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We want to make sure you have an experience to remember!

March 17 – Water Science and Research

Come to the Portugal Pavilion! Here you can find the description of 40 R&D projects on the forefront of Science and Technology, developed to improve understanding and support decision making in the Water Sector.

Have a look on our schedule of events for the 17th March, and participate on the meetings on “Efficient use of water and energy in urban water systems” and on “Strategic asset management”. Close the day socialising, listening to Portuguese music and having a refreshing drink!

Rafaela de Saldanha Matos, Water Science and Research Coordinator

March 18 – Water and Human Development

Water is an essential resource for human life and a keystone of human development. However, in some developing countries, inadequate access to safe water and basic sanitation continues to be a main causes of poverty and death. Therefore, to guarantee human development in the world, it is important to keep on stressing the international community relevant role, combining efforts and leading common actions. The Portugal Pavilion will be a platform to change experiences on water issues in the Portuguese Speaking Countries Community and to reinforce awareness around the global water challenges.

Alexandra Carvalho, Water and Human Development Coordinator

March 19 – Urban Water Services

To provide water supply and wastewater collection and treatment services in a sustainable and affordable way is one of the biggest challenges societies are facing. Portugal has been implementing a sound strategy for this sector in the past decades and is now a case study in several areas, such as governance, management and technology. We have prepared 28 projects and various events that highlight the development in the water sector in Portugal and show the best practices we are implementing. We hope to see you in the Portuguese Pavilion to share our experiences.

João Almeida, Urban Water Services Coordinator

March 20 – Transboundary River Basins

Portugal shares four large Iberian river basins with Spain: Minho, Douro, Tejo and Guadiana. Both countries have a long history of agreements related to these shared waters. In the Portugal Pavilion, on March 20th we want to share with all participants the lessons learned along the last 100 years and present the new agreement, signed in 1998 and up-dated recently, highly focused on sustainability and protection of water resources. **Don't forget the Conference on Portuguese-Spanish Water Cooperation and Trilingual Water Treaties Book presentation and offer.**

Adérito Mendes, Transboundary River Basins Coordinator

March 21 – Water Resources Management

The water resources management has an adaptive nature where the growing water demand combined with stricter environmental requirements obliges all agents involved to address this issue in an integrated and participative way. The better knowledge of the water resources resulting from several projects allows the sharing of experiences essential to develop more effective solutions. The thematic day aims at promoting the debate on new strategies and presenting concrete actions to move towards an integrated water resources management.

Manuel Lacerda, Water Resources Management Coordinator

We aim that the Portugal Pavilion becomes a privileged and attractive place to share experiences and to initiate, reinforce and consolidate contacts and partnerships. Interact, Discuss and sound Networking is our wish and goal.