



## **2024 DANUBE WATER FORUM**

# Riding the wave: Water Sector Innovations for a new Climate Reality

## **Guidelines on logistics and relevant information**

## **Date**

The **2024 Danube Water Forum** will be opened on 29 May 2024 at 3:00 pm and conclude in the late afternoon of 30 May.

**Other events occurring include:** (i) internal business meetings on May 28 and 29, (ii) The "Utility Benchmarking Danube Hub Annual Workshop" on 28 and 29 May, and (iii) the IWA Board meeting on 27, 28 and 29 May. These events are **by invitation only**, and do not require a registration fee. Further information will be provided to invitees.

## Venue

The conference venue is the <u>Kronwell Hotel Brasov</u> in the city of Brasov in Romania. The <u>airport of Brasov</u> is only served by a limited number of airlines. For international guests of the Forum, we suggest travelling via Bucharest, which can be reached by several airlines and to continue to Brasov via train or shuttle. The conference venue is located within 1 minute walking distance from the Brasov train station. For tickets and more information about train connections between the two cities visit the <u>CFR Romanian Train Homepage</u>.

Transfer from Bucharest airport to Brasov by car takes approximately three and a half hours. Costs and organization must be handled by guests themselves. The recommended company by the local hosts is <u>Transfer Airport</u>, the fee for one way is around 25€.

## Registration process and fee

Participation in the **2024 Danube Water Forum** is subject to a registration fee. The fee includes participation in the Danube Water Forum including the social events as well as lunch and coffee breaks. **Please note that the registration to the conference does not include travel or accommodation.** 

Type of participant	Fee
Regular Attendee	€260.00
IAWD (Utility/Association)	€195.00
IAWD (Institution)	€221.00
Regular Presenter	€195.00
Invited Presenter	€0

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Participants eligible for a discount will receive a Discount Code via email, which shall be applied during the registration process.

Registration to the 2024 Danube Water Forum will open on 29 February. To confirm your participation, please register until 15 May on the <a href="Event's page">Event's page</a>. Those participants, who will need to pay a registration fee, will receive an invoice with payment information from the organizers upon registering. Confirmation of participation will be sent as soon as the payment has been received. The conference badge and other materials for the conference will be made available at the registration desk.

Please note that registration and invoicing of the Romanian participants will be handled by the Romanian Water Association (ARA) to avoid international bank fees. ARA will reach out to directly or you can directly approach them at <a href="mailto:daniel.craia@ara.ro">daniel.craia@ara.ro</a>.

## **Hotel booking**

Please note that the Danube Water Forum organizers have **only pre-booked a limited amount of hotel rooms in the Hotel Kronwell and surrounding hotels indicated with a \* in the table below**. We recommend making your own accommodation arrangements in a timely manner, as rooms will be released between 20 March and 15 April, see the exact dates in the table below. When making your reservation at the Hotels, please refer to Promo code DWF to receive a special room rate. Please note that room rates below are rough projections and could vary at the time of your booking. If you would prefer to stay in an apartment, options for Brasov can be found for example on <u>Airbnb Brasov</u>. We request you to please arrange your own booking at the hotel of your preference.

Hotel	Single (€)	Double (€)	Distance from Venue	Contact
Kronwell*	105	120	0m	Promo code: DWF (until 20 March) Email: office@kronwell.com Tel. +40368730800 https://www.kronwell.com
Victoria Bulevard*	80	100	650 m	Promo code: DWF (until 31 March) Email: office@victoriabulevardhotel.ro Tel: +40368800500 www.victoriabulevardhotel.ro
Hotel Brasov*	55	65	1100 m	Promo code: DWF (until 15 April) Email: rezervari@hotelbrasov.ro Tel: +40268426633 https://www.hotelbrasov.ro/
Hotel ARO Palace*	100	120	3,1 km	Promo code: DWF (until 15 April) Email: hotelaro@aro-palace.ro Tel: +40268 478 800 https://aro-palace.ro/
Hotel Bella Musica*	90	100	3,4 km	Promo code: DWF (until 15 April) Email: hotel@bellamuzica.ro Tel: +40268477956 https://bellamuzica.ro/
Hotel Kolping*	79	89	4,1 km	Promo code: DWF (until 15 April) Email: kolpingcenter@kolping.ro Tel: +40748013598 https://hotel.kolping.ro/
Belfort Hotel Company*	100	120	2,7 km	Promo code: DWF (until 15 April) Email: contact@belfort.ro Tel: +40368 005 181 www.belfort.ro

Hotel	Single (€)	Double (€)	Distance from Venue	Contact
Hotel Jasmine and Pension Casa Jasmine	75	100	1000 m	Promo code: DWF Email: office@casajasmine.ro Tel: +40724377469 https://casajasmine.ro/
Pensiune/ Residence Ambient	45	55	1700 m	Promo code: DWF Email: office@residenceambient.ro Tel: +40771769069 https://www.residenceambient.ro/de/
Hotel Ambient	71	107	1800 m	Promo code: DWF Email: office@hotelambient.ro Tel: +40268471747 www.hotelambient.ro

#### Meals

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided at the event's venue. The Poster and Cocktail session on 29 May will be held at the conference venue. The Joint Gala Dinner will take place on the same day at Belvedere Restaurant in Brasov, only 5-10 minutes' drive from the conference venue. A free shuttle for those interested will be provided from the Hotel Kronwell to Belvedere around 18h30. Please indicate in your registration form, if you plan to attend the Conference Dinner to allow for better planning and if you require a vegetarian diet. Breakfasts and additional meals before and after the conference are not provided.

## Bran castle visit

On the 31 May, a round-trip to the **famous home of Dracula**, <u>Bran Castle</u> will be organized. This trip is subject to a registration and an **extra fee of €50**. Please indicate in your registration if you will participate in the trip, the fee will be charged on top of your overall invoice for Forum participation and **can not be refunded** in case your plans change. The trip includes transport and a guided tour of the castle and will last from 9h to 14h. Meeting point is the Forum venue, Hotel Kronwell.

## Visa requirement

Please indicate in your registration form if you require a visa to travel to Romania, and we will gladly provide an invitation letter. Please note that visitors from some Western Balkan countries need either a biometric passport or a visa. Please check the specific travel requirements for your country for example on the <a href="Ministry of Foreign Affairs RO">Ministry of Foreign Affairs RO</a> page. It will be your responsibility to obtain a visa, at your own cost.

## **Pre-Conference Meetings and Events**

A variety of business meeting will be held on 28 and 29 May, for which separate invitations will be provided by the organizers of these specific events. For your reference in the interim, please consult the attached agenda to help you plan for your travel if you are expected to attend one of these meetings.

## **Cancellation policy**

Please inform the organizers as soon as possible if you need to cancel your participation. The organizers will not refund the registration fee to registered participants, who do not attend the conference.

## **Conference Website**

Further information on the **2024 Danube Water Forum** can be found on the <u>Event's page</u>. Be sure to also follow the Voice of the Danube <u>LinkedIn Page</u>.