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Water Co-Governance Conference 2020

Transnational learning from the governance projects of the OOWV:

Sustainable Water Governance: Improving effectiveness of (technical) measures through communication and co-governance approaches

25.-26.02.2020, Oldenburg (Germany)

Background and objective:

In sustainable water management, the protection of groundwater quality as well as quantity management are core activities of water providers such as the OOWV. Concepts such as ecosystem services or co-governance gain also more importance in recent years. „Governance“ connects all these issues. Projects with a focus on governance study the development and implementation of technical and non-technical measures – and how they are depending on the legal contexts or conflicting uses.

The OOWV is involved in several national and international projects on water governance (WaterCoG, STEERM, goCAM and TOPSOIL). The conference aims to gather the results of the WaterCoG, Topsoil, STEER and go-CAM projects and to encourage and enhance an exchange between the projects. The transnational exchange aims also to strengthen the existing network and to identify key future challenges in the field of water governance. Further we link to a practical example of citizen involvement, i.e. a Climate Café coordinated by Hanze Hogeschool of Groningen which invites students to learn about water quality and climate change. The conference will be in English.

Event venue:

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Programme

24-26th ClimateCafé Oldenburg: Stormwater Management and Climate Change Adaption
 (organized by University of Applied Science Groningen)

Monday, 24th February 2020

16:00 Steering Group Meeting WaterCoG

19.00h Dinner

Tuesday, 25th February .2020

9:00 h Registration, Coffee and Poster Exhibition

9:30 h Welcome by Egon Harms, OOWV

Short introduction of the projects: WaterCoG, goCAM, TOPSOIL, STEER, and of the Climate Café

10.00 – **Dealing with complex ecosystems:** How can co-governance approaches support water management? –

11.30

Chair: Barry Bendall, The Rivers Trust

- WaterCoG Danish pilot (Susanne Mortensen and Sebastian Zacho, SEGES)
- WaterCoG: Approach to co-governance in Sweden (Björn Lagerdahl. Vattenmyndigheten Västerhavet)
- Preparing Water Rights Applications: How to strengthen the scientific-technical basis for decision making? – Results from German WaterCoG pilots (Ilke Borowski-Maaser, Interessen Im Fluss)
- Integrating stakeholders' perspective / governance aspects into hydro-geological modelling (Konstantin Scheihing, OOWV)
- Discussion

11:30 Coffee Break

11.50- **Climate Change Adaption of Regional water balance, Part I:**

13.00

Increasing resilience of groundwater towards climate change-results

Chair: Rinke van Veen, Provincie Drenthe

- Results from Dutch TOPSOIL pilot (Jan den Besten, Hunze en Aas)
- Mitigating the impact of climate change on groundwater resources - approaches in go-CAM (Konstantin Scheihing, OOWV)
- Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00- **Climate Change Adaption of Regional water balance, Part II:**

15.30h

Protecting water quality as joint effort by agriculture and water management

Chair: Andrea Lenschow, University of Osnabrück

- UK 1 TOPSOIL pilot on cooperation with farmers (Peter Nailon, Wear Rivers Trust)



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- German TOPSOIL Pilot (GE5) / Governance Workshops on Maize Cultivation (Christina Aue, OOWV)
- STEER, Franziska Meergans (Universität Osnabrück)
- WaterCoG Texel Pilot (Arjen Grent, Hoogheemraadschap Hollands Noorderkwartier)
- Discussion

15.30 Coffee Break

15.45- **PR & Citizen Involvement:** What are the impacts of good communication and citizen involvement?

16.30 h

Chair: Stevie Swenne, VMM

- Video examples from TOPSOIL and Catch
- Dutch WaterCoG pilot on Resilient Cities (Arjen Grent, Hoogheemraadschap Hollands Noorderkwartier).
- Discussion

16.30 End Day 1

18:30 Transfer to city centre

19:00 Dinner at Glut and Wasser, Stau / Hafen Oldenburg

Wednesday, 26th February.2020

9.00- **Ecosystem Services: How can the concept contribute to protecting the regional water balance?**

10.00h

Chair: Christina Aue, OOWV

- Video: WaterCoG – Natural Capital
- Results from the Upper Wharfe Basin and Cam & Ely Ouse (CamEO) Catchment Partnership (Barry Bendall, The Rivers Trust)

Discussion: What are the lessons learnt? Which questions are still open?

10.00 Coffee Break

10.15 **Results from ClimateCafé Oldenburg on Stormwater Management and Climate Change Adaptation-**

Presentation by students participating in the parallel ClimateCafé

10.45 **Sustainable Water Governance: How can we improve? – On which issues could transnational cooperation best deliver good results?**

Discussion with input on the status of upcoming Interreg VIB Programme Period – message from the Secretariat of the North Sea Region Programme

Chair: Ilke Borowski-Maaser, Interessen Im Fluss

Next steps / How to proceed

12:00 –

13:00 Uhr

Lunch & End of Conference

13:30 – Steering Group Meeting Topsoil

17.00 h at TAZ Oldenburg, Donnerschweer Str. 72-80, 26123 Oldenburg