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Overview of contributions and expenditures in 2019– 2021

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Current financing of the Convention



The Water Convention is mostly funded from extrabudgetary contributions; no mandatory contribution scheme

Main contributors: EU, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Italy, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Austria, Hungary, Norway, Bulgaria, Poland, North Macedonia, Estonia, Azerbaijan

Also contributions from GWP-Med, UNDP/GEF, UN-Water, for projects

In addition many in-kind contributions (see *ECE/MP.WAT/2021/7* for full list).



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1. Overview of provisional contributions and expenditures for the implementation of POW in 2019-2021



Balance on May 31, 2018: \$3,252,185

Contributions in 2018 (from July 1): \$2,196,413

Contributions in 2019-2021 (until May 31): \$9,257,361

Expenditures in 2018 (from July 1): \$1,712,263

Expenditures in 2019 – 2021 (until May 31): \$7,433,320

Balance on 31 May 2021 (approximate): \$5,560,376

! Expenses were lower in 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic (and no travel) => not representative of the Convention costs



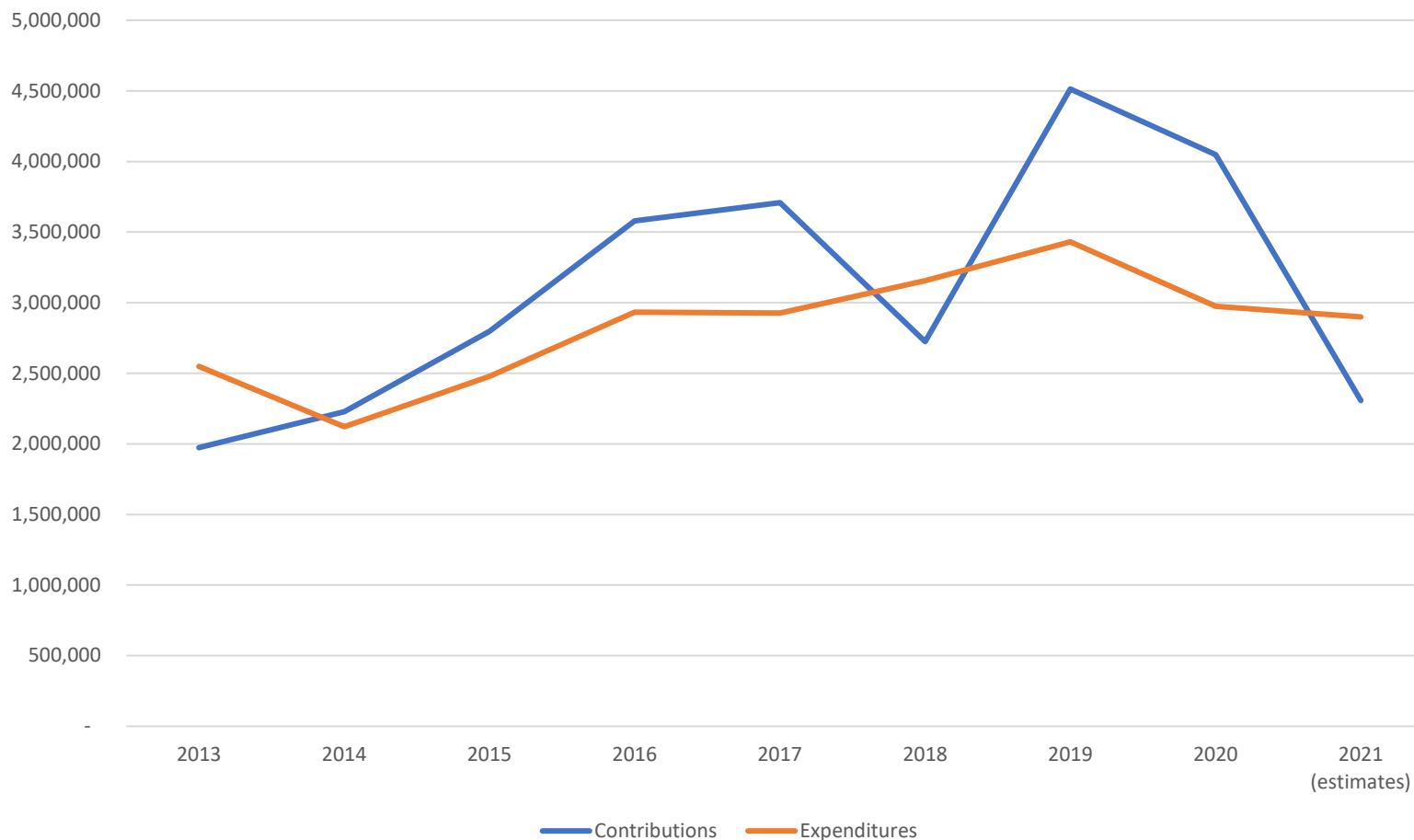
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Development of contributions and expenditures



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Conclusions and trends



- Continuous increase in financial expenditures in recent years, due to the expansion of the scope and activities of the Convention. A temporary decrease in expenditures AND contributions in 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- A risk that contributions will further decrease due to the financial consequences of the pandemic
- Contributions tend to diminish in the last year of POW (2018, 2021) => the importance of balance
- Encouraging to see contributions from new contributors; all contributions are useful, also in-kind
- Positive examples of unearmarked contributions and those with no separate reporting requirements => reducing the Secretariat's workload and saving staff resources
- Still reliance on main donors – financing remains a challenge
- High reserves are needed for staff funding and continued implementation of the PoW

For more information, see ECE/MP.WAT/2021/7: <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2021/07/working-documents/overview-contributions-and-expenditures-2019-2021>

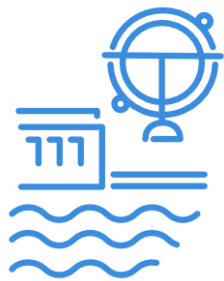


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Thank you



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