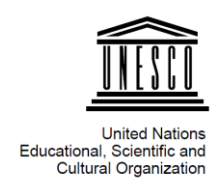


# AQUACROSS consortium meeting

Vienna, 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Outlook for DAY TWO (Wednesday)

## Shaping AQUACROSS Research and Strengthening Impact



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# Welcome to Vienna...



In an effort to halt biodiversity loss across freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems, AQUACROSS has the following four goals:

1. Support EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy - improved functioning of aquatic ecosystems;
2. Explore, advance and support the ecosystem based-management concept to restore, enhance and/or protect the ability of an ecosystem to remain in good health;
3. Identify and test management and tools to identify the benefits of aquatic ecosystems for stakeholders, businesses, and policy-makers;
4. Mobilise policy-makers, businesses, and societal actors at global, EU, Member State, and case-study levels.

## WORK DONE SO FAR ...

- D2.1 – Analyzed key environmental policies that potentially increase or reduce aquatic biodiversity loss.
- D2.2 – Looks into how key data and information about aquatic ecosystems are gathered
- Information Platform (beta version) – aims to provide public access to relevant information on aquatic ecosystem services
- D3.1 (Innovative Concept) & D3.2 (Assessment Framework) – Foundation for an integrative framework that can be applied to diverse aquatic habitats and systems.
- D4.1 – Relevant threats to aquatic biodiversity were identified, as well as...
- D5.1 – To assess links between biodiversity and ecosystem services at different scales
- D7.1 – Revision of suitable models and tools, that can allow the integration of the ecosystem services concept into decision-making

## WHAT'S NEXT...

...the project will continue its integrative work across aquatic realms and governance levels.

### Upcoming deliverables will include:

- Revision and guidance on indicators and methods to assess responses for EBM in relation to the various EU aquatic ecosystems
- Scenario development including a catalogue of plausible scenarios relevant for different sectors and/or stakeholders.
- 8 Case Studies – co-developed, as well as implementation and validation.
  - Ensures information exchange, integration across ecosystems, as well as interaction between disciplines

## Shaping AQUACROSS Research and Strengthening Impact

### OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

facilitate an exchange between ...

- AQUACROSS researchers,
- case study representatives and
- members of the AQUACROSS Science Policy Think Tank

... on selected project topics to incorporate feedback into upcoming research and work.

### Session 1 (morning)

Discuss selected key topics relevant for the practical application of EBM for the protection of aquatic biodiversity in the Case Studies through mutual exchange with stakeholders.

### Session 2 (afternoon)

Discuss and identify specific opportunities for AQUACROSS to improve its impact for science, policy, and business and ensure that the project establishes a legacy beyond the project's end.

## SCHEDULE for WEDNESDAY

### Meeting description - 13th Sept. 2017, 9:00 – 17:30

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| Meeting | Title: <b>Shaping AQUACROSS Research and Strengthening Impact</b><br>Place: Springer Schössl, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna |
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| Background documents | <a href="#">AQUACROSS Case Study Storylines</a> |
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### Registration: 9:00 to 9:30

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| 9:00 to 9:30 | Registration<br><i>Coffee will be provided</i> |
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### Opening: 9:30 to 10:00

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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Welcome, AQUACROSS objectives, progress to date and objectives for the day – Thomas Hein (BOKU) |
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## Reporting back session 1: Managing aquatic biodiversity in the case studies 10:00 to 13:00

Moderated by GerJan Piet (WMR)

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|                    | <p>The objective of this session is to discuss selected key topics relevant for EBM and aquatic biodiversity through mutual exchange so that new lessons can be learned for improving management.</p> |
| <b>Session 1.1</b> | <i>Background</i>   |
| 10:00 – 10:10      | The work of AQUACROSS and its case studies in a nutshell (storylines)   |
| 10:10 – 10:25      | Illustration of the Danube case study   |
| 10:25 – 11:00      | General discussion  |
| 11:00 – 11:30      | <i>Coffee break</i>   |
| <b>Session 1.2</b> | <i>Discussing the details: sources of inspiration, exchanging challenges and sharing solutions</i>  |
| 11:30 – 12:30      | Question-led discussions in three breakout groups covering the diversity of AQUACROSS case studies  |
| <b>Session 1.3</b> | <i>Reporting back</i>   |
| 12:30 – 13:00      | Breakout group reporting and general discussion: identification of key messages   |
|                    | <i>Introduction to the lunch break exercise</i>   |



## Lunch 13:00 to 14:00

13:00 – 14:00      lunch break exercise

## Session 2: AQUACROSS Impacts and Legacy 14:00 to 16:45 Moderated by Pierre Strosser (ACTeon)

### Session 2.1

14:00 – 14:30

The objective of this session is to discuss and identify specific opportunities for AQUACROSS to improve its impact for science, policy, and business and ensure that it establishes a legacy beyond the project's end.

#### *Background*

The session will introduce the results of the lunch break exercise and will be used to discuss the AQUACROSS Plan for Exploitation and Dissemination of Results (PEDR)

### Session 2.2

14:30 – 14:45

#### *Pathways to impact*

Sharing experiences to disseminate and communicate project results with a view to maximise impact to science, policy, business and the general public.

Achieving impact in research – Daniel Hering (University Duisburg-Essen, coordinator of the FP7 MARS project)

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| 14:45 – 15:00                 | Achieving a global impact – John Matthews (Alliance for Global Water Adaptation, AGWA)   |
| 15:00 – 15:15                 | Achieving impact in business –Christine Valentin (World Ocean Council, WOC)  |
| 15:15 – 15:45                 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| <b>Session 2.3</b>            | <b><i>QUACROSS legacy – The way ahead</i></b>  |
| 15:45 to 16:45                | Based on discussions from the previous sessions, this session will be used to come up with specific actions and ideas that can be put forth to increase the project’s legacy and impact. |
| <b>Closing: 16:45 – 17:30</b> |  |
| 16:45 – 17:30                 | Key messages from the discussions  |
|                               | Tour de table: last message from the Think Tank Members  |
|                               | Closing of the meeting (Organisers)  |

## Dinner: 19:00

Social dinner Park of Schloss Schönbrunn

19:00 Meierei Schönbrunn, Kronprinzengarten,  
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