

GLOBE EU event of March 8, 2023 on Climate Resilient Water Management

Host:



Margrete Auken (born 1945) is a reverend, a politician, and a grandmother. Reverend in Frederiksberg church 1972-2015. Member of the Danish Parliament 1979-1990 and 1994-2004. Member of the European Parliament since 2004. Political priorities span the environment, transport, law, defense, culture, church, ethics and development aid. She is eight children's grandmother, is an active contributor to the public debate, and the author of numerous books.

Speakers:



Filipe Araújo is Porto's Vice-Mayor and City Councillor for Environment, Climate, Innovation, and Digital Transition; Chairman of Águas e Energia do Porto (municipal water and energy company of Porto); Chairman of Porto Ambiente (municipal waste collection company of Porto); Chairman of the Board of Directors of AdePorto (Porto's Energy Agency); Chairman of Porto Digital Association (supports the Porto City Council in the development of e-government projects and online services); board member of LIPOR- Intermunicipal Waste Management of Greater Porto; Chair of Eurocities Environment Forum; Vice-Chair of Eurocities Environment Forum (2016-2018); advisory board member of Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications, advisory board member of MIL (Media Innovation Labs) of Porto University, and a member of the Innovation Advisory Board of Porto University.

He has a degree in Electrical Engineering (Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto) and holds an M.Sc. in Telecommunications (UMIST - University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, Manchester, UK).

He was a guest Professor at the Faculty of Science of University of Porto, between 2007 and 2011, and a Municipal Deputy of Porto between 2005 and 2009.

Other relevant executive functions include Service Manager in a telecommunication company and board member of the Youth Foundation.



Jan Rasmussen is Project Director for climate adaptation with the City of Copenhagen. He is educated as environmental engineer and has been employed by Copenhagen since 1990.

He has been working, specifically, with the port of Copenhagen to improve water quality so that it is now possible to use the harbor for swimming.

For the last 16 years, Jan has been head of project for climate adaptation in Copenhagen. This work has brought Copenhagen to the front of adaptation planning, both national and international.

The latest result is a plan for cloudburst management in Copenhagen, which is about to being implemented. Jan has a worldwide network of colleagues who are working with climate adaptation and planning.



Janneke de Vries is Head of the World Resources Institutes Europe regional office in The Hague. She is also director for EU Partnerships. She started WRI's activities in Europe with a small team in 2016 and expanded WRI's network of partners and funders in Europe, initiated partnerships with new prospective European partners and build the WRI team. Now she focuses on deepening WRI's relationship with the European Union to increase visibility and global impact.

Janneke previously worked as Head of Unit Global Affairs with the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment in the Hague. Before that she was the Counsellor for Infrastructure and the Environment for the United States and Canada at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington DC. She also led, as head of the Netherlands delegation, various teams to negotiate multilateral environmental treaties.

Janneke holds a Master of Law in public international law and international commercial law from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. She had an executive education in international management and public leadership at the Harvard Kennedy Business School.

She taught water management and city planning at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC.

Janneke lives near The Hague in the Netherlands with her partner Herbert and her kids Silke and Cas. Her passion is sailing on inland waters in Fryslan but also on the sea.



Cédric Egger is Head of Sustainability with Nestlé Waters' Strategic Business Unit. He started his career in Switzerland, working at the Center for Hydrogeology of Neuchâtel University (CHYN) and the Swiss Geological Survey.

Strengthening his WATER experience with several international organizations (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in El Salvador and Nicaragua in the AGUASAN program, UNHCR Technical Support for Eastern Africa, International Committee of the Red Cross in Sri Lanka), he then joined Nestlé Waters as Water Resources & Environment Manager.

He was leading and implementing worldwide the Group's Water Stewardship strategy, aiming at harmonizing integrated water resources management and local economic development at watershed level, in close collaboration with local stakeholders.

As Head of Sustainability, he is now engaged in co-delivering the complementary Water and Climate strategies.



Willem Jan Goossen works as policy officer at the unit Adaptation & Resilience to Climate Change of DG Climate Action, European Commission.

He is a seconded national expert, with a long-standing career at the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.

Willem Jan acted as program manager of the Delta Program Spatial Adaptation, as secretary of the Advisory Committee Water, as deputy-director of the Delta Program Rivers, and as project leader of the 1st generation River Basin Management Plans.

Before joining the Ministry, he worked as a campaigner for an international environmental NGO and as a researcher at TNO in the Netherlands.

He holds a Master of science in biology from the Utrecht University in the Netherlands.