

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	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Marco Rebelo, General Secretary of the General Secretariat for the Environment (tbc)Ms. Vera Eiró, President of the Portuguese Water and Wastewater Regulatory Authority (ERSAR)Mr. Emídio Sousa, Secretary of State for the Environment (tbc)
10:15-10:30	Morning break and group photo
10:30-11:00	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer, manager of the Protocol on Water and Health, UNECEMr. Oliver Schmoll, co-Secretary to the Protocol on Water and Health, WHO/EuropeHow climate change affects water and health: risks and solutions (keynote) <i>Ms. Aleksandra Kazmierczak, European Environment Agency</i>
11:00-12:15	Building climate resilience in the Mediterranean region: priorities, needs and solutions Roundtable presentations and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Albania: Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, Water Resources Management AgencyCroatia: Ms. Ines Vukovic, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, and Ms. Livia Kurajica Jeličić, Ministry of HealthGreece: Ms. Vasiliki Karaouli, Ministry of HealthItaly: Ms. Susanna Murtas, Institute for Public HealthMalta: Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Energy and Water AgencyPortugal: Mr. Antonio Pedro de Nobre Carmona Rodrigues, Aguas de Portugal GroupTurkiye: Mr. Ali Cem Deniz, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate ChangeA citizen perspective from Spain on the need for integrating climate, water and sanitation, <i>Ms. Elena Lopez Gunn, Elcano Royal Institute, iCatalist</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Water Operators' Strategies to Tackle Water Scarcity and Drought, <i>Mr. Jean-Yves Stenuick, Aqua Publica Europea</i>
12:15-13:15	Lunch at the venue
13:15-14:30	<p>Addressing climate change through setting targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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> Target setting under the Protocol on Water and Health, including with climate focus, <i>Ms. Helena Costa, Portugal, Mr. Ion Chirila, Romania, and Ms. Awilo Ochieng Pernet, Switzerland (co-lead Parties of targets programme area under the Protocol)</i> 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> Climate-sensitive targets set under the Protocol in Montenegro, <i>Mr. Borko Bajic, Institute for Public Health of Montenegro</i> Climate finance for water and sanitation: trends and insights, <i>Ms. Catarina Fonseca, International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC)</i>
14:30-15:30	<p>Interactive group exercise: translating identified priorities into intersectoral targets on water, sanitation and health that address climate change impacts</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>Exploring synergies between the climate work under the Protocol and other global and regional frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative of the European Commission (tbc) Unpacking the newly established Global Water-Sanitation Resilience Target, <i>Mr. Jose Gestí, Senior Adviser on Climate action, Sanitation and Water for All</i> The Union for Mediterranean (UfM) work on water and climate, <i>Ms. Siham Laraichi, Morocco, and Mr. Roberto Martin Hurtado, UfM</i> 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>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated roundtable discussion on the main priorities, needs and policy and technical solutions on WASH in the context of climate change in the Mediterranean Summary and conclusions of the meeting
17:20-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap up and closing of day 1 Ms. Ana Paula Martins, Minister of Health, Portugal (tbc) 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
19.00-21.00	Dinner (details to follow)

Wednesday 5 June 2024 (9.30-12.30)

9.00-9.30	Gathering at the meeting venue and bus transfer to the technical visit
9.30-12.30	Technical guided visit to the "Alcantara Water Factory" and return to meeting venue



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