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Χορηγοί



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International forum for SDG6

PROGRAMME

**SDG6 :**  
**“Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation:  
Public goods in the Service of Society”**



21-22 March 2019

Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center - Thessaloniki

**Thursday 21 March 2019**

19:00-21:00

Welcome wine party

09:00-13:30

**Friday 22 March 2019**

**Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center - Thessaloniki**

09:00-09:30

**Registration - Welcome**

Prof. P. Mitkas, Rector of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
Prof. K. Katsifarakis, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, AUTH  
E. Tzitzikosta, President of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO

Assoc. Prof. E.Kolokytha, UNESCO Center for Integrated and Interdisciplinary Water Resources Management (CIWRM) of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

09:30-10:30

**SESSION 1:**

*The role of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and SDG6 in the international arena for sustainable water management*

Coordinator: *Prof. Emeritus M. Lazaridou, CIWRM AUTH*

J.Baker, Head of the Science Unit - UNESCO - Venice Office  
A.Makarigakis, Programme Specialist Water for Human Settlement, - IHP - UNESCO

N. Theodossiou, Chair of SDSN Black Sea

H. Köthe, Director - UNESCO International Center for Water Resources and Global Change - Koblenz, Germany

J.Despotovic, Director UNESCO International Research and Training Centre on Urban Drainage, Serbia

H.Skoulikaris, INWEB UNESCO Chair-International Network of Water Environment Centers for the Balkans, AUTH Greece

10:30-11:30

**SESSION 2:**

*National and regional policy for the achievement of SDGs and the incorporation of SDG6 into national water protection and management policy*

Coordinator: *Prof. Emeritus P. Latinopoulos, CIWRM, AUTH*

S. Famellos, Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece  
M. Siljeg, State Secretary Ministry of Environment and Energy Republic of Croatia

11:30

**Coffee Break**

11:50-13:30

**SESSION 3:**

*Integration of SDG 6 sub-targets into local water management (examples from Greece and other SEE countries-best practices)*

Coordinator: *Prof A.Geitonas, CIWRM, AUTH*

I. Krestenitis, President of Thessaloniki Water Supply and Sewerage Company (EYATH S.A.)

E. Nestorides, Executive Director of Coordination and Supportive Operations, Athens Water Supply and Sewerage Company (EYDAP S.A.)

G.Marinakis, Mayor of Rethymnon, President of Hellenic Association of Municipal Water and Sewerage Companies (E.D.E.YA)

B. Bedreddine, President of Syndicat interdépartemental pour l'assainissement de l'agglomération parisienne (SIAAP), Paris, France

M. V. Macri, Counselor of the General Manager of Apa Nova Bucharest , Romania

Z. Varfaj, Vice Mayor, Durres Municipality, Albania

J. Perkins, Officer in charge - UN-Habitat GWOPA network

M. Auvray, Policy Officer - AQUA PUBLICA EUROPEA network

C. Chiaretti, Head of Policy - EUREAU network

13:30-15:30

**Lunch break**

15:30-16:00

**SESSION 4:**

*Strategies and policies towards water security and water resilient cities*

Coordinator: *Assist. Prof. D. Karpouzios, CIWRM AUTH*

K. Karidi, Associate Director - Europe & Middle East 100 Resilient Cities, London UK

K. Arvanitis, Chemical Engineer, Coordinator of Wastewater Technical Secretariat, Greece

16:00-17:00

**SESSION 5:**

*The role of local water agencies in achieving SDG6 and sub-goals (ensuring water quality, increasing the efficiency of water infrastructure and services, new challenges concerning sustainable urban water management for water safe and resilient cities)*

Coordinator: *Prof. Emeritus E. Sidiropoulos, CIWRM AUTH*

Round table with participation from (1) Ministries (2) Region of C. Macedonia (3) Water Directorates (4) EYDAP - EYATH - EDEYA from Greece and SEE Relevant Water Agencies

**Thematic areas:**

- How to identify the goals at the local level and how to "communicate" them
- How is local implementation progress achieved

17:00-18:00

**SESSION 6:**

*SDG6 as a tool for synergies and communication. Strengthening the involvement of stakeholders and "society" in the design and sustainable management of urban water. Mapping water networks and relevant water agencies in the Balkans*

Coordinator: *A. Makarigakis - IHP - UNESCO*

Round table with participation from: (1) UNESCO - IHP, (2) UNESCO CENTERS/chairs, (3) Universities, (4) Networks (GWOPA, AQUA PUBLICA EUROPEA - EURAU) (5) UNIVERSITY students

**Thematic areas:**

- The role of IHP and UNESCO in supporting institutional capacity and strengthening the participation of stakeholders in water planning and management
- Environmental Education, public participation and sustainable/resilient water management

18:00-19:00

**CLOSING SESSION:**

Coordinator: *J.Baker - UNESCO, Assoc. Prof. E.Kolokytha, CIWRM, AUTH*

- Discussion
- Closing statement J.Baker - UNESCO-Venice Office
- Creation of a network of water related bodies active in the SEE

**Saturday 23 March 2019** (optional)

10:00-12:00

Sightseeing Tour in UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Thessaloniki