

STAKEHOLDER EVENT THE DIRECTIVE ON CONCESSION CONTRACTS (2014/23/EU)

Review of the functioning of the Directive and assessment of the water exclusion

15 November 2021 (an on-line event)

AGENDA

(VERSION OF 5 NOVEMBER)

MORNING SESSION: REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE CONCESSIONS DIRECTIVE [10H00 - 12H00]

- 1. Welcome by **Jean-Yves Muylle**, Head of Unit Public Interest Services, Concessions (DG GROW, Unit C3)
- 2. Keynote speech by **Maive Rute**, *Deputy Director-General (DG GROW)*
- 3. Presentation of the Final Report of the study on the implementation of the Concessions Directive by **Paula Ramada**, *Partner at London Economics*

- 4. Panel discussion: Adoption of the Concessions Directive what are the key takeaways from the first years?
 - Virginie Dor, Partner at CMS DeBacker, Representative of the Stakeholder Expert Group on Public Procurement
 - o **Pascal van der Velde**, Projectmanager Hamerkwartier & Waterlandpleinbuurt, Projectmanagementbureau, Gemeente Amsterdam
 - Alberto Salamanca Ozamiz, Global Head Director of International Business Development at Acciona Concessions
 - o **Michael Fruhmann**, Head of Public procurement law unit, Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice

Moderator: **Katharina Knapton-Vierlich**, *Head of Unit - Public Procurement* (DG GROW, Unit C2)

- 5. Questions & Answers
- 6. Summary European Commission (DG GROW)

AFTERNOON SESSION ON THE WATER EXCLUSION [14H30 – 16H00]

- 1. Introduction by **Jean-Yves Muylle,** Head of Unit, Public Interest Services, Concessions (DG GROW, Unit C3)
- 2. Presentation by the European Commission (DG GROW, Unit C3) Preliminary analysis of the water exclusion in EU Member States
- 3. Panel discussion: Exclusion of the water sector from the scope of the Concessions Directive what are the key impacts?
 - Sean Ennis, Professor of Competition Policy at Norwich Business School, University of East Anglia, Director of the Centre for Competition Policy, Research Fellow at Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE)
 - Henning Grotelüschen, Head of Legal Department, RWW Rheinisch-Westfälische Wasserwerksgesellschaft mbH

- o **Tristan Mathieu**, Managing Director at French Association of Private Water Operators (FP2E -Fédération Professionnelle des Entreprises de l'Eau)
- o **Michael Getzner**, Professor of Public Finance and Infrastructure Economics, Vienna University of Technology

Moderator: Paula Ramada, Partner at London Economics

- 4. Questions & Answers
- 5. Summary of the event and closing remarks European Commission (DG GROW)

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