

WEBINAR

DRYING PIPES

NAVIGATING THE IMPACT OF WATER SCARCITY AND DROUGHTS ON WATER SUPPLY

7 October 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. As the climate crisis is accelerating, prolonged heatwaves and droughts are intensifying in the Danube region. Understanding the growing risk of water scarcity and droughts on water supply is key to increase the resilience of utilities and service delivery. The webinar will present the results of an assessment for quantifying present-day and future drought risk at a utility scale in the Danube region and illustrate two case studies, the utilities of Timisoara and Athens, and how they handle the impact of water scarcity and droughts on their services.

Learning Objective:

The learning objective of this webinar is to increase the understanding and knowledge around the threats and risks for the water services sector stemming from extreme drought events and best practices to adapt and increase resilience. During the webinar it will be possible to post questions to the presenter and panelists 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. Olivia Becher**, Researcher, University of Oxford, UK

Panelists:

- ▶ **Dr. Efthymios Lytras**, Deputy Director of Corporate Strategy and Innovation, Athens Water and Sewerage Company, Greece
- ▶ **Mr. Daniel Craia**, General Manager Assistant, Aquatim S.A., Romania

Moderator:

- ▶ **Mr. Raimund Mair**, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, World Bank, Austria

Agenda:

13:30 – 13:35: Welcome and introduction

13:35 – 13:50: Presentation on "**Utility Drought Risk**

Assessment in the Danube region", **Ms. Olivia Becher**, Researcher, University of Oxford, UK

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