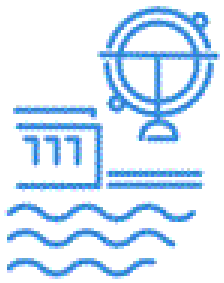


Item 12. Resources for the implementation of the programme of work

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Current financing of the Water Convention



Water Convention **mostly funded from extrabudgetary contributions**, both for Secretariat and activities. No mandatory contribution scheme.

Main contributors (Parties): EU, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Italy, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Austria, Hungary, Norway, Bulgaria, Poland, North Macedonia, Estonia, Azerbaijan, Slovenia, Portugal.

Also contributions from **partners for specific projects:** GWP-Med, UNDP/GEF, UN-Water.

In addition, many **in-kind contributions**.





Targets for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention



- Convention mainly relies on extrabudgetary resources
- Only a part of all the Parties contribute
- Fundraising and reporting is time-consuming



- MOP9 adopted **decision IX/3 on targets for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention** (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.2)
- Targets = drivers to address the main challenges and uncertainty encountered in financing the programme of work



Targets for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention



Objective 1: Achieve a fairer sharing of the burden of financing the implementation of the programme of work (PoW).

Targets: By 2024, at least 50 % and by 2030, at least 66 % of all Parties finance the PoW.

Baseline: 2016–2018: 38 % of Parties

2019-2021: 45% of Parties ↗

Objective 2: Improve reliability and predictability of funding

Targets: By 2024, 50 % and by 2030, 66 % of all Parties contribute regularly to PoW implementation

Baseline: 2016–2018: 26 % of Parties

2019-2021: 28 % of Parties →

Objective 3: Support a balanced implementation of all programme areas and simplify donors' requirements to increase efficiency

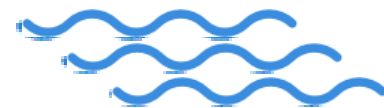
Targets: By 2024, 50 % and by 2030, 66 % of all contributions are unearmarked and do not require individual reports.

Baseline: 2016–2018: 17 % of all contr^o

2019-2021: 41 % of all contributions ↗



Overview of contributions and provisional expenditures for implementation of programme of work in 2021



Balance on 31 December 2020: \$5,162,130

Contributions in 2021: \$2,287,149

Expenditures (approx.) in 2021: \$3,157,983

Balance on 31 Dec. 2021 (approx.): \$4,291,296

! Expenditures > Contributions, balance is decreasing



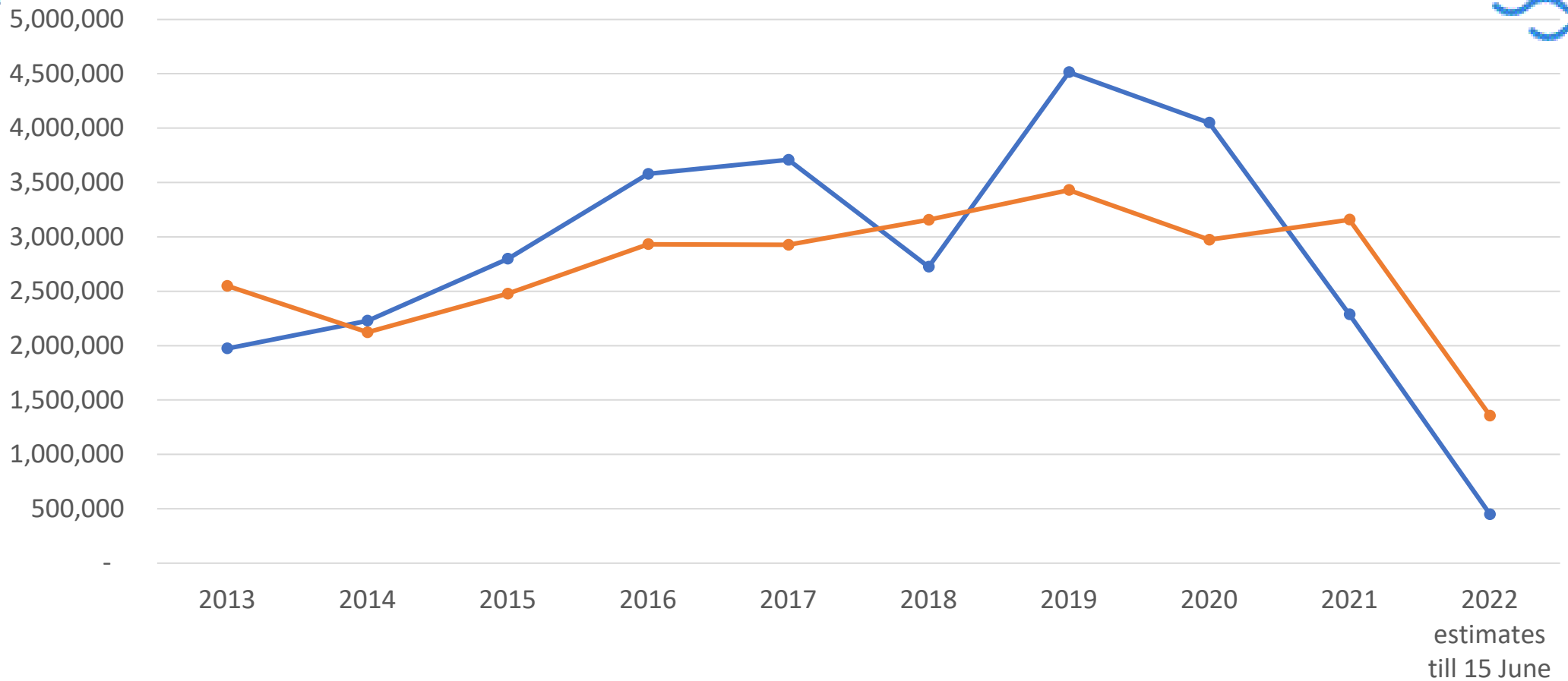
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Evolution of contributions and expenditures (2013 - June 2022), USD



—● Contributions —● Expenditures

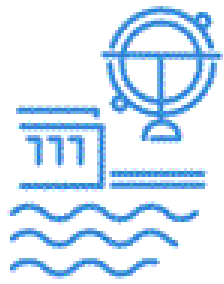




Conclusions and trends



- **Continuous increase in financial expenditures** in recent years, due to the expansion of the scope and activities of the Convention. Temporary decrease in expenditures due to COVID pandemic in 2020-2021, but since end 2021, activities accelerate again.
- Contributions decreased in 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic. However, trend is not following the renewed needs since 2021 --> **more contributions needed to ensure implementation of 2022-2024 programme of work**
- **Importance of high reserves** to absorb temporary gaps between contributions and expenditures, **to ensure continuity of secretariat staff funding and implementation of activities** of the programme of work.
- Still reliance on main donors – **financing remains a challenge**
- Appreciate contributions by **new contributors**, and also from **different ministries in a same country**; all contributions are useful, also in-kind
- Positive examples of **unearmarked contributions** and those with **no separate reporting requirements** => reducing Secretariat's workload, saving staff resources, ensuring efficiency.



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