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**DANUBE
WATER
PROGRAM**

2026 DANUBE WATER FORUM

CALL FOR POSTER SUBMISSIONS

The 2026 Danube Water Forum will convene on **20-22 May 2026** in Sofia, Bulgaria, at Toplocentrala - Regional Centre for Contemporary Art, back-to-back with business meetings as well as the annual UBP Danube Hub workshop and a Young Water Professionals pre-event.

The Danube Water Program encourages the submission of an outline paper to present a poster during the dedicated Poster Breakfast Session on Friday, 22 May 2026.

Thematic Scope for Outline Papers

The Forum program is built around the theme:
"From Vision to Action: Building a Water Resilient Danube Region"

Contributions should be aligned with the Forum theme and may address best practice, applied research, policy developments, and innovative solutions related to building a resilient water sector in the Danube region.

In particular, submissions are encouraged on the following topics:

- Asset management and investment planning
- Water efficiency, water loss & Non-Revenue Water (NRW)
- Wastewater management and circular economy approaches
- Climate resilience and climate-smart water services
- Digital transformation and data-driven utilities
- Utility leadership, governance and performance benchmarking
- Capacity building, workforce development & education
- Water Operator Partnerships (WOPs) and peer-to-peer learning
- Innovation in technology, regulation and policy
- Inclusiveness and equality in the water sector

How to Submit an Outline Paper

To submit a proposal, please use the template available on the [event page](#).

Your initial submission must be in the form of an outline paper:

- 1-2 A4 pages of text (maximum 1,000 words)
- plus up to two additional pages of tables and/or figures.

The outline paper must clearly and persuasively summarize your proposed poster presentation.

Submission deadline: 16 March 2026, COB

Please send your outline paper to: office@iawd.at

How Are Submissions Selected?

All submissions will be peer reviewed by the Danube Water Forum program committee.

- Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by 30 March 2026
- Selected presenters must register as delegates (eligible for a discounted registration fee).
- Presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodation.

Further information on the **2026 Danube Water Forum**, including the draft agenda and submission template, will be made available on the [event page](#).