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EUROPEAN WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES VS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Week 47 – 18/11/12 to 22/11/12

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Semaine organisée avec le soutien du SIAAP et de Suez Environnement

TEACHING TARGETS

In European Union member-States, water and sanitation services are organised under a wide array of management schemes, due to different choices in three dimensions: public vs private, local (municipal) vs more centralised, sector-based (unbundling) vs integrated-transversal (e.g. German *Stadtwerk*). Yet, beyond these differences, they share a common principle of public-private partnership, and a strong preference for consumerization (cost recovery through bills paid by users rather than taxes). This is the result of a long process initiated in the 19th century with the first concessions to private companies, but followed by the massive development of direct labour management formula, and later by the frequent creation of municipal enterprises.

Now that water services are quasi-universalised in most European countries, elements of a new crisis appear, with the need for long term maintenance of a heavy and costly infrastructure, but with no more subsidies; this leads to serious price increases, in addition to the general inclusion of sewage collection and treatment in the water bill. Urban stormwater management, the attempt to control agriculture diffuse pollution in well head areas, and flood control, lead large cities to reconsider their relationships to water resources, and to try to replace technological solutions by territorial ones. Last but not least, the new trend in water consumption decrease, which appears in numerous cities, adds up to the sustainability issue: if it develops too fast, recipes do not match expenses and the financial balance is threatened.

This ATHENS European week will present to European students a few contrasted cases of territorial organisation and management formulas, and inform them of attempts by managers and reflections by academics on sustainable strategies. For each country or group of countries we will try to find out what are the main drivers of sustainability among the 4 following dimensions:

- long term asset renewal and maintenance
- environmental and health concerns
- consumer equity and social tariff issues
- new forms of governance needed.

PROGRAM

MONDAY 18th OF NOVEMBER (Ecole des Ponts – room P.012)

9am-12am: PRESENTATION OF THE SEMINAR and the European Commission's position concerning public services (SGEI) and its difficult applicability in the case of water.

Bernard Barraqué, Research Director at the French CNRS and professor at the ENGREF-AgroParisTech and **Jean-Luc Trancart**, consultant and Professor of Water policies and technologies at the ENPC.

2pm-5pm: FRANCE

Jean-Pierre Tabuchi, Health and Environment Department at the SIAAP, **Bernard Barraqué** et **Jean-Luc Trancart**.

TUESDAY 19th OF NOVEMBER (Ecole des Ponts – room P.012)

9am-12am: ITALY

Andrea Mangano, Director of International Operations for ACEA SpA Rome, **Andrea Lippi**, Professor of Policy analysis and Evaluation at the Faculty of Political Science Cesare Alfieri, University of Florence.

2pm-5pm: GERMANY

Arno Bäumer, assistant to the CEO of the Ruhrverband and **Jens Libbe** from the German Institute of Urban Affairs (DIFU-Berlin).

WEDNESDAY 20th OF NOVEMBER (Ecole des Ponts – room P.012)

9am-12am:

THE NETHERLANDS and BELGIUM

Cédric Prevedello, Scientific consultant at AquaWal, the Union of the water cycle professionals of Wallonia and **Erik Mostert**, Professor at the Delft University of Technology.

2pm-5pm: PERSONAL WORK AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS

THURSDAY 21st OF NOVEMBER (Ecole des Ponts – room P.012)

9am-12am: SPAIN

Pere Verger, Head of Projects Production for AGBAR, **David Sauri**, Professor at the Geography Department and Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

2pm-5:30pm: THE BRITISH ISLES

Jacob Tompkins, Manager Director of Waterwise UK (to be confirmed), **Jennifer Brady**, PhD student at the Trinity College Dublin, **Thomas Zabel**, independent Environmental Consultant, formerly Water Research Center and **Ian Codling**, Senior Consultant – Environmental Evidence from the Water Research Centre.

FRIDAY 22nd OF NOVEMBER (Ecole des Ponts – room P.012)

9am-12am: FINAL ROUND TABLE

Bernard Barraqué, **Jean-Luc Trancart**, **Antonio Massarutto**, Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Udine, and Bocconi University, Milano, **Jean-Patrice Poirier**, independent consultant, former Europe Development Director for Veolia Environnement and **Francisco N.**

Correia, formerly Portuguese Minister for Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development

2pm-5pm: FINAL EVALUATION OF THE STUDENTS