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6th 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 Aquafin's renewable energy strategy

Jeroen Deurinck (Aquafin)

13:45 COFFEE BREAK

14:00 WORKSHOP 1

Strategy and action plan (A1.5)

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

pastapici.be – Dageraadplaats 13 – 2018 Antwerpen

Wednesday, 20 May 2026 – Day 2

9:00 Expert day – introduction

9:15 Unlocking wastewater heat recovery

Partnerships that power wastewater heat recovery projects,
N.N., Noven (BE)

Heat exchanger technologies for wastewater systems, *N.N., Syntraal (NL)*
Q&A

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 Future trends in energy and industrial systems

Energy flexibility as a licence to operate, *N.N., Sweco (BE)*

Case studies from the wastewater sector, *N.N., Aquafin (BE)*
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, and also a presentation on “power outage resilience” by LV’s master’s student Andreas Fürst. 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), Denise Winters (HHNK), David Paulet (EnR44)

10:00 Coffee

10:15 Workshop 2a

Energy Management (A1.3) (Room Waterloo)

Niklas Höing (EG)

David Paulet (EnR44)

Ina Schülling (LV)

Workshop 2b

Capacity Building (A3.1) (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 (Bus 21) 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**

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

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