

*Interreg North Sea Region TOPSOIL policy day 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019*

## Groundwater & Soil management in a future climate:

### **What if 2018 would become the new normal?**

**Venue: Herman Teirlinck Building, Havenlaan 88 Avenue du Port, 1000 Brussels**

## **AGENDA**

**9.00 Coffee & Registration**

**10.00 Welcome**

Axel Kristiansen, Joint Secretariat of the North Sea Region Programme  
Tiemo Wölken, Member of European Parliament

#### **Future Climate in Northern Europe – challenges for groundwater management**

Prof Jens Christian Refsgaard, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland

#### **How can science contribute to cost effective climate adaption?**

Prof. Esben Auken, Aarhus University

#### **Knowledge & Courage to adapt to climate change – Introduction to the TOPSOIL project**

Flemming Jørgensen, Central Region Denmark

**Resilient soil and water resources – first lessons learned in TOPSOIL** by linking new techniques, modelling and governance for groundwater management.

- Groundwater Flooding: Anja Melvej, Central Region Denmark
- Saltwater Intrusion: Dieter Vandeveld, VMM, Belgium
- Buffering Groundwater, Rinke van der Veen, Province of Drenthe
- Break Down Capacity, Peter Nailon Wear Rivers Trust /Barry Bendall, The Rivers Trust
- Improving Resilience, Christina Aue, OOWV

**11.30 Coffee Break**

**12.00 Featuring Adaptation in Groundwater Management - How can the North Sea Region further improve solutions in a future climate?**

Panel discussion:

- Elena Visnar-Malinovska, Head of Adaptation Unit DG CLIMA
- Carla Alma, Board Member of Waterschap Noorderzijlvest, The Netherlands
- Rob Eijsink, VEWIN (Association of drinking water providers in The Netherlands)
- Steve Morris, DEFRA, United Kingdom
- David Johnson, The Rivers Trust, United Kingdom
- Elisabeth Schulz, Chamber of Agriculture, Germany
- Prof Jens Christian Refsgaard, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland
- Rolf Johnsen, Central Region Denmark

**14.00 Eat & Meet TOPSOIL Solutions: Poster Exhibition on 16 TOPSOIL pilots**

**15.00 End of TOPSOIL Policy Day**

**15.00 Excursion - Brussels Water Days.** Finding the Seine - A guided walk to follow the historical course of the now buried river Seine and to learn about restoration plans.