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# Preliminary Programme

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## 6<sup>th</sup> ResNRJwater partner meeting

Aquafin, Antwerp - Belgium



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# Tuesday, 19 May 2026, Day 1

**11:30** REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

**12:00** LUNCH

**12:45** PLENARY SESSION (ROOM WATERLOOP)

**Welcome**, *Bart Van Eygen (Aquafin)*

**Introduction and project status**, *Lisa Schiferle (LV)*

**Host keynote on renewable energy strategy**, *Jeroen Deurinck (Aquafin)*

**13:45** COFFEE BREAK

**14:00** WORKSHOP 1

***Strategy and action plan***

*Denise Winters (HHNK); Lisa Schiferle (LV)*

**16:00** COFFEE BREAK

**16:15** PLENARY SESSION (ROOM WATERLOOP)

**Project updates**

Multicriteria procedure (*Linda Soma, SUPSI*),  
Aquathermia (*Lara Elliott & Mona Hashemi, EG*)

**Wrap-Up of day 1**

**17:30** END OF DAY ONE

*Public bus back to the hotel, check in, walk to restaurant*

**19:30** NETWORKING DINNER DAY 1

Venue to be confirmed but within walking distance from the Radisson Hotel. Ideal for an architectural stroll and pleasant dinner setting.

# Wednesday, 20 May 2026 – Day 2

**9:00** Expert day – introduction

**9:15** Unlocking wastewater heat recovery

Partnerships that power wastewater heat recovery projects  
Heat exchanger technologies for wastewater systems  
Q&A

**10:30** Coffee break

**10:45** Future trends in energy and industrial systems

Energy flexibility as a licence to operate  
Case studies from the wastewater sector  
Q&A

**12:00** Lunch

**13:00** Visit to Deurne and Merksem (transportation arranged)



We will first be visiting the Deurne WWTP. There, we will hear a presentation on the status of the Aquafin investment. Then we will go on a tour of the site and see a new CAMBI installation as well as a site where a heat central will be built to recover heat from the effluent to feed a heating network.

We will then move on to the Merksem WWTP, the site of Aquafin's BESS pilot. There, we can also have a look at the traditional diesel generator at a pumping station, taking in the "old" and the prospective "new" technologies alongside each other.

**17:00** Tour of the Ruien - Antwerp

Discover the hidden underground waterways from the Middle Ages

**19:30** Networking Dinner Day 2

De 7 Schaken, Grote Markt – Antwerpen (traditional Flemish food)

# Thursday, 21 May 2026 – Day 3

**9:00 Plenary Session (Room Waterloo)**

## **Pilot plant updates**

*Ina Schülling (LV), Maik Wiering (HHNK), David Paulet (EnR44)*

**10:00 Coffee**

**10:15 Workshop 2a**

## **Energy Management (A1.3) (Room Waterloo)**

*Maik Wiering (HHNK)  
David Paulet (EnR44)  
Ina Schülling (LV)*

**Workshop 2b**

## **Capacity Building (Room Wadi)**

*Carsten Palkowski (InfraWatt), Mandy  
Plehn (EG), Denise Winters (HHNK),  
Linda Soma (SUPSI)*

**12:00 Wrap-up and lunch**

**- End of project conference -**

**13:00 Project steering group meeting (Waterloop)**

PSG members only – invitation/agenda to follow

**15.00 End of PSG meeting**

## Practical aspects

**VENUE** **Aquafin Headquarters** Dijkstraat 8, Aartselaar, Belgium

### **PARKING AND LOGISTICS**

If travelling by car, we recommend that you park your vehicle at the Aquafin headquarters and leave it there for the duration of the conference. There is a public bus (De Lijn 21 – Final stop Aquafin) from/to the Radisson Hotel in Berchem which takes about 45 minutes. Tickets can be bought online or on the bus (€3).

Either

- buy your ticket [via the website](#) or [app](#). Before you board, you still need to [activate](#) it, which can also be done in the app or website,
- or
- simply pay as you board, using a contactless means of payment (bank card, smartphone or smart watch) in front of the white terminal. A green tick will then appear on the screen, and you will hear a sound signal confirming that you have successfully boarded.

# Practical aspects

## HOTELS

Self-booking and self-payment apply. There are many hotels of different price ranges and categories in Antwerp. These are some recommendations:

**Radisson Hotel Antwerp Berchem** Borsbeeksebrug 34, Berchem, Antwerp - B-2600, Belgium

This hotel is located near the train station with a bus connection from the hotel to the conference venue. They also have a limited number of bikes for rent at € 5/day for those who wish to go to Aquafin HQ by bike (on Tuesday).

The hotel has set aside 22 rooms at a special rate of €140 per night including breakfast.

Book online through **Radisson Hotel Antwerp Berchem**, using code **"1805AQUA"**. These rates are available until **31 March**; after this date, the best available rates will apply.

Some alternatives:

**Prize by Radisson, Antwerp City (\*\*)**

This is a budget hotel in the city centre of Antwerp. There is a bus connection to/from the central station and Berchem station.

**Mercure Antwerp City South (\*\*\*\*)**

This hotel is located on the outskirts of Antwerp, slightly closer to the Aquafin headquarters. You can take a taxi to Berchem station.

## REGISTRATION

[Forms link](#)

## LANGUAGE

English

## WEBSITE

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