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

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• Organized by UNECE and UN-Water in consultation with the UN-Water Regional Discussion Group on Water
• Chaired by Austria as Chair of UNECE
• Multi stakeholder meeting with over 250 participants
• Objectives:
  o Assess the progress in the implementation of the Decade and water-related goals and targets of the SDGs
  o Share best practices and experiences;
  o Inspire new actions, initiatives and partnerships, needed for accelerating progress
Topics of discussion

• Access to drinking water and sanitation for all
• Water pollution, ecosystems and biodiversity, circular economy policies
• Water governance at national and transboundary levels
• Climate resilience and strengthening cooperation among water using sectors
• Groundwater
• Accelerating progress through partnerships, financing, data, research and innovation
Elements and Messages

- Presentation of many initiatives and best practices that contribute(d) to implementation of SDG and Water Action Decade in the UNECE region
- Water Convention and the UNECE/WHO-Europe Protocol on Water and Health recognized as key catalysts of progress in UNECE region which have already accelerated achievement of the water-related goals
- Strong support to Key Messages of the Bonn Water Dialogues for Results 2021
- Strong support to the proposal for establishment of Special Envoy on Water
Outcomes and follow-up

• Report and Chair’s Summary of the Pan-European Regional Preparatory Meeting available at meeting website

• Member States encouraged to communicate regional priorities in further preparatory process

Further process in connection to 2023 Water Conference:

• Topics of 5 interactive dialogues under discussion to be agreed by PGA event on water in October-November 2022

• Associated Conferences
  • UN Ocean Conference (Lisbon, 27 June – 1 July 2022)
  • UN-Water Groundwater Summit (Paris, 7–8 December 2022)

• SDG 6 under review at HLPF 2023
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