

**SEIS and the environmental dimension of the SDGs – webinar series**

within the project

**“Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus”**

**Webinar 4**

**“Freshwater Management Indicators and Policies”**

Time	Wednesday, 21 April 2021
09:15 – 09:45	1. Welcome and introduction – setting the scene - UNECE, UNEP, Environment Agency Austria
09:45 – 11:15	2. (Pan-) European perspectives on SDG6 regarding Sustainable Freshwater Management and Transboundary Co-operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Environment Agency (EEA) experiences and information on freshwater management in the context of ENI East, Central Asia and Western Balkans (Nihat Zal, European Environment Agency)</li> <li>• Global Environment Monitoring System for freshwater (GEMS/Water) and GEMStat (Philipp Saile, UNEP GEMS/Water Programme)</li> <li>• UNECE activities in support of SDG 6 monitoring (Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE)</li> </ul> <i>Presentations, followed by questions and answers (20+5 min)</i>
	<i>Five-minute comfort break whenever needed</i>
11:15 – 12:00	3. Country experience from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan</li> </ul> <i>regarding</i> <p><b>SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water &amp; sanitation for all</b></p> <p>Target 6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution</p> <p>Target 6.4 By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency</p> <p>Target 6.5 By 2030, implement integrated water resources management &amp; transboundary cooperation</p> <i>Presentations/statements, followed by questions and answers (15+5 min)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transboundary basin planning in the Central Asian countries of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (Alexandr Nikolayenko, Regional Adviser Green Central Asia - Transboundary dialogue on climate, environment and security in Central Asia and Afghanistan, Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH)</li> </ul>
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>

13:00 - 14:45	<p>3. Country experience (continued) from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caucasus - Armenia, Georgia             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transboundary monitoring in Armenia and Georgia from the European Water Initiative (EUWI+) perspective (Kristina Schaufler, EUWI+ thematic lead for surface water, Environment Agency Austria)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Southern/Central Europe – Bosnia &amp; Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Austria             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Austria: Shared Water Information in Austria and beyond (Stephan Nemetz, Head of Team Surface Waters, Environment Agency Austria)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<i>Five-minute comfort break whenever needed</i>
14:45 - 15:30	<p>4. Wrap-Up &amp; Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusion and perspectives</li> <li>- Webinars and project actions planned for 2021</li> </ul>