

Co-UDlabs InfoDay

March 18, 2025

Fundación Galicia-Europa, Brussels (Belgium)

09:30-10:00 Reception of participants

10:00-10:20 Welcome and institutional opening

- Dr. *Elena Garbarino* (REA, European Commission)
- *Jose Anta* (Co-UDlabs Coordinator, UDC)
- *Ana Ramos* (Fundación Galicia-Europa)

10:20-10:40 Introduction: four years of Co-UDlabs

- An overview of Co-UDlabs, its activities, goals, and expected and achieved results. *Jose Anta, Universidade da Coruña*

10:40-11:40 Round Table: Co-UDlabs and translating science into policy and practice

- Co-UDlabs' Policy Briefs: key policy recommendations for the urban drainage community. *Simon Tait, University of Sheffield. Jose Anta, Universidade da Coruña.*
- Research Infrastructure networks and European urban water policy: the view from EU institutions. *Trudy Higgins. Directorate General for Environment. European Commission.*
- Research Infrastructures, community-building, and knowledge exchange: the view from water utilities, industry, and organisations. *Arthur Guischet, European Water Association (EWA), Thomas Brüggemann and Iain Naismith. IKT Institute of Underground Research.*
- Q&A and feedback from participants and attendees

11:40-12:00 *Coffee Break*

12:00-12:30 Co-UDlabs' legacy towards an international UD community

An open-floor conversation on Europe-wide collaboration and networks in urban drainage, new opportunities for collaboration, and the lessons learned by Co-UDlabs' partners and stakeholders. *Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski, INSA-Lyon. Alejandra Pimiento, Universidade da Coruña. James Shucksmith, University of Sheffield.*

12:30-13:30 Networking corner

- *Hors d'oeuvre* break, open to all attendees

How to travel to the *Fundación*:

From **Zaventem**: [Bus 12 – To Maelbeek + 10 minute walk](#)

From **Charleroi**: [Flibco bus to Midi station + Metro 2/6 to Arts/Loi + 2 minute walk](#)

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From **Bruxelles-Central**: [Metro 1/5 to Arts/Loi + 2 minute walk](#)

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