

BOOST-IN CONFERENCE – TENTATIVE AGENDA

Date: **25 November 2026**

Venue: [SPARKS MEETINGS](#), Rue Ravenstein 60, 1000 Brussels

INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

The BOOST-IN Final Conference will bring together European projects, innovators, policymakers, water utilities, public authorities, industry representatives, investors, research organisations and stakeholder networks to discuss how Water and Circular Economy Solutions (WACES) can be more effectively supported, connected and scaled across Europe. The discussion will be framed within Europe's transition towards a more circular, resilient and water-smart economy, considering how innovation, collaboration and market uptake can contribute to this transition.

The conference will take place in Brussels on 25 November 2026, in connection with Water Knowledge Europe and the ZeroPollution4Water Cluster event taking place during the same week. This creates an opportunity to position BOOST-IN within a wider European water innovation context and to strengthen synergies with other projects, platforms and initiatives working on water, circular economy, resource recovery, reuse and resilience. The programme will provide space to connect complementary results, technologies and demonstration experiences, and to identify common pathways from research and innovation to deployment of circular water solutions.

Rather than presenting BOOST-IN results through a work package-by-work package structure, the conference is designed around the main challenges and opportunities identified throughout the project: connecting the circular water innovation ecosystem, translating project recommendations into policy impact, addressing standardisation and End-of-Waste barriers, increasing the visibility of innovators, and supporting market uptake. The participation of a pool of projects working on water circularity and resilience will allow these challenges to be considered from a broader European perspective and will help identify shared barriers, complementary expertise and opportunities for replication and scale-up.

The event will combine keynote interventions, thematic roundtables, project result presentations, poster sessions, innovation pitches and a Business Café. The objective is to create an interactive and impact-oriented space where participants can exchange experiences, identify common barriers, explore collaboration opportunities and reflect on the long-term legacy of BOOST-IN.

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The conference will focus on four main dimensions:

Connecting the circular water innovation ecosystem

BOOST-IN has shown that circular water solutions already exist across Europe, but their uptake is often limited by fragmented initiatives, lack of continuity after project completion, insufficient visibility and weak connections between innovators, end-users, policymakers and investors. The conference will therefore explore how European projects, platforms and stakeholder networks working on water circularity, resilience and



innovation uptake can collaborate to build a more permanent and effective ecosystem for circular water solutions.

Their involvement will make it possible to connect complementary results, technologies and demonstration experiences, identify shared challenges, and support collaboration beyond the lifetime of individual projects.

Enabling policy and governance frameworks

Circular water solutions require supportive policy, regulatory and governance conditions. The conference will discuss how policy recommendations, policy briefs and regulatory insights generated by EU-funded projects can be translated into practical policy impact. Particular attention will be given to regulatory clarity, governance coordination, risk management, stakeholder trust, economic incentives and the role of EU and national institutions in supporting implementation.

Addressing standardisation and End-of-Waste barriers

Standardisation, quality criteria and End-of-Waste approaches remain key issues for the uptake of circular products and resources recovered from water and wastewater streams. The conference will provide space to discuss how these barriers affect innovators and end-users, and what further steps may be needed to increase regulatory confidence, market acceptance and investment readiness.

Moving from innovation to uptake

A central objective of BOOST-IN is to support the transition from promising innovation to practical implementation and market adoption. The afternoon sessions will focus on inclusive innovation, the role of women in circular water innovation, and the Business Café, where selected WACES will be presented and discussed with experts, potential users, investors and stakeholders. This final block aims to connect technical solutions with real uptake pathways, market opportunities and scaling challenges.

Overall, the BOOST-IN Final Conference aims to contribute to the long-term visibility and exploitation of project results, while creating meaningful links with other European initiatives and stakeholders working towards a more circular, resilient and water-smart Europe.

POSTER & INNOVATION SHOWCASE

As part of the BOOST-IN Final Conference, a Poster & Innovation Showcase will be organised to increase the visibility of circular water solutions, as well as projects and initiatives supporting their uptake.

The poster session will be linked to a call for poster abstracts to be launched in August 2026. The call will invite contributions from innovators, EU-funded projects, research organisations, utilities, public authorities, industry representatives, regional initiatives and stakeholder networks working on water reuse, resource recovery, circular water technologies, market uptake, policy and governance, standardisation, stakeholder engagement and replication pathways.



Selected posters will be displayed during the conference breaks, creating an informal space for participants to exchange knowledge, present practical experiences, explore synergies and identify potential collaborations. The poster session will also support the broader objective of the conference: strengthening the long-term visibility, exploitation and legacy of BOOST-IN results while connecting them with the wider European water innovation community.

[Abstract submission form](#)

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START	SUBJECT	Moderator Speaker
Block 1: Connecting the water sector towards circularity		
9:00	Welcome, and project presentation	Sophia Pachini (REA) Angela Magno / Rafael Casielles (BIOAZUL)
9:30	Circular economy in the water sector: setting the scene / Barriers and opportunities	Bertrand Vallet (EC)
10:00	Making innovation visible – The Water Europe Market Place and BOOST-IN data base.	Andrea Rubini (WE) Mike Kaminariis (AGENSO)
10:30	Round table: Synergies between projects and initiatives: how to collaborate for a more circular water sector. This roundtable will explore how European projects, platforms and initiatives can work together to strengthen the circular water economy beyond individual project lifetimes. The discussion will focus on how to avoid fragmentation, create continuity between projects, connect innovators with end-users, and build a more permanent ecosystem for Water and Circular Economy Solutions. Participants will be invited to reflect on the role of clustering, shared platforms, knowledge exchange, stakeholder networks and strategic cooperation between initiatives.	Moderator: WATER EUROPE Projects represented: - BOOST-IN - CIRSEAU - WATER WISE HUB - WATER4ALL - (tbc)
11:15	Coffee break	
	In parallel: poster session	
Block 2: Policies enabling circular water solutions		
11:45	Policy roundtable: Recommendations to consolidate circular economy in the EU water sector. The session will use BOOST-IN and CIRSEAU (tbc) policy analysis and recommendations as a basis to explore what is needed to consolidate circular economy approaches in the water sector, including	Moderator: FRESH-THOUGHTS Panelists from sectors: - Water utility - Agricultural users



	regulatory clarity, governance coordination, economic incentives, risk management, stakeholder trust and policy coherence across EU and national levels. Representatives from key stakeholder groups in the circular economy in the water field will be invited to share their insights in response to questions posed by the moderator.	- Industrial users/regional
12:45	Standardization barriers and EoW	Sylvie Grajales (EC) Christian Remy (KWB) Thomas Track (DECHEMA)
13:15	Lunch break	
	In parallel: poster session	
Block 3: From innovation to uptake		
14:30	Women in Circular Water Innovation <i>This keynote will explore the role of women innovators, inclusive leadership and gender-responsive approaches in accelerating circular water innovation. The session will connect inclusive innovation with the broader challenge of moving promising solutions from research and demonstration towards practical uptake, market deployment and societal impact.</i>	Luisa Prista (WE)
15:00	Business café and pitching of innovations Interactive session showcasing selected WACES and innovative circular water solutions. • Innovator pitches (3 min each) • Panel of experts for Q&A (20 min) Interactive audience polling to capture perspectives on innovation uptake and scaling challenges	Elvira Serra (ISLE) + Selected innovators
16:00	Inspirational keynote from investor perspective	(Tbc)
16:30	Conference closure	BIOAZUL NTUA WATER EUROPE

