



ACQUEAU at events this Autumn, 2011

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This autumn and winter will see ACQUEAU¹ taking part in various events to learn and contribute as much as it possibly can to the water sector and its ongoing innovation in research, management and development.

The European Innovation Summit – European Parliament, Brussels

The 10th to the 13th of October sees ACQUEAU present at the 3rd European Innovation Summit. The Summit is driven by the initiative of moving “Towards a European Innovation Eco-System.”

ACQUEAU will take its place with other clusters of the EUREKA Secretariat, in the European Parliament in Brussels, to have its say in one of the most renowned innovation conferences in the European Union. EUREKA partner Knowledge4Innovation has created the summit with two major parts and locations, operating in the same week.

In WARSAW the focus will be on adapting EU research and innovation policies to national and regional contexts. In the European Parliament in BRUSSELS, participants will discuss the role of people and talent for innovation and the challenges of innovation funding and financing.

Over the past two conferences, more than 200 speakers and 2000 innovation stakeholders from Europe and beyond have been engaged in numerous discussions and debates. The President of the European Parliament Jerzy Buzek and Innovation Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn are among the numerous high profile speakers due at this year’s summit.

ACQUEAU at ITEA 2 Co-Summit – Helsinki, Finland

ACQUEAU is excited to announce its active participation in the upcoming ITEA 2 Co-Summit, held on the 25th and 26th of October by EUREKA clusters ITEA & ARTEMIS. It will be hosted at the Scandic Marina Congress Center in Helsinki, Finland, and will focus on “Cross-border cooperation for cleaner technologies”.

ITEA is a pan-European programme, which supports projects that will give European industry a leading edge in the area of Software-intensive Systems and Services (SiSS). This year is the 4th edition of the Co-summit, and over 600 participants from industry, academia, public authorities and press are expected.

Innovation and Information & Control Technologies (ICT) are always integral to the approach ACQUEAU takes - for the focus of its coming call, it will be working especially within the remit of low energy processes for disinfection and oxidation, and water & ICT – currently developing these themes in anticipation of its pre-brokerage event at the end of November, in conjunction with other EUREKA clusters, such as CATRENE (microelectronics) and ITEA.

In the build-up to its participation in upcoming events, **newly appointed Director of ACQUEAU Durk Krol** outlined the importance of debate for innovation in the water sector:

“Getting involved in more events engages ACQUEAU in as many forums for debate and discussion as possible – helping us to keep re-thinking and re-formulating not only our ideas on innovation in the water sector, but also our approach in creating new ideas from these.”

If you would like to contact ACQUEAU about it taking part in any future events, or for any further details please contact: Heather Iqbal, ACQUEAU Office, +32 (0)27 770 986, heather.iqbal@acqueau.eu

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

¹ **ACQUEAU** is the first EUREKA Cluster dedicated to environmental and water related technologies. It aims at promoting innovation and market driven solutions to develop new technologies. It is an initiative supported by more than 20 countries and 100+ companies across Europe.