

Tuesday 6th March 2012, Room ASP 1 G 2
09H15-12H30 European Parliament
Brussels

ALTERNATIVES FOR THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF WATER
The Alternative World Water Forum, March 2012 Marseille, France

8h45 – 9h15 Registration

Opening remarks by **Mr. Rosario Crocetta** MEP (Italy, S&D)

PANEL 1 – The Global geo-strategic importance of Water in the 21st century - *The role of “Blue Gold” in world politics.*

09h20 – 09H30: **Ms. Kartika Tamara Liotard** MEP (Netherlands, GUE NGL)

09H30 – 09H45: *The role of water in the Arab Spring*
Mr. Larbi Bouguerra (Honorary Professor at the Science Faculty of the University of Tunis, Associated Professor of Environment at International University of Alexandria, Egypt)

09H45 – 09H55: *Water Liberalisation in the Canada-EU Trade Agreement (CETA)*
Ms. Penny Clarke (European Federation of Public Service Unions)

09H55 – 10H25 **Questions and Answers**

PANEL 2 – Alternatives for the European Year of Water -*Public water and democracy: the first casualty of austerity measures.*

Introduction by **Ms. Marie-Christine Vergiat** MEP (France, GUE)

10H35 – 10H45 *Presentation of FAME & Alternatives*
Ms. Gabriella Zanzanaini (Food & Water Europe)

10H45 – 10H55 **Ms. Heide Rühle** MEP (Germany, Greens/ALE)

10H55 – 11H10 *Presentation of Agua de Todos campaign and the situation in Portugal*
Mr. Jorge Fael (Portugal, Agua de Todos campaign)

11H10 – 11H25 *Presentation of Forum Italiano dei Movimenti per l'Acqua and the situation in Italy*
Mr. Valerio Balzametti (Forum Italiano dei Movimenti per Acqua)

11H25 – 11H40 *Presentation of Initiative 136 Thessaloniki and the situation in Greece*
Mr. Athanasios Tzakris (Greece, Initiative 136 Thessaloniki) 15'

11H40 – 12H30 **Questions and Answers**