

WEBINAR

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WATER UTILITY FINANCING IN THE DANUBE REGION

13 March 2024, 13:30 – 14:45 (CET)

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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. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and complying with the EU water related directives will require a significant increase in funding for the water and sanitation sector in the Danube region and beyond. Thus, governments must create an enabling environment for water sector investments and utilities need to use the full range of financing solutions available. Besides introducing the “Scaling Up Finance for Water” report of the World Bank that provides customizable roadmap for the public sector, private sector, international organizations, intermediaries, and others to collaborate towards catalyzing greater financing and innovation for the water sector, the webinar will raise awareness, highlight best-practice examples, and allow to discuss approaches to finance the water utility sector in the Danube region.

Learning Objective:

The learning objective of this webinar is to increase the understanding and knowledge around water utility financing in the Danube region and to share best-practice examples how

to manage the situation. 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:

- ▶ **Ms. Patricia Lopez**, Senior Water Specialist, World Bank, US

Panelists:

- ▶ **Ms. Vesna Muslic**, President, AQUASAN Network, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ▶ **Mr. Lyubomir Filipov**, Director Strategic partnerships and regulation, Sofia Water, Bulgaria
- ▶ **Mr. Ladislav Tolmaci**, Erste Group, Austria

Moderator:

- ▶ **Ms. Patricia Lopez**, Senior Water Specialist, World Bank, US

Agenda:

- 13:30 - 13:35: Welcome and introduction
- 13:35 - 13:50: **Presentation by Ms. Patricia Lopez**, World Bank, US
- 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