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Composition of the Steering Group of the European Innovation Partnership on Water

To ensure the successful development and implementation of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Water, a Steering Group has been set up, composed of high level experts in field related to water and innovation.

Members of the Steering Group have been invited in their personal capacity by Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Environment, who will chair the Steering Group. The members have been invited based on their expertise and knowledge in their particular field, and their expressed commitment to be involved in the EIP on Water and making the initiative a success.

The composition of the EIP Steering Group reflects the range of perspectives of the relevant stakeholder groups involved in the area of water and innovation. It brings together experts from public and private bodies and from disciplines that play a role in water and innovation, such as utilities, water using industries, research, technology, ngo's, the financial sector, ICT and different levels of government (municipal, regional, national). In addition, the Steering Group seeks to provide a geographical balance across the EU Member States.

The primary roles of the Steering Group are to:

- Give strategic guidance to the EIP on Water and identify the main themes and challenges for water related innovation.
- Agree on the short and long term deliverables.
- Appoint a Task Force, which will draft the Strategic Implementation Plan outlining the priorities, work method and governance of the EIP on Water.
- Adopt the Strategic Implementation Plan by the end of this year.

An overview of the members of the Steering Group is available in the annex.

Task Force

The members of the Steering Group have been invited to propose one candidate each to participate in the EIP on Water Task Force. In addition to those candidates proposed by the Steering Group members, 15 additional candidates will be selected by Steering Group. The selection of the additional 15 candidates will be based on a particular relevant expertise with regard to water and innovation. The composition of the Task Force will be made public as soon as possible after the meeting of the Steering Group. The Task Force is expected to have its first meeting on September 25th.

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Steering Group – high level experts

Name (in alphabetical order)	Organization
Potočnik, Janez – chairman of the Steering Group	Environment Commissioner, European Commission
Geoghegan-Quinn, Maire	Research and Innovation Commissioner, European Commission
Members	
Ahluwalia, Singh Montek (tbc)	Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Government of India
Amati, Fabiano	Regional Minister of Puglia, Italy, for public works, natural resources and civil protection
Auken, Ida - replaced on September 4th by Danish Deputy Permanent Secretary, Mr. Mikkel Aarøe-Hansen	Danish Environment Minister
Beckman, Andreas	Director of the WWF Danube-Carpatian programme
Brooks, Simon	Vice President for Environment and Climate Change of the European Investment Bank
Cosin, Carlos	CEO Abengoa Water
Drury, Simon	Partner, Climate Change Capital Private Equity Fund
Frank, Bo	Mayor of Växjö municipality, Sweden. Member of the Covenant of Mayors
Geuns, Peter	Managing Director General Electric Water and Process Technologies
Grohe, Richard	HansGrohe GmbH
Guirkinger, Bernard	Senior Executive Vice President SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, also on behalf of WssTP
Jarczyński, Michał	CEO Arctic paper, on behalf of CEPI
Leppäniemi, Matti	SME representative - CEO of Econet Group and member of Finnish Water Partnership executive board

Nunes Correia, Francisco	President of the Portuguese water partnership
Pèes, Christian	Vice president COGECA, on behalf of COPA-COGECA
Pirzio-Birolli, Corrado	President European Landowners' Organization
Reiter, Paul	President International Water Association
Schneider, Harald	CEO of Innsbrucker Kommunalbetriebe Aktiengesellschaft, on behalf of EUREAU, supported by CEEP
Schütte, Georg	German federal State Secretary for Education and Research
Tamaki, Rintaro	Deputy secretary general OECD
Valero, Anton	Country Manager Dow Chemical Iberica, Spain and Portugal
Van Dorenmalen, Harry	Chairman IBM Europe
Van Vierssen, Wim	Executive director KWR Watercycle Research Institute
Vasileva, Ivelina	Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Environment and Water
Veerman, Cees	Chairman of the Association of Dutch Drinking Water Companies, also on behalf of the Association of Dutch Regional Water Management Authorities
Vela, Carmen	Spanish State Secretary for Research and Innovation, representing the Joint Programming Initiative on Water
Rapporteur: Meyer-Krahmer, Frieder	Special advisor to Commissioner Potočník