

Dear Madam, Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to:

**Hydropower and Fish
Research and Innovation in the context of the European Policy Framework**

**Joint Workshop
IEA Hydropower TCP – European Commission DG RTD**

**29 and 30 May 2017
Madou building, Auditorium Karel Van Miert
Place Madou 1, Brussels**

The increased focus on ecological issues in regulated rivers calls for an international understanding on how hydropower industry can be developed towards a more environmentally friendly operation and how European legislation and framework is used to regulate renewable energy production from hydropower. The workshop intends to address the European research and legislation relevant for hydropower production and the impacts on fish in regulated rivers.

We would welcome your attendance to the workshop and your participation in the discussions. The workshop presentations from hydropower producers, researchers, hydropower policy and river management, will cover the topics, challenges and interests in the intercepts between hydropower and fish.

Please find more information in the draft agenda.

The workshop will be followed by a field visit to the Ham Hydropower Plant at the Albert Canal, close to Brussels, on 31 May 2017.

Please note that, due to increased security measures, you will need to register for the event by sending an email to RTD-IEA-HYDRO-2017@ec.europa.eu before the registration deadline of 15 May 2017 and that you will be required to present a valid proof of identity on the day of the event to access the venue.

Due to the capacity of the room, we can only accept a limited number of participants. You will receive confirmation of your attendance to the event shortly after the registration deadline.

Please feel also free to forward this invitation to anyone who might be interested to participate in the workshop.

We look forward to meeting you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

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