



2nd Announcement ENCORE RIGA-conference

Subject: **ENCORE Fresh Water Project**

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

In the last weeks you received the first announcement of or have been contacted with the request to participate in the start-up of the ENCORE Fresh Water Project and to prepare your contribution to a conference in Riga. Participation is for free, including conference fee, travel costs, hotel costs, drinks and food. We kindly ask you to already make a reservation in your agenda:

Riga – ENCORE conference

24 – 26 november 2013

Location: University of Latvia

In **Attachment 1** you will find a new overview of proposed participants in our meeting. In several countries you or your colleagues are already active in contacting regions or municipalities. So this list is still incomplete. We kindly ask you to make this list complete with your own data or those of your colleague(s).

The focus of the ENCORE Fresh Water Project is on reduction and/or avoidance of threats of groundwater in Buried Glacial Valleys (BGV's). Regions will clarify in an Action Plan how to get better insight in the positioning of the BGV's, groundwater quality, threats and actions to improve the situation and how to protect groundwater supply in the future technically as well as in government policies. It would be very nice if you could send us your own ideas for the project in advance, so we could use these ideas for the preparation of the conference.

In order to be more efficient and to make a step forward in the one day conference in Riga, we kindly ask you to send us before 1 October 2013 the following:

- one case to show the urgency of groundwater body protection (max 1 page)
- at least headline of your ideas and proposals for the Action Plan or elements you think fit to be part of a project description. If it is possible please use the attached form and send it to us (**Attachment 2**). We will make an overview and a proposal about priority. Main criteria (to discuss) are: cost-efficiency; project gain versus present actions; already not regulated by EU regulations.
- application form (**Attachment 3**): please sent it in as soon as possible.

At the end of October the showcases, ideas and proposals will be on the project website



Conference program

We will start 25 November 2013 at 9.00 am with introduction and explanation of the aim of the project and the conference followed by a few 15 minutes presentations about: (i) monitoring; (ii) deep groundwater flow /double diffusion convection and sensibility of the flow system and (iii) practice examples how to solve problems like salinization and pollution of the groundwater. An overview of EU groundwater strategy will be presented by an EC.

In the afternoon we will discuss ideas and project-proposals in working groups where you will be able to introduce your ideas and proposals yourself. After a short break we will discuss results of the afternoon, we will talk about priority in general and in tailor made actions for the Regions/ countries.

The day will be closed with a conference dinner

On the next day (26 November) there will be an opportunity for a study tour. The study tour ends at ca. 16.00 pm at the central bus station and the airport.

Details about locations, conference program and follow up will be put on the website in the next weeks: www.provincie.drenthe.nl/encore-riga. We will inform you by email about news.

Conference organisation:

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Drs Enno Bregman (province of Drenthe/ I.Kant University, Kaliningrad)

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