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SEMINAR “WATER IN EU EXTERNAL ACTION INSTRUMENTS”

Hotel Bloom, Rue Royale 250, Brussels (metro: Botanique)

Tuesday, 15 November 2016

Moderator : Mr Jan DRÖGE, Schuman Associates (confirmed)

08.30 – 09.00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
Special Session 09.00 – 09.45	Guidelines on participation in EU External Assistance Programmes Ms Melinda WEZENAAR, Branch Director, MDF Training & Consultancy – Brussels Branch (confirmed)
09.30 – 10.00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
Morning 10.00 – 10.15	Opening Key note speech: The role of water in EU External Action Programmes Mr Roberto RIDOLFI, Director, DG DEVCO - C “Sustainable Growth and Development”, European Commission (confirmed)
10.15 – 10.30	The water sector in EU External Action Programmes: recent developments and opportunities for companies (confirmed) Mr Paolo CICCARELLI, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO - C5, “Water, Infrastructure and Cities”, European Commission
10.30 – 10.55	Financial instruments and EU blending mechanisms in the water sector Mr Jaime REIS CONDE, Head of Unit - Multy-Country Programmes, DG DEVCO - C3 “Financial instruments”, European Commission (tbc)
10.55 – 11.10	EU External Actions Practical Guide (PRAG) 2016: overview of most recent and upcoming changes Mr Laurent Sarazin, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO - R3, Legal Affairs (confirmed) <i>Questions & Answers</i>
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30– 11.50	EIB’s role in third countries and financing activities in the water sector Mr Harald Schölzel, Water and Waste Management Division, EIB (confirmed)
11.50– 12.10	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development’s (EBRD) areas of intervention in the water sector Mr David Tyler, Senior Banker, Team MEI, EBRD (tbc)
12.10 – 13.00	Company Panel discussion: “Experience in EU Funding from the field” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr / Ms ... , ... (tbc) • Mr / Ms ... , ... (tbc) • Mr / Ms ... , Fichtner (DE) (tbc) • Mr Jakob Zeidler, Hulla & Co Human Dynamics KG (AT) (confirmed) <p><i>Introduction of the afternoon stands, Questions & Answers and closing remarks by Moderator</i></p>
13.00 – 14.30	Buffet lunch
Afternoon 14.30 – 17.30	- Bilateral meetings between participating companies - Info desks for individual questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIB: Information desk, Mr Harald Schoelzel • EBRD : Information desk • GIZ – AFD: Information desks • EUROPEAID : Information desk on <i>procedural</i> issues (PRAG) DEVCO R3, Legal Affairs, Mr Nicolas Provençal
Special Session 14.30 – 15.00	- Information session: National Development Agencies work in the water sector and cooperation opportunities for companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... (AfD), Mr / Ms ..., (tbc) • ... (GIZ), Mr / Ms ..., (tbc)

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