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About the OECD Water Governance Initiative

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) (WGI) is an **international multi-stakeholder network** of 100+ delegates from public, private and not-for-profit sectors gathering twice a year in a **Policy Forum** to share experience on reforms, projects, lessons and good practices in support of better governance in the water sector.

The WGI, which was created in March 2013, has the following objectives over 2016-2018:

- Provide a **multi-stakeholder technical platform** to share knowledge, experience and best practices on water governance across levels of government;
- **Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water reforms through peer-to-peer dialogue and stakeholder engagement across public, private and non-profit sectors;
- Provide a **consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance in the Global Water Agenda;
- Support the **implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance** in interested member and non-member countries by scaling up best practices and contributing to the development of indicators; and
- **Foster continuity** on governance between two World Water Forums through supporting the Governance Implementation Roadmap of the 7th World Water Forum (Korea, 2015) up to the 8th Forum (Brasilia, 2018).

Objectives of the 10th WGI Meeting

- **Launch** the report "Water Charges in Brazil: The Ways Forward" and the Special Issue of the Journal *Water International* on the OECD Principles on Water Governance.
- Discuss **Global Agendas**, including the Sustainable Development Goals, COP23 and the 8th World Water Forum
- Discuss the results of the 2nd phase of the **pilot-tests of the water governance indicators**
- Discuss the highlights from the **water governance stories'** webinars and meta-analyses
- **Share knowledge and experience** on recent water governance reforms, research and recent events
- Discuss challenges and opportunities of **Austria's water governance**

Working languages and interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into German, English, and French in the plenary sessions. For breakout sessions the working language will be English.

Previous meetings of the WGI

- [9th Meeting](#): 3-4 July 2017 – Paris, France.
- [8th Meeting](#): 12-13 January 2017 – Rabat, Morocco.
- [7th Meeting](#): 23-24 June 2016 - The Hague, Netherlands.
- [6th Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2015 – Paris, France.
- [5th Meeting](#): 26 May 2015 – Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- [4th Meeting](#): 24-25 November 2014 – Paris, France.
- [3rd Meeting](#): 28-29 April 2014 – Madrid, Spain.
- [2nd Meeting](#): 7-8 November 2013 – Paris, France.
- [1st Meeting](#): 27-28 March 2013 – Paris, France.

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Monday 20 November 2017
Festsaal, Vienna City Hall (access through "Feststiege 2")

08:30 - 9:00	Registration & coffee networking
9:00 - 9:30	Welcoming Remarks by the hosts and Update by the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Thomas Weninger, Secretary General, Austrian Association of Cities and Towns• Ms. Maria Patek, Director General for Water in the Austrian, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management• Mr Peter Glas, Chair of the OECD Water Governance Initiative
9:30 - 10:15	Official launch of reports and publications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Water charges in Brazil : The Ways Forward</i>, Ricardo Andrade, National Water Agency (ANA), Brazil (20 min)• A Special Issue of "Water International" on the <i>OECD Principles on Water Governance</i>, James Nickum (10 min)
10:15 - 11:00	Global Agenda <p>Delegates will discuss how the WGI contributes to major international water developments. Short introductions from the lead institutions (5-6 min each) will set the scene for group discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outcomes of COP 23 (Bonn, 6-17 November 2017), INBO• On the road to the 8th World Water Forum, World Water Council and ANA, Brazil• A Territorial Approach to the Sustainable Development Goals : Engaging Cities and Regions, OECD• Group discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:30	Decentralised Development Cooperation and Water in France <p>The session will discuss a draft case study on the evolution of water-related decentralised development cooperation (DDC) in France, in particular regarding financial flows (1% mechanism), actors, sectoral/geographical priorities, and lessons learned. The case is part of a broader OECD/EU project that also includes other case studies on gender, SDGs, and agriculture/healthcare. The water draft case study will be shared with delegates ahead of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by the OECD Secretariat (20 min)• Reaction by case study promoters, PSEAU and INBO (10 min)• Group discussion (30 min)
12:30 - 14:00	Buffet Lunch (on site)
14:00 - 15:30	OECD Water Governance Indicators : Results and Lessons from the Pilot-tests <p>The session will present the indicator framework proposed as a self-assessment tool for multi-stakeholder dialogue on the <i>OECD Principles on Water Governance</i> and discuss the results from the 12 pilot-tests carried out over May-November 2017. A draft report will be shared with delegates ahead of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the Indicator Framework and Pilot-tests results (20 min)• Testimonies from the pilot-testers (20 min)• Group discussion (50 min)
15:30 - 16:30	Lessons from Water Governance Stories <p>The session will discuss the highlights from the 60+ water governance stories collected by the Secretariat to illustrate the implementation of the <i>OECD Principles on Water Governance</i> across city, basin and national scales. In particular, common challenges and promising solutions from the stories peer-reviewed at the four webinars hosted in October 2017 will be shared with WGI members, as well as the meta-analysis of all cases at hand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key highlights from the Webinars (10 min)• Testimonies by the host institutions (20 min)• Presentation of the Meta-analysis, and feedback from the lead institutions (20 min)• Group discussion (30 min)
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 - 18:00	Sharing knowledge and messages on recent water governance events, research and reforms <p>The objective is to coordinate initiatives among WGI members, join advocacy and outreach forces, and foster</p>

collaborative action. The consecutive presentations (5 min each) will be followed by a Q&A session.

- A policy brief on Land for Flood Risk Management, Thomas Hartmann, Utrecht University
 - 26th Stockholm World Water Week, 27 Aug – 1 Sept 2017, Stockholm, Sweden
 - EURO-INBO 2017 Conference, 20-23 September 2017, Dublin, Ireland
 - University of Lisbon Workshop on the OECD Principles, 22 September 2017, Lisbon, Portugal
 - 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (3APWS), 11-12 December 2017, Yangon, Myanmar
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18:30 – 21:00 Dinner at the Wiener Rathauskeller, provided by the City of Vienna (click [here](#) for more information on the restaurant)

Tuesday 21 November 2017
Festsaal in the City Hall (access through “Feststiege 2”)

9:00 – 10:30 **Water Governance in Austria**

The session will discuss the governance framework of the water supply and sanitation sector in Austria as well as the alternative model of catchment-oriented administrative organisations. Among others, the session will discuss the role of the *Austrian Association for Gas and Water*, Austria's approach to enhance water education in the society, and how the sector tracks customer satisfaction. It will highlight best practices in international cooperation in the Danube, Rhine and Elbe river basins. Delegates will be invited to share their experience and best practice on the issues touched upon by the Austrian delegation.

- Setting the scene at national and international level: overview of the water governance system
 - Mr. Ernst Überreiter, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management:
 - Topic: governance of the water supply and sanitation sector: challenges, opportunities, and best practices
 - Manfred Eisenhut, Association of Gas & Water (OVGW)
 - Guido Dernbauer, Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
 - Marcus Heiss, Association of Public Services and Enterprises
 - Policy questions for WGI delegates
 - Group discussion
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10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 **Working Groups' break-out discussion**

Delegates will follow-up on the outcomes of day 1 plenary consultations on the *indicators* and *stories* to finalise the contributions to be launched at the 8th World Water Forum (March 2018).

11:00 – 12:30

- Indicators Working Group Meeting
- Best Practices Working Group Meeting

12:30 - 12:45 : Report back to plenary

12:45 – 13:00 **Concluding remarks & next steps**

13:00 – 14:00 Closing buffet lunch

14:00 – 17:00 **Field trip to Ebswien Hauptkläranlage (Vienna's wastewater treatment plant)**

This treatment plant has implemented the project "E_OS – Energy Optimisation through Sludge Treatment", a cutting-edge innovation expected to generate the energy needed for the entire wastewater treatment process of the plant (6,000 litres per second).

Schedule:

14:00 : Departure from Vienna City Hall (Friedrich-Schmidt-Platz)

14:30 – 16:30 : Field trip Visit to wastewater treatment plant

16:30 : Return from the plant to airport and/or city centre, as requested per delegates
