

EurEau Plenary Session

**On the way to energy independence – new challenges
for the European water sector**

Thursday 13 October; St Julien's, Malta

**Malta Marriott Hotel and Spa, 39 Main Street, Balluta Bay, St.
Julian's, STJ 1017, Malta**



The energy crisis has led to sharply rising operational costs for operators, in particular for those with high energy import needs. Squeezed budgets mean there is even less money to finance measures to reduce energy imports. What strategies do operators have to become energy independent, what are the key bottlenecks and how are public authorities accompanying this process?

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Time	Event
14.00	Introduction and welcome Pär Dalhielm, EurEau Vice President
14.05	Keynote address I Miriam Dalli, Maltese Energy Minister The energy crisis – a trigger or an obstacle on the way of water operators towards energy neutrality?
14.20	Panel discussion Impact of energy prices and supply insecurity on operational costs and investments (prices for energy, raw materials etc.) (35 mins) Miriam Dalli Vassil Trenev (GA, Bulgaria) Paula Lindell (EU2, Finland) Brian Murphy (EU3, Ireland) Q&A from the audience (15 mins)
15.10	Break

15.30	<p>Keynote address II</p> <p>Veronica Manfredi, Director, European Commission</p> <p>Extra treatment needs for drinking water and waste water - Can we still achieve energy independence?</p>
16.05	Q&A from the audience
16.20	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Impact of extra treatment on energy consumption and energy neutrality (micro-pollutants, PFAS)</p> <p>Veronica Manfredi</p> <p>Gunda Röstel (GA, Germany)</p> <p>Per Grønvald (EU1, Denmark)</p> <p>Kari Elizabeth Fageraes (EU3, Norway) (35 mins)</p> <p>Q&A from the audience (15 mins)</p>
16.50	Conclusions
17.00	End