



**TEAM EUROPE SEMINAR  
FINANCING WATER PROJECTS; CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Tuesday 26 October 2021- Nile Ritz Carlton  
Alf Laila We Leila Ballroom**

9h00 – 9h30	<b>Welcome and Registration</b>
9h30 – 10h15	<p>Master of the Ceremony: <b>Alfredo Abad</b>, Head of the EIB Regional Representation to the Near East</p> <p>Welcome words by <b>Flavia Palanza</b>, Director of Lending Operations in EU Neighbouring Countries, EIB</p> <p><i>[film on Team Europe water projects]</i></p> <p><b>Opening Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Mohamed Abel Aati</b>, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation</li> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Dr. Sayed Ismail</b>, Deputy Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities</li> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Christian Berger</b>, Head of the EU Delegation in Egypt</li> </ul>
10h15 – 11h30	<p><b>Sustainable financing for water and wastewater roundtable</b></p> <p>The investment needs of the Egyptian National Water Resources Plan (2017-2037) are very large. The roundtable will discuss issues linked to the implementation of the plan. The ministry of Housing and the Holding Company for Water and Wastewater play an important role in the implementation of the planned projects in the water, sanitation and desalination subsectors. European and International financial institutions support the implementation of the plan by providing part of the investment needs. PPP and innovative financing are additional tools to pool more financing to the sector. The European financing mostly comes with grants for advisory services to help with the implementation process from the planning to the operation. The projects' sustainability and measures to ensure the social price of water and wastewater is also an important issue of the implementation of the plan. Speakers will discuss these issues with the Moderator to share their views and present their contribution to the implementation of the ENWRP (2017-2037).</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Dr. Kostas Souflis</b>, Project Team Leader, Kafr El Sheikh Wastewater project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Almotaz Abadi</b>, Managing Director, UfM- Water</li> <li>➤ <b>Atika Ben Maid</b>, Head of Unit, Water and Sanitation, Environment &amp; Sustainable Finance, AFD</li> <li>➤ <b>Francesco Totaro</b>, Loan officer, EIB approach to desalination, EIB</li> <li>➤ <b>Jörg Dux</b>, Head of Division Water and Wastewater North Africa, Innovative finance, KfW</li> <li>➤ <b>Iman Radwan</b>, Senior Development Officer, Office for International Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland</li> <li>➤ <b>Khaled Hamza</b>, Deputy Head of Egypt's Office, EBRD</li> <li>➤ <b>Mamdouh Raslan</b>, Chairman of the Holding Company for Water &amp; Wastewater</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
11h30 - 12h00	<b>Break</b>
12h00 – 12h30	<p><b>The way forward</b> speeches by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Alfredo Abad</b>, Head of EIB Regional Representation to the Near East</li> <li>➤ <b>Fabio Grazi</b>, Office Director, AFD</li> <li>➤ <b>Ibrahim Laafia</b>, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Egypt</li> </ul>
12h30-12h45	Closing remarks by <b>H.E. Dr Rania Al Mashat</b> , Minister of International Cooperation