



## **Programme: Clearance Brussels-Workshop, September 12, 2018**

How can we better use the multiple economic and ecological services of wetland buffer zones along rivers? And what can be the role of paludiculture, i.e. the agricultural use of wet or rewetted peatlands in such areas? The workshop invites EU-policy-makers, member state and civil society representatives to discuss these questions with a prima view on the European level and the implementation of European law in national legislation. For this, the workshop will offer scientific insights, examples from practice and offer space for discussion of key policy issues at the European and member state level. The latter include especially the Water Framework Directive Review process and the Common Agricultural Policy.

### **Preliminary Agenda**

**9:00-9:30 Welcome coffee**

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*Dr. Reinhard Boest (Landesvertretung Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, t.b.c.),  
Rafael Ziegler (University of Greifswald, moderator)*

**9:45–11:00 Wetland Buffer Zones and their Potential for Water and Climate Protection:**

*15' Presentations and discussion*

**Introduction to the CLEARANCE Project and the Concept of Paludiculture**  
*Wiktoria Kotowski (University of Warsaw)*

**Water flows in wetland buffer zones**  
*Mateusz Grygoruk (Warsaw University of Life Sciences),*

**Climate Buffers – Wetland experience from the Netherlands**  
*Paul Vertegaal (Natuurmonumenten)*

**11:00-12:00 Economic value of Wet buffer zones:**

*15' Presentations and discussion*

**Non-use value of wetland buffer zones – Survey results**  
*Marek Giergiczny (University of Warsaw)*

**Use-value of wetland buffer zones – Paludiculture options for a circular economy**  
*Claudia Oehmke (Universität Greifswald, tbc)*

**How to calculate the wetland nutrient retention value**  
*Joachim Schrautzer/Kirsten Rücker (University of Kiel)*

**12:00-13:00 Lunch break**

**13:00-15:00 Policy instruments for wetland buffer zones and wet agriculture/paludiculture**

**European policy context and water policies relevant for wetland buffer zones**  
*Michael Bender (GRÜNE LIGA)*

**Is Europe ready for Paludiculture? Implications of the EU Policy Framework**  
*Jan Peters (Succow Stiftung)*

**Round of invited comments**

**Sergiy Moroz** (*European Environmental Bureau*) – Water and Nature Policy

**Evdokia Achilleos** (*DG Env. – t.b.c.*) – Natural Water Retention Measures

**Eev Silver** (*Wetlands International – European Section*) – Green Infrastructure (t.b.c.)

**Faustine Defossez** (*Institute for European Environmental Policy - IEEP*) – Agriculture Policy

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**Group discussion on policy instruments and nutrient reduction potentials of paludiculture and wet buffer zones: barriers and opportunities**

**15:30-16:00** Sharing of group discussion results

**16:00-17:00** Paludiculture on wet bufferzones – The Brussels statement

Presentation and discussion of Draft input paper for WFD Revision and CAP process

**Michael Bender/Rafael Ziegler**

**Location:**

Meeting room of  
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