



ESHA Member Newsletter 07

June 2013

Foreword

Dear Members and Supporters of ESHA,

Please find below the main tasks on which the ESHA Secretariat has been focusing on during April and May 2013. Mark your calendar for the upcoming European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) in Brussels between the 24th and 28th of June during which ESHA will be present at four events to promote small hydropower. We count on your support and hope to see you there!

Your ESHA Secretariat

Policy

- **News from CIS (Water Directive implementation) – SCG meeting 2 May**

Legal action by the European Commission

According to the European Commission, there are nine bad application cases open on the interpretation of water services: AT, BE, DE, DK, HU, IE, FI, NL and SE. These cases are at various stages of the procedure. They concern the principle of cost recovery and the way some Member States have interpreted the scope of the obligation. In fact, several Member States seem to apply it only to the supply of drinking water and the disposal and treatment of wastewater. However, the Commission takes the view that "water services" is a wider notion that includes, for instance, water abstraction for cooling industrial installations and agricultural irrigation, the impoundment or storage of surface waters for navigation purposes, hydropower, flood protection and well drilling for agricultural, industrial or private consumption. The replies of the Member States concerned are currently being assessed. So far, the Commission has decided to bring one case against DE to the court stage.

Hydropower in new CIS (2013-2015)

The new CIS work programme which aims to implement the Water Blueprint is still under discussion. Hydropower is only mentioned one time in the current document. It is mentioned that in the framework of the new Working Group on Water Management, best practices will be exchanged to address impacts of energy (e.g. hydropower) on hydromorphology. ESHA will carefully monitor all evolutions on this discussion.

Implementing WFD and Hydropower – Workshop 13-14 June (Brussels)

On the 13th and 14th of June 2013, DG Environment will organise a workshop on "Linking Water Management and WFD objectives" in Brussels. The workshop aims to exchange good experiences so as to influence the 2nd cycle of the RBMPs on integrating water management and Water Framework Directive principles, and improving the involvement of River Basin Authorities within the CIS. On 13 June 1.30-16.30, the following interesting sessions are scheduled:

- "Technical upgrade of hydropower plants and improving river ecology"
- "Integration of hydropower plants and fish passes"
- "Presentation on the guiding principles on sustainable hydropower development in the Danube Basin"

Oliver will attend these sessions. If you wish to participate to this event, or if you wish Oliver to convey specific messages or practices, contact [Oliver](#) before the workshop.



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- **Your data on Qres needed!**

To facilitate its advocacy activities, ESHA is currently collecting data on Qres (reserved flow). Please send your input to the table below to Oliver latest by Friday 14 June. Please find the table below and as attachment in the email.

Country Name	Qres definition method (Formula, measurement, combination, etc.)	Qres (m ³ /s) (Also in relative terms as A x MNQ etc.)	Which legal document defines it for a particular SHP? (Concession contract, decree...)	Administrative level (Who is defining, and who adopting Qres)	Name the actual legislation defining Qres (Act, Decree etc. + web link! Or attach document)	Once defined, is Qres fixed or can it be changed? If yes, after how many years?	Comments
(Country)							
(Region 1)*							
(Region 2)							
(Region x)							

- **Report on retrospective changes available**

EREF has produced a paper on retrospective changes to RES legislation and moratoria. The document examines the policy changes in 11 Member States and provides useful recommendations for policy-makers. The report is available [here](#).

- **Collaboration in project group 'Strengthening the voice of hydropower in Europe'**

ESHA has been invited to participate in the project group 'Strengthening the voice of hydropower in Europe'. The group's focus is to create a macro-economic study on hydropower in Europe. It is a collaboration between the Hydro Equipment Association (HEA) and some of Eurelectric's members.

- **Hydro Equipment Technology Roadmap Workshop**

ESHA participated in HEA's Hydro Equipment Technology Roadmap Workshop on the 30th April 2013. The aim of this workshop was to grasp ideas and comments from the stakeholders on the current version of the Roadmap. The output of the discussions will be included in the final Roadmap. Once it is finalised it will be available on HEA's website.

PR & Communication

- During the **European Sustainable Week (EUSEW)**, ESHA is organising and participating in four events. Most importantly, ESHA was able to secure **two high-level policy conference** spots at the Committee of the Regions (CoR):

1. **Tuesday, 25/06** (morning): *Hydropower: Investing in a sustainable future*, organised by ESHA, HEA-E and Eurelectric
2. **Wednesday 26/06** (afternoon): *Facilitating energy storage to allow fast growth of sustainable energy*, organised by ESHA, WIP Renewables and EASE

The number of participants is limited! Deadline for registration is 19th June. You are required to create an account and provide your identity card information in order to access the European Institution's building.



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3. In addition to the Wednesday event (26/06) at the CoR, ESHA co-organises another event (morning) on the topic of storage titled "What are the environmental effects of Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) and how can future development proceed?" This workshop will take place in the EWEA premises (Rue d'Arlon 80, B-1040 Brussels) between 10.45 and 13.00. To participate, register at the [stoRE website](#).
 4. Furthermore, ESHA is participating at the [Renewable Energy House's Open Day 2013](#), followed by a cocktail reception at 6 pm. Registration is open until 10th June at the [EUSEW website](#).
- During **AFRICA 2013** ESHA President Marko Gospodjinacki, ESHA Vice-President Bernhard Pelikan and Board Member Nino Frosio had organised a full day joint workshop together with IEA-SHP expert Kearon Bennett. In addition, they took part in the panels on SHP in during the conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Contact [Martina](#), if you are interested to receive the conference proceedings.
 - ESHA's newsletter has been sent out in April. [Have a look!](#)
 - In the last months, ESHA published an article in the New Energy Magazine (05/2013)
 - [Small hydropower boosts rural electrification](#)and four articles in the English edition of ZEK Hydro (04/2013)
 - [Successful and unconventional dinner in the European Parliament to better know small hydropower](#)
 - [The revitalization of small hydropower in Europe](#)
 - [More than half of the EU's small hydropower potential still untapped](#)
 - [Why does SHP need bigger presence in Brussels](#)

Internal

- ESHA organised its first RESTOR Hydro Advisory Board Meeting on 30th May. The workshop was attended by representatives from BNP Paribas (finance issues), Interpret Europe (heritage interpretation), RESCOOP Belgium (RES cooperatives), Southampton University (restoration of water mills) and HEA-E.
- ESHA's next Executive Board meeting will take place on Monday, 24/06/2013 in Brussels.
- ESHA's next Governing Board Meeting will take place on 26/09/2013 in Gdańsk, Poland.
- ESHA moved offices within the Renewable Energy House on 03/06/2013.

Membership

- **Highlight your events** on ESHA's [event calendar](#)! Please provide [Dirk Hendricks](#) with the event name, place, dates and website link.
- Remember that **ESHA members benefit from reductions** when visiting ESHA supported events (see [event calendar](#)).
- If you like to receive the newest copies of magazines such as HRW, ZEK Hydro (English or German), New Energy, Neue Energie, REVOLVE, please notify [Martina](#).