



WORKSHOP FOR THE FUTURE OF WATER RELATED RESEARCH COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE EU & CENTRAL ASIA

ATHENS, 11-12 APRIL 2016
ELECTRA PALACE HOTEL

AGENDA

Day 1, 11 April 2016	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:15	<p>Session I: Welcome & Opening Session</p> <p><i>Welcoming Addresses</i> George Bonas, Scientific Coordinator of IncoNet CA, Managing Director, CeRISS, Greece</p> <p>Kostas Glinos, Head of Unit, Strategy, EFTA and enlargement countries, Russia, Asia and Pacific, Directorate General Research & Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Iakovos Gkanoulis, Special Secretary for Water, Special Secretariat for Water, Hellenic Ministry of Energy and Climate Change, Greece</p> <p><u>Keynote speech</u></p> <p><i>“Water cooperation in Central Asia: experience, outcomes and challenges”</i> Iskandar Abdullaev, Executive Director, Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre (CAREC)</p>
10:15 – 11:30	<p>Session II: International & European perspectives on water related research collaboration & Best Practices</p> <p>A. <u>International & European Perspectives</u></p> <p>Moderator: Frank Schrader, Senior Consultant, GIZ Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia Programme, Germany - TBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>“Water research and international cooperation in EU programmes”</i> Kostas Glinos, HoU, Directorate General Research & Innovation, European Commission

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“An example of transnational cooperation via joint programming: the Water JPI example”</i> Dominique Darmendrail, Water JPI coordinator and Scientific responsible at the ANR, France - <i>“Overview of IWMI research in Central Asia and future prospects for collaboration”</i> Zafar Gafurov, Research Officer on Remote Sensing and GIS, International Water Management Institute, Central Asia - <i>“Water and climate related research within the CAWa project”</i> Katy Unger-Shayesteh, CAWa Project Coordinator, GFZ-Potsdam, Germany - <i>“IAMO Research on Agricultural Development and Water in Central Asia”</i> Nodir Djanibekov, Research Associate, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)
11:30 –12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	<p>B. <u>Best practices</u></p> <p>Moderator: Kristina Toderich, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture for Central Asia and Caucasus, Uzbekistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“DANCERS & the DANUBIUS infrastructure: Lessons learnt from Danube”</i> Andrew Tyler, Head of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of Stirling, UK - <i>“Benefit Sharing: the Case of Jordan River and Yarmouk River”</i> Maysoon Zoubi, Water and Sanitation Consultant, Former Secretary General of Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Jordan - <i>“The role of UNESCO Chair/INWEB on sustainable management of transboundary waters in South-Eastern Europe: Water programmes at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and gained experience”</i> Charalampos Skoulikaris, UNESCO Chair & Network INWEB, Department of Civil Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece - <i>“Challenges and opportunities to innovate agribusiness in Central Asia ”</i> Jochen Froebrich, EAU4food FP7 Project Coordinator, Netherlands - <i>“Creating a paradigm shift in water quality monitoring (INTCATCH H2020) and in the recovery of materials from sewage (SMART-Plant H2020)”</i> Evina Katsou, Brunel University, London, UK & Simos Malamis, National Technical University of Athens, Greece <p>Discussion (15 min.)</p>

13:30 – 14:30	Standing Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session III: Water-related Research in Central Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Nikolaos Skoulikidis, Research Director, Institute of Marine Biological Resources and Inland Waters, Greece</p> <p><u>Panel I</u></p> <p><u>Kazakhstan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Problems of water-saving technologies using for crop cultivation in Kazakhstan”</i> Ayup Iskakov, Vice-Rector for International Relations and Investment, Kazakh National Agrarian University - <i>“Scientific support for the rational use of water resources in agriculture of Kazakhstan”</i> Mirobit Mirdadayev, Deputy Director General, Kazakh Scientific Research Institute of Water Economy <p><u>Kyrgyzstan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Groundwater exploitation development in the Chu Valley (Kyrgyzstan) in the context of climate change”</i> Rafael Litvak, Head of the Laboratory “Ground Water Modeling and Water Economy Problems”, Kyrgyz Scientific and Research Institute of Irrigation - <i>“Hydrometeorology modernization activities in Central Asia”</i> Ulan Torobekov, World Bank Project manager, Central Asia Hydrometeorology modernization Project - <i>“Investment opportunities of the Kyrgyz Republic in Hydroenergy Sector and the implications of these projects realisation to Central Asia”</i> Uran Chekirbaev, Head of analitical unit of the Water Management Department, Investment Promotion Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic <p>Discussion (15 min.)</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Moderator: Jochen Froebrich, EAU4food FP7 Project Coordinator, Netherlands</p> <p><u>Panel II</u></p> <p><u>Tajikistan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Hydrological challenges of the water formation zone”</i> Anvar Kodirov, Institute of water problems, hydropower and ecology, Academy of sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Improving of irrigation techniques and technology in irrigated agriculture of Tajikistan”</i> Gulafruz Razzokova, Scientific Secretary, Tajik Hydraulic Engineering and Land Reclamation Research Institute (TajikNIIGiM) <p>Uzbekistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Use of Non-Conventional Agricultural Water Resources to Strengthen Water and Food Security in Transboundary Watersheds of the Amu-Darya River Basin”</i> Kristina Toderich, Regional Coordinator, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture for Central Asia and Caucasus (ICBA-CAC) - <i>“Actual problems of Melioration of saline and irrigated lands”</i> Yulia Shirokova, Head of laboratory of Soil research and melioration processes, Scientific Research Institute of Irrigation and Water problems <p>Discussion & wrap-up (30 min.)</p>
20:00 – 23:00	Networking Dinner (Salty Seaside - Bar Restaurant)
Day 2, 12 April 2016	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Session IV: National research funding policies related to water in Central Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Maysoon Zoubi, Former Secretary General of Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Alliances and capacity building, as the necessary conditions for water resources management in Central Asia”</i> Marat Narbayev, International Expert, Executive Committee of International Fund for Saving Aral Sea, Kazakhstan - <i>“The Use of water and energy resources in Central Asia”</i> Daniyar Attokurov, Member of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic - Gul Sharifov, Deputy Director of Water Resources Department, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan - <i>“Priorities of Turkmenistan water sector scientific research in a context of climate change”</i> Arslan Berdiyev, National Coordinator of National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management, UNECE Turkmenistan <p>Discussion (30 min.)</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session V: Roundtable Discussion on future EU-CA collaboration</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> George Bonas, CeRISS</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Schrader, GIZ, Germany - Iskandar Abdullaev, CAREC - Marat Narbayev, International Expert, EC-IFAS, Kazakhstan - Bakhtiyor Karimov, Head of Laboratory “Ecosystem Services Conservation”, Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) What are the possible priority contributions from Central Asia for international scientific collaboration on water research? ii) What are the main challenges in Water Research in Central Asia that should benefit from international scientific collaboration? iii) How to define an action plan for joining international collaborative water research, considering existing platforms? <p>Open Discussion</p>
13:00 – 13:30	<p>Session VI: Closing Remarks</p> <p>George Bonas, CeRISS Kostas Glinos, European Commission</p>
13:30 –15:00	Closing Lunch
16:30	<p><i>Guided Visit to the Acropolis Museum</i> (walk from the Hotel to the Museum)</p>