

FAQ – Young Water Professionals Peer to Peer Exchange

What is a young water professional?

- Active in the water sector / studying water related subjects and aged 35 or below

What is a young water professional chapter?

- Young Water Professional country networks

Which countries can submit?

- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia

What if I am from these countries but currently not living there?

- Unfortunately, we are seeking for those who currently live or study in these countries

How many participants are allowed per country?

- In principle, there is at least one participant per country. Depending on the number and quality of submissions and motivations there is some level of flexibility. There will not be more than 2 participants from any country. This will be upon the discretion of the IAWD secretariat.

How much time dedication expected from me?

- Available for 2 workshops (each 2 days) – excluding travel. One workshop will be in Vienna Austria, the other in one of the participating countries TBD
 - 1 workshop either end July/ late August
 - 1 workshop end January/ beginning February
- Available to meet online for one hour (up to 1 call a month)
- Available to contribute some hours to the joint work (3 per month max)

What are the costs?

- There are no costs for participants in this program
- Travel reimbursement - plane, bus, Train & car costs will be reimbursed
- Hotel will be arranged by the program
- Food – Breakfast will be included in the hotel; Lunch will be offered during the workshop days.

Why should I participate?

- interested to connect with young water professionals (age 35 or below and involved in water) internationally
- passionate about the water sector and its future
- keen to build your network and skills and
- willing to contribute (your time) to the position of young water professionals in the sector

What do you mean by motivation?

- You should be able to indicate to us (by video or written in two paragraphs) why you are keen to engage in this program, why you should be selected to engage in this program, and why you think it is important to strengthen the position of YWPs. You could also add what you have been doing so far to contribute to that.

What is a recommendation and who can send one?

- A recommendation is a max half page letter by someone else, who describes why you deserve to be part of this program.
- In the case you are active in a YWP chapter/ association, getting this letter from the YWP chapter committee/ association is an added value.

How will you select the candidates?

- Initially we will check the eligibility criteria (country, YWP, and availability)
- Then we will evaluate per country the candidates based on the following:
 - Proven engagement in empowering young water professionals, YWP chapter or national association (10%)
 - Motivation to participate, engage and contribute (80%)
 - Motivation of candidate (the video or paragraphs) 60%
 - Recommendation by other (half page recommendation) 20%
 - Experience/ Activeness in the water sector (e.g. CV) (10%)