

# Increasing climate resilience of water and sanitation sector in the Mediterranean Region: workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health

Lisbon, 4-5 June 2024

Ministry of the Environment and Energy  
63 Rua de O Século, room O Século

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## Programme of the event:

Tuesday, 4 June 2024 (9.30-17.30)

9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:15	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Marco Rebelo, General Secretary of the General Secretariat for the Environment (tbc)</li><li>Ms. Vera Eiró, President of the Portuguese Water and Wastewater Regulatory Authority (ERSAR)</li></ul>
10:15-10:30	Morning break and group photo
10:30-11:00	<b>Setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer, manager of the Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE</li><li>Mr. Oliver Schmoll, co-Secretary to the Protocol on Water and Health, WHO/Europe</li><li>How climate change affects water and health: risks and solutions (keynote) <i>Ms. Aleksandra Kazmierczak, European Environment Agency</i></li></ul>
11:00-12:15	<b>Building climate resilience in the Mediterranean region: priorities, needs and solutions</b> Roundtable presentations and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Albania:</b> Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, Water Resources Management Agency</li><li><b>Croatia:</b> Ms. Livia Kurajica Jeličić, Institute of Public Health</li><li><b>Greece:</b> Ms. Vasiliki Karaouli, Ministry of Health</li><li><b>Italy:</b> Ms. Susanna Murtas, Institute for Public Health</li><li><b>Malta:</b> Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Energy and Water Agency</li><li><b>Portugal:</b> Mr. Antonio Pedro de Nobre Carmona Rodrigues, Aguas de Portugal Group</li><li><b>Slovenia:</b> Mr. Gregor Umek, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning</li><li><b>Turkiye:</b> Mr. Ali Cem Deniz, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change</li><li>A citizen perspective from Spain on the need for integrating climate, water and sanitation, <i>Ms. Elena Lopez Gunn, Elcano Royal Institute, iCatalist</i></li><li>Public Water Operators' Strategies to Tackle Water Scarcity and Drought,</li></ul>

12:15-13:15	Lunch at the venue
13:15-14:30	<p><b>Addressing climate change through setting targets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protocol on Water and Health as a framework to increase climate resilience of water and sanitation, <i>Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE, and Rory McKeown, WHO/Europe</i></li><li>• Target setting under the Protocol on Water and Health, including with climate focus, <i>Ms. Helena Costa, Portugal, and Mr. Ion Chirila, Romania (co-lead Parties of programme area on improving governance for water and health under the Protocol)</i></li><li>• North Macedonia' priorities as new Protocol Party in the area of WASH and climate <i>Mr. Ylber Mirta, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning of North Macedonia</i></li><li>• Climate-sensitive targets set under the Protocol in Montenegro, <i>Mr. Borko Bajic, Institute for Public Health of Montenegro</i></li><li>• Climate finance for water and sanitation: trends and insights, <i>Ms. Catarina Fonseca, International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC)</i></li></ul>
14:30-15:30	<p><b>Interactive group exercise: translating identified priorities into intersectoral targets on water, sanitation and health that address climate change impacts</b></p> <p>Participants will be divided in groups for a practical exercise on setting climate-sensitive targets. The results will be presented by the rapporteur of each group and discussed in plenary.</p>
15:30-15:45	Afternoon break
15:45-16:30	<p><b>Exploring synergies between the climate work under the Protocol and other global and regional frameworks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate and Environmental Change in the Mediterranean Basin - Current Situation and Risks for the Future <i>Ms. Margarita García Vila, Institute for Sustainable Agriculture of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)</i></li><li>• EU action for climate resilience in the water and sanitation sector under the Green Deal <i>Ms. Dagmar Behrendt Kaljarikova, Policy Officer, European Commission Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV)</i></li><li>• Unpacking the newly established Global Water-Sanitation Resilience Target <i>Mr. Jose Gesti, Senior Adviser on Climate action, Sanitation and Water for All</i></li><li>• The Union for Mediterranean (UfM) work on water and climate <i>Ms. Siham Laraichi, Morocco, and Mr. Roberto Martin Hurtado, UfM</i></li><li>• The role of national regulators in increasing climate resilience <i>Mr. Christian Minelli, Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment, WAREG – European Water Regulators Secretariat</i></li></ul>
16:30-17:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderated roundtable discussion on the main priorities, needs and policy and technical solutions on WASH in the context of climate change in the Mediterranean</li><li>• Summary and conclusions of the meeting</li></ul>

17:20-17:30

- Bridge to the 14th meeting of the UfM Regional Platform on Water (5-6 June 2024), Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Deputy Secretary-General, Union for the Mediterranean
- Wrap up and closing of day 1  
Ms. Ana Povo, Secretary of State for Health

19.00-21.00

*Dinner (details to follow)*

Wednesday 5 June 2024 (9.00-12.30)

8.45-9.00

Gathering at the Praça do Principe Real (next to the meeting venue) and bus transfer to the technical visit (9.00-9.30)

9.30-12.30

Technical guided visit to the “Alcantara Water Factory” (Avenida de Ceuta, 1300-254 Lisboa) and return to meeting venue (12.00-12.30, drop off at Praça do Principe Real)



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