

International workshop: Non-grid solutions for the future of urban water management?

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Location	Congressi Stefano Franscini, meeting platform of ETHZ Monte Verità, Via Collina 84, 6612 Ascona
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Abstract The need for developing fundamentally new approaches to urban water management has recently been identified by leading research groups at these institutes: U Monash, U Technology, Australia; U Innsbruck, Austria; U Technology, Denmark; U Paris, INSA Toulouse, France, Bauhaus U, Fraunhofer ISI, Germany; U Utrecht, U Rotterdam, Netherlands; SLU, Sweden; Eawag, ETH Zurich, Switzerland; U Berkeley, U Harvard, U Michigan, USA. This insight, however, is far from being mainstreamed yet.

The **main objective** of the international workshop is to assemble a group of **thirty outstanding experts** from different disciplines and fields that are currently leading the international debate with a view to discuss the future of urban water management. The discussion will allow for

- (i) exchanging on recent research activities,
- (ii) identifying current research gaps, and
- (iii) outlining promising future research activities.

The workshop will enable an intensive exchange among participants; it will advance their understanding on new approaches to urban water management, barriers and opportunities for innovation, and transition management towards more flexible, cost-effective, and resource-efficient systems. Ultimately, the workshop will allow for developing a **shared vision** among all participants that will guide **future urban water research**. This vision will be pointed out in a joint peer-reviewed position paper to be submitted to a targeted journal.

The workshop will be held at the Monte Verità conference centre "Congressi Stefano Franscini" (ETH Zurich) - one of the most beautiful venues in Switzerland located on the hills overlooking Ascona and Lake Maggiore (www.monteverita.org).



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