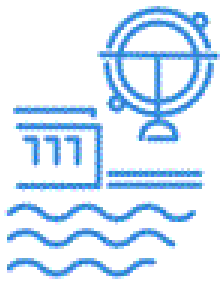


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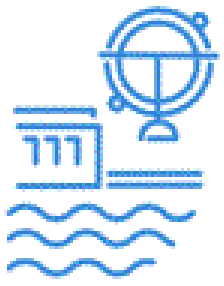


# Pan-European Regional Preparatory Meeting Geneva and online, 12-13 April 2022



- 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:
  - Assess the progress in the implementation of the Decade and water-related goals and targets of the SDGs
  - Share best practices and experiences;
  - 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



# Thank you



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