Loire Region (online participation): Water in agriculture, what solutions for increasingly precise management of this resource which has become more difficult to mobilize? The supports from the Pays de la Loire Region
 - Julia James, Association Climatologique de la Moyenne-Garonne (online participation)

- Gioele Chiari, Canale Emiliano Romagnolo : Irrinet, irrigation system for agricultural water management in the Emilia-Romagna region
- Sabien Pollet, Inagro: F2AGRI project
- Ignacio Lorite, Institute of Training and Research in Agriculture and Fisheries of Andalusia (IFAPA): Progress in improving water management in Andalusia
- Javier Meyer, AQUA4D, advanced water treatment technology

13:00 End of the conference

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- Represent its 17 regions, 43 POs/APOs and associate members from 13 EU countries,
- Defend the economic and social interests of the fruit, vegetable and horticultural sectors in dealings with European institutions,
- Encourage exchanges of experience, partnerships and joint projects between regions and professional organisations,
- To be a driving force for proposals on the main issues affecting the future of fruit and vegetable production in Europe.