



Pan-European Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference (12-13 April 2022)

Statement Spain – Session 6

- Dear Excellences, thank you for the organization of this interesting regional meeting.
- Making access to water and sanitation sustainable requires a sound legal, institutional and financial setting at national level. This is, a good implementation of integrated water resources management which should include clear targets and objectives to comply with at national level and promote them in a transboundary context.
- In that sense, we welcome for example the Protocol of Water and Health under the Water Convention, since it allows for the setting of clear targets based on national legislation, and the monitoring of their compliance, or the Water Framework Directive in the EU. These are clear enablers for making progress towards the achievement on SDG6.
- We, as a Mediterranean country, face challenges related to impacts of climate change and increasing pressures on waterbodies which require to promote water efficiency, sound water allocation of conventional and non conventional resources and give adequate value to water.
- If we, the countries, do not commit in a coordinated manner with measurable objectives for all the SDG6 targets and indicators, it will be very difficult to make progress. We would like to convey this message to the UN Water Conference in 2023.
- We believe that capacity building and knowledge transfer are essential components for achieving the SDG6, with the focus set on integrated water resources management for the sustainability of the access to water and sanitation. Spain very much supports and is



committed to contributing to the Capacity Building Initiative as part of the Accelerator Framework of SDG6.

- Thank you very much