



**EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
OF PUBLIC WATER OPERATORS**

Elections for the renewal of APE's Management Board

CANDIDATES 2021-2024

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Bernard Van Nuffel

PRESIDENT

 **Brussels, Belgium**

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After studying architecture, Mr Van Nuffel began his career as a civil servant in Brussels' administration in 1997. Subsequently, he was elected Deputy-Mayor in charge of infrastructures, water policy and climate of one of the municipalities of the Brussels Region in 2018, and then appointed President of VIVAQUA in 2019.



Kim Augustin

**HEAD OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT**

 **Hamburg , Germany**



Dr. Kim Augustin has been with HAMBURG WASSER for around 25 years in various management positions. The public company is responsible for water supply and disposal for the approximately 1.8 million inhabitants of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. He currently heads the "Management Systems and Technologies" division and is responsible for the topics of sustainability, climate protection, quality- and energy management, NEW WORK and the technological development of the company. Dr. Augustin focuses on the analysis and forecasting of future requirements for water supply and disposal systems as well as related services processes. Seeking for sustainable solutions for urban infrastructure which are also economically viable he and his team develop technologies, systems and business processes to meet those requirements. Dr. Kim Augustin, born in 1962, is married and has two grown-up children. He studied chemistry at the Westfälische Wilhelms Universität in Münster and started his career working in industrial waste recycling.



Stefano Cetti

GENERAL DIRECTOR

 **Milan, Italy**



**Metropolitana Milanese
(MM Spa)**

Since 2010 Stefano Cetti has been General Manager of MM SpA, an engineering company leader in Italy in the design of transport systems and environmental rehabilitation, as well as manager of the Integrated Water Service of Milan and manager of public housing in the Municipality of Milan. From 2013 to 2015 he was a member of the Board of Directors of APE - Aqua Publica Europea - International Association of Public Operators of the Integrated Water Service.

In Aem Milano since 1987, he was Network Manager and Sole Director of Aem Elettricità, Sole Director of Aem Gas and CEO of Metroweb.

Previously he was director of the Energy & Utility Division in IBM Italy.

In 2006 he joined KPMG Advisory as Senior Advisor Energy & Utilities.

From 2004 to 2008 he held the role of President of AIDI - the Italian Lighting Association, which gathers the operators working in the lighting sector.

Graduated in Business Administration from the Bocconi University in Milan, he obtained a master's degree in "Business Administration and Business Management" from the Sloan School MIT in Boston



Alessandro Di Martino

PRESIDENT

 **Palermo, Italy**



AMAP Palermo

Alessandro Di Martino, Civil and Environmental Engineer, is the President of AMAP S.p.A, a company operating in the sector of the integrated water service and supply, in the Metropolitan area of Palermo and 43 municipalities.

He has considerable professional experience in private and public utilities, management of local governments and public administrations.

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Joakim Giacomoni

**HEAD OF PUBLIC AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

 **Paris agglomeration, France**



**Syndicat interdépartemental
pour l'assainissement de
l'agglomération parisienne
(SIAAP)**



Ferenc Keszler

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

 **Budapest, Hungary**



**BUDAPEST
WATERWORKS**

Budapest Waterworks

With 25 years senior management experience in various business fields, a mathematician and economist, an ACCA member. Working in the water business since 2004 at Budapest Waterworks, I truly believe in sustainable innovations, alternative energy developments, in reducing footprint of our business activities, digitalization, in improving our sludge and waste management activities and circular economy – tasks which help resilience, where operators can share experience and which can be promoted in cooperation.



Walter Kling

**DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF
VIENNA WATERWORKS**



City of Vienna - Vienna Water

 **Vienna, Austria**

As engineer by profession, he works for City of Vienna – Vienna water as a utility manager for his entire professional career. Working on different projects and tasks within Vienna Waterworks he had to pass through various departments within the organization. In 2001 he was appointed as Deputy Managing Director of Vienna Water.

Following his interest in the international context of water-management, Walter Kling joined the work of the Austrian Waterworks Association and in 1993 he was delegated to represent Vienna Water within IWSA.

Important background for his work was the role as the General Secretary of IAWD (International Association of Waterworks in the Danube Catchment Area) which he started in 1993. Founded by an initiative of the Mayor of Vienna, IAWD is a long-term partner of IWA in various activities. As a utility representative, he initiated a number of conferences organized in Vienna or the CEE-region helping the water sector in this part of Europe to be linked to international institutions. Following the interest of Vienna to play an active role in the international water business, Walter Kling took the duty to represent water issues also within other institutions (e.g. CEMR, Eurocities, ISO).



Domenico Laforgia

PRESIDENT



Acquedotto Pugliese

 **Puglia, Italy**

He is a mechanical engineer by training and an international expert in industrial innovation. He is a full Professor of Energy and Environmental Systems at the University of Salento, where he was also Rector from 2007 to 2013 and Dean of the Engineering Faculty. Among his latest responsibility, he was Director of the Economic Development Department of the Apulia Region since 2015 to last May.



Miguel Lemos Rodrigues

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Águas de Gaia

 **Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal**

Miguel Marques de Lemos Rodrigues is Member of the Board of Águas de Gaia E.M. S.A. since 2015. He is Member of the Remuneration Committee of SIMDOURO, S.A. - Saneamento do Grande Porto, S.A.

Prior to his current position, he performed several functions both in the private and public sectors, namely financial advisor at a bank, chief of staff in the Civil Government of Porto and Advisor in the Municipality of Gaia and he was member of the Technical Committee of RENEL LL - Portuguese Network of Smart Cities in representation of the Municipality of Gaia.

He is Columnist in some newspapers in environmental and sustainability matters.

He holds a Degree in Economics.

Other skills and competences: The Strategic, Geoeconomic and Foresight Analysis Course (4ºCAEGP), organized by the National Defence Institute; Accountability in Municipalities: CEFA Foundation; Course on Neuro-Linguistic Programming for High Performance - Institute of Higher Financial and Tax Studies (IESF).

Currently he is an Auditor (student) of The National Defense Course, course of advanced studies organized by the Portuguese Defence Institute (IDN) and at the Masters in International Relations and Diplomacy: Specialisation in Economic Diplomacy of Universidade Portucalense.



Dan Lert

DEPUTY MAYOR OF PARIS
PRESIDENT OF EAU DE PARIS

 **Paris, France**



Dan Lert is the President of Eau de Paris, the public operator for the water supply of the French capital. Environmentalist, he was first elected in 2014 as deputy mayor of a popular district in charge of environment and sustainable development. In 2020, he was elected councillor being part of the left and green majority of the Mayor, Anne Hidalgo. HeParis became Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of ecological transition, climate, water and energy. As President of Eau de Paris, he is also the representative for France in the board of Aqua Publica Europea. He specifically works on the sustainable aspects of water management and on ecological transition issues.

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Neil Lenehan

**CHIEF TECHNICAL & SAFETY
ADVISER**

 **Ireland**



Irish Water



Gérard Luyet

DIRECTOR WATER SERVICES

 **Genève, Switzerland**



**Services Industriels de Genève
(SIG Genève)**

Gérard Luyet has been the director of the drinking water service at the Service Industriels Genève – the public services company of the city of Geneva – since 2003. Mr Luyet is a renowned international expert in the field of emergency response to restore essential drinking and sanitation services in areas affected by natural disasters, and participated in several humanitarian missions from the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia in 2005 to the hurricane in Bahamas in 2019 to, more recently, the earthquake in Haiti. He holds a degree in hydrology and hydrogeology from the University of Lausanne and further training at the Colorado State University (USA). He is also a governing member of the Swiss Gas and Water Industry Association (SGWIA) and the International Water Association (IWA).

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Danielle Mametz

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD
FRANCE EAU PUBLIQUE**

 **France**



**Fédération Nationale des
Collectivités Concédantes et
Régies (FNCCR)
/ France Eau Publique**



Roberto Mantovanelli

**PRESIDENT OF ACQUE VERONESI
(MEMBER OF VIVERACQUA)**

 **Veneto Region, Italy**



Viveracqua

Graduated in management engineering, he works as a freelancer in management consulting, operations and supply chain, in particular in the fields of engineering, renewable energy and public utilities.

Since 2018 President of Acque Veronesi (member of VIVERACQUA), he holds the role of member of the executive committee in Utilitalia. Since September 2019 he has been a member of the board of directors of Aqua Publica Europea

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Jaime Morell

SECRETARY GENERAL

 **Spain**



**Asociación Española de
Operadores Públicos de
Abastecimiento y Saneamiento
(AEOPAS)**



Enrico Pezzoli

PRESIDENT

 **Como, Italy**

COMO ACQUA

COMO ACQUA Srl

Engineer by training, Mr Pezzoli has an extensive management experience in the industrial and business domain. He has developed his professional profile in both private and public sectors' companies, and he held executive responsibilities in in one internal leader company for renewal energies, network and infrastructure management. He has been elected President of Como Acqua in 2018 and in 2021 was appointed spokesperson of Water Alliance – Acque di Lombardia, a a network gathering 13 public water operators in Lombardy region.

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Frédéric Pfliegersdoerffer

PRESIDENT

 **Alsace-Moselle, France**



**Syndicat des Eaux et
d'Assainissement Alsace-
Moselle
(SDEA)**



Jon Rathjen

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR WATER POLICY &
DECC (DIRECTORATE FOR ENERGY
AND CLIMATE CHANGE) OPERATIONS**

 **Scotland, UK**



**The Scottish
Government**
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

**Scottish Government - Water
Industry Team**

Jon has over 30 years' experience as a Public Servant having worked for Customs and Excise and now the Scottish Government.

Jon Rathjen is the Deputy Director for Water Policy in the Scottish Government with responsibility for the Scottish Water Industry including sponsorship of the public corporation Scottish Water and the new Hydro Nation agenda. Scotland the Hydro Nation focuses on the economic, social and environmental development of the value of water resources in Scotland and the raising of Scotland's international profile through its performance on global water issues.



Eric Smit
PRESIDENT

 **Wallonia region, Belgium**



**Union professionnelle des
opérateurs publics du cycle de
l'eau en Wallonie
(Aquawal)**

Eric Smit is the President of Aquawal, the federation of public water operators of Wallonia Region, Belgium. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Société Wallonne des Eaux since 2007, the main water supply operator in Wallonia. Eric Smit graduated in physics and economics at the Belgian universities of UCL and ULB.

He worked as Inspector-General of Finances and is Former Deputy Chief of Staff of the Belgian Federal Vice-Prime Minister as well as Former Chief of Staff of the Regional Minister of Budget and Finance in Wallonia.



Eddy Troosters

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF PIDPA,
MEMBER OF AQUAFLANDERS**



Aquaflanders

 **Flemish Region, Belgium**

I have 30 years' experience as a water professional in the public sector. I started my career in De Watergroep first as an engineer and moving up to regional director of the province of Flemish Brabant and executive member.

Since 2019 I hold the position as CEO of Pidpa, one of the six Flemish integral water companies operating in 64 municipalities in the province of Antwerp. I am committed to innovation for a sustainable future, with people and for people.

I endorse the mission of APE as the association of public water utilities and the strength of it as a dynamic network and a voice in the policy discussions in Europe. I would be honoured to represent AquaFlanders, the Federation of Flemish water companies, in APE's management board.