ALTERNATIVES FOR THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF WATER
The Alternative World Water Forum, March 2012 Marseille, France

8h45 – 9h15 Registration

Opening remarks by Mr. Rosario Crocetta MEP (Italy, S&D)

PANEL 1 – The Global geo-strategic importance of Water in the 21st century - The role of "Blue Gold" in world politics.

09h20 – 09H30: Ms. Kartika Tamara Lirotard MEP (Netherlands, GUE NGL)

09H30 – 09H45: The role of water in the Arab Spring
Mr. Larbi Bouguerra (Honorary Professor at the Science Faculty of the University of Tunis, Associated Professor of Environment at International University of Alexandria, Egypt)

09H45 – 09H55: Water Liberalisation in the Canada-EU Trade Agreement (CETA)
Ms. Penny Clarke (European Federation of Public Service Unions)

09H55 – 10H25 Questions and Answers

PANEL 2 – Alternatives for the European Year of Water - Public water and democracy: the first casualty of austerity measures.

Introduction by Ms. Marie-Christine Vergiat MEP (France, GUE)

10H35 – 10H45 Presentation of FAME & Alternatives
Ms. Gabriella Zanzanaini (Food & Water Europe)

10H45 – 10H55 Ms. Heide Rühle MEP (Germany, Greens/ALE)

10H55 – 11H10 Presentation of Agua de Todos campaign and the situation in Portugal
Mr. Jorge Fael (Portugal, Agua de Todos campaign)

11H10 – 11H25 Presentation of Forum Italiano dei Movimenti per l'Acqua and the situation in Italy
Mr. Valerio Balzametti (Forum Italiano dei Movimenti per Acqua)

11H25 – 11H40 Presentation of Initiative 136 Thessaloniki and the situation in Greece
Mr. Athanasios Tzakris (Greece, Initiative 136 Thessaloniki) 15’

11H40 – 12H30 Questions and Answers