

WEBINAR

GREEN DEAL FOR THE BLUE DANUBE

THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DANUBE REGION

12 May 2021, 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. This webinar will focus on the European Green Deal - the new growth strategy for the EU, aiming to transform it into a climate-neutral, fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy. The European Green Deal provides an [Action Plan](#) to boost the efficient use of resources by moving to a clean, circular economy, restore biodiversity and cut pollution. The plan outlines investments needed and financing tools available and explains how to ensure a just and inclusive transition. But what is particularly in it for water? What are e.g. the zero-pollution action plan, pharmaceuticals and chemicals strategy, circular economy action plan or biodiversity strategy? What are the implications, challenges, and opportunities for the water sector in the Danube Region and how is it financed? The webinar will allow to shed light on these questions.

Learning Objective:

The learning objective of this webinar is to increase the understanding and knowledge around the European Green Deal and its relevance, implications, and opportunities for the water sector of the Danube region countries. During the webinar it will

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

Panelists:

- ▶ **Ms. Bettina Doeser**, Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission, Belgium
- ▶ **Mr. Marco Beros**, Senior Expert, European Investment Bank, Luxemburg
- ▶ **Mr. Simon David Ellis**, Program Leader Western Balkans CMU, World Bank, Austria

Moderator:

Mr. Philip Weller, Head of Technical Secretariat, IAWD

Agenda:

- 13:30 - 13:35:** Welcome and introduction
- 13:35 - 13:55:** **The European Green Deal: Implications, actions and opportunities for the water sector**, Bettina Doeser, Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- 13:55 - 14:10:** Reactions from Marco Beros and Simon David Ellis
- 14:10 - 14:40:** Moderated discussion including questions from the audience
- 14:40 - 14:45:** Wrap-up and closing of the webinar