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Convention on the Protection and Use of
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Europe
Ms Sonja Koeppel, Secretary
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Subject: Proposal of the Republic of Slovenia to host the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention in 2024

Dear Secretary Ms Koeppel,

herewith the Republic of Slovenia submits the proposal to host the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2024 in Slovenia and to take over the presidency to the UNECE Water Convention in the period from 2024 to 2027.

For any further inquiries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Aleš Bizjak, PhD, Ministry for the Environment and Spatial Planning, EU Coordination and International Affairs Service (ales.bizjak@gov.si).

Yours sincerely,



Andrej Vizjak
Minister

Attached:

- UNECE Water Convention template

**Proposal to host the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties
to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
(Water Convention)
- SLOVENIA-**

I. Please describe the motivation of your country to host the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention in Autumn 2024 and indicate possible level of representation of your country in case it hosts the Meeting of the Parties (e.g. prime-minister, minister):

Our motivation to host the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties is to support global transboundary integrated water resources management processes, to strengthen transboundary water cooperation, to further contribute to and boost the globalization process of the Water Convention, to accelerate the achievement of the UN Agenda 2030 Goal 6 and other water-related goals in a transboundary context, and, last but not least, to contribute to peace and stability in the world.

A possible level of representation from the Slovenian side will be the Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

II. Please describe any specific ideas on the organization of the tenth session (possibly including relevant side events and back-to-back or side meetings):

The organization of the tenth session will follow good practice of the UNECE Water Convention and experiences from the past sessions, thus it will potentially contain:

- High-level segment,
- general segment,
- side events,
- back to back event,
- cultural concurs and
- social part.

Content and specifics of each of the segments and parts will be defined in cooperation with the Bureau and the Secretariat of the Water Convention in due time, where public health circumstances will take an important part in decisions.

III. Please describe the possible venue(s) for the meeting (include only venue(s) with a capacity to accommodate at least 500 participants usually in the main meeting room; when available, provide websites):

Country and capital city:

- Slovenia, <https://www.slovenia.info/en>, [Slovenia Green](#) 🌿 [The story of green Slovenia](#). - YouTube
- Ljubljana, centrally located capital city of the Republic of Slovenia, 3.5 hrs driving from Vienna, 5 hours from Budapest, 5 hours from Belgrade, 2.5 hours from Venice <https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/>, <https://www.slovenia.info/en>

Potential venues of the meeting across the country:

- Cankarjev dom, Ljubljana, halls with capacities from 72 to 1545 seats, <https://www.cd-cc.si/en/halls>
- Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre, Ljubljana, halls with capacities from 20 to 2200 seats, COVID 6 to 600 seats, <https://www.ljubljanafair.com/>
- Brdo Congress Centre, Brdo pri Kranju, halls with capacities 10 to 550, <https://www.brdo.si/en/brdo-congress-centre>
- Bled Congress Centre, Bled, halls with capacities 36 to 512 seats, <https://www.kongresni-center-bled.si/en/>

IV. Please provide any additional information (e.g. on the potential support your country can provide):

Foreseen contributions of the Republic of Slovenia are contributions to the trust fund (in 2024) and organization of social part containing cultural event and trip (during the MoP10).

Content and specifics of the social part will be defined in cooperation with the Bureau and the Secretariat of the Water Convention in due time, where public health circumstances will take an important part in decisions.

Name and title of authorized official: Andrej Vizjak, Minister

Signature and date: Ljubljana, 31 May 2021

