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RELEVANCE AND RISKS OF DROUGHTS FOR THE
WATER SERVICE SECTOR IN THE DANUBE REGION

20 October 2022, 13:30 – 14:45 (CEST)

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Target Audience:

Water policy makers and regulators, water utility managers, water sector professionals, researchers, interested stakeholders

Description:

The Danube Water Program "KnowNow" webinar series focuses on up-to-date topics relevant for the water sector in the Danube region. Climate extremes pose a threat to socio-economic and natural systems. This year, Europe and several other regions of the world have been affected by extreme events such as drought and heatwaves. Precipitation and snow accumulation deficits severely affected water resources, specifically in the Po and Danube, but also other river basins on the continent. While severe droughts occurred in the past, the 2022 extreme drought-heatwave event may be the worst on record – a situation which may become the norm in the context of climate change if no effective mitigation and adaptation will take place. How was the water service sector affected by the 2022 extreme event, and which measures and practices are needed to adapt the sector? The webinar will raise awareness, allow to share latest scientific findings, and to discuss approaches to increase resilience of the water service sector in the Danube region and beyond.

Learning Objective:

The learning objective of this webinar is to increase the understanding and knowledge around the threats and risks for the water service sector stemming from extreme drought events and practices to adapt and increase resilience. During the

webinar it will be possible to post questions to the presenter and panelists in order to deepen the understanding and to learn from the knowledge developed and experiences gained for potential follow-up action under individual specific circumstances.

Presenter:

- ▶ **Mr. Andrea Toreti**, Senior Researcher, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission

Panelists:

- ▶ **Mr. Andrea Di Piazza**, Senior Analyst, Utilitalia, Italy
- ▶ **Mr. Vjekoslav Poropat**, Technical Manager, Istarski Vodovod – Buzet, Croatia
- ▶ **Mr. Roland Liemberger**, Independent Non-Revenue Water Advisor, Austria
- ▶ **Mr. Stjepan Gabric**, Senior Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank, Croatia

Moderator:

- ▶ **Ms. Katerina Schilling**, IAWD, Austria

Agenda:

- 13:30 - 13:35:** Welcome and introduction
- 13:35 - 13:50:** Presentation on **Extreme Drought Events**, Andrea Toreti, Senior Researcher, JRC, EC
- 13:50 - 14:10:** Reactions from Panelists
- 14:10 - 14:40:** Moderated discussion including questions from the audience
- 14:40 - 14:45:** Wrap-up and closing of the webinar