

	ROOM A	ROOM B
09:00		Welcoming words from the organisers
09:15		Keynote from Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
09:25		Keynote from Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life in DG Environment, European Commission
09:45		Keynote from Steven Schonberger, Regional Director for the World Bank Group's Sustainable Development Department for the Europe and Central Asia region
10:00		Coffee Break
	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
10:30	<p>1 - HOW CAN THE EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY HELP ACHIEVE THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE OBJECTIVES, AND VICE-VERSA?</p> <p>Organiser: <i>International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)</i></p> <p>This session will showcase exemplary case studies of river continuity & hydromorphology restoration (at all stages of planning, assessment and implementation) and call for their replication to achieve the objectives set in both the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.</p> <p>Format: roundtable</p> <p>Keynote: François Omnes, French Biodiversity Agency</p> <p>Speaker 1: Fernando Magdaleno, Water Protection and Risk Management Subdirector, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain</p> <p>Speaker 2: Turo Hjerpe, Senior Specialist, Department of the Natural Environment, Ministry of the Environment, Finland</p> <p>Speaker 3: Pao Fernández Garrido, Dam removal specialist, World Fish Migration Foundation (WFMF), Dam Removal Europe coalition</p>	<p>5 - WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO RESTORE EUROPEAN FRESHWATER BODIES? PROMISING PATHWAYS FOR FINANCING</p> <p>Organiser: <i>The Nature Conservancy (TNC)</i></p> <p>The session will put the spotlight on the need for European actors to define transparent and coordinated funding mobilization strategies in order to meet the WFD and other related EU directives and policies, particularly the EU Biodiversity Strategy and the Climate Adaptation Strategy.</p> <p>Format: presentations followed by panel discussion</p> <p>Keynote: Hans Stielstra, Deputy Head Clean Water Unit, DG Environment, European Commission</p> <p>Speaker 1: Keiron Brand, Bankable Lead, WWF</p> <p>Speaker 2: Sophie Trémolet, Europe Freshwater Lead, TNC</p> <p>Speaker 3: Darko Manakovski, Global Water Partnership</p> <p>Speaker 4: Robin Price, Managing Director, Water Resources East</p> <p>Speaker 5: Stephen Hart, Senior Loan Officer, European Investment Bank</p> <p>Speaker 6: Simon Wightman, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation</p>
12:00	Lunch Break	
12:30	<p>2 - ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: THE INTEREST OF BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING</p> <p>Organiser: <i>International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)</i></p> <p>This session will present how cooperation and planning of water resources uses at basin level helps to improve adaptation (but also avoid maladaptation!) and achieve the objectives of the Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>Format: roundtable</p> <p>Keynote: Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary, ICPDR</p> <p>Speaker 1: Nikola Schulte-Kellinghaus, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine</p> <p>Speaker 2: Leon Dhaene, Secretary General, International Scheldt Commission</p> <p>Speaker 3: Françoise Goulard, Senior climate expert, Adour-Garonne Water Agency (France)</p>	<p>6 - SUCCESSFUL RIVER MANAGEMENT: THE IMPORTANCE OF STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT</p> <p>Organiser: <i>Global Water Partnership (GWP)</i></p> <p>Stakeholders play a vital role in river management by contributing ideas, collecting data, funding and delivering projects to improve our rivers. The focus of the session will be on discussing current approaches towards the engagement of the public and decision makers, main challenges and how we can improve engagement.</p> <p>Format: roundtable followed by breakout rooms</p> <p>Speaker 1: Hannah Joyce, Science and Technical Officer, the River Restoration Centre (RCC)</p> <p>Speaker 2: Helene Masliah Gilkarov, Technical Expert - Public Participation & Communication, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)</p> <p>Speaker 3: Colin Herron, Global Coordinator Water Solutions, GWP</p>
14:00	Coffee Break	
14:15	<p>3 - SHARING BASINS, SHARING DESTINIES: INTERNATIONAL RIVER COMMISSIONS</p> <p>Organiser: <i>International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)</i></p> <p>This session will highlight the role of River Commissions as key actors in the WFD implementation process and also examine their modes of interaction with the public. Both of these aspects have undergone exponential change in recent years.</p> <p>Format: panel discussion</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Susanne Schmeier, Associate Professor of Water Law and Diplomacy at IHE Delft</p> <p>Speaker 1: Péter Kovacs, Hungarian Head of Delegation to the ICPDR, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention</p> <p>Speaker 2: Dragan Zeljko, Secretary, The International Sava River Basin Commission</p> <p>Speaker 3: Marc Daniel Heintz, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)</p> <p>Speaker 4: Jean-Noël Pantera, Secretary General of the International Meuse Commission</p>	<p>7 - HOW TO ENHANCE RIPARIAN AND FLOODPLAIN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT BY RESEARCH, PRACTICE AND POLICY?</p> <p>Organiser: <i>COST Action CONVERGES, European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR)</i></p> <p>This session will present evidence and reasons why and how riparian vegetation should be better integrated in water management frameworks to achieve ecological and socio-economic objectives.</p> <p>Format: panel discussion followed by open discussions</p> <p>Speaker 1: Dr Gorazd Urbanic Director, URBANZERO Institute for holistic environmental management (Slovenia)</p> <p>Speaker 2: Dr. Simon Dufour, COST Action Converges Lead, University of Rennes 2 (France)</p> <p>Speaker 3: Dr. Urška Vilhar, Slovenian Forestry Institute</p>
15:45	Coffee Break	

16:00	<p>4 - THE FUTURE OF WATER: YOUNG WATER SPECIALISTS AND DECISION MAKING</p> <p>Organiser: <i>Global Water Partnership</i></p> <p>The session will take the form of a dialogue between high-level decision makers and representatives of young water professionals. The participants will be able to submit their questions to the speakers via Zoom chat function. The speakers will be answering these questions during the Q&A session.</p> <p>Format: structured dialogue</p> <p>Speaker 1: Péter Kovács, Head of River Basin Management and Water Protection Department, Ministry of Interior of Hungary</p> <p>Speaker 2: Tjasa Griessler Bulc, GWP CEE Regional Chair, Professor and Senior Researcher at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Health Sciences</p> <p>Speaker 3: Hasmik Barseghyan, President at the European Youth Parliament for Water, Future Energy Leader at World Energy Council</p> <p>Speaker 4: Zofia Pawlak, Ph.D. student at the Doctoral School of Warsaw University of Life Sciences</p> <p>Speaker 5: Judit Palatinus, International Relations Officer at TISZA OFFICE, Middle Tisza District Water Directorate</p>	<p>8 - RESTORING WETLANDS TO IMPROVE RIVER STATUS</p> <p>Organiser: <i>Warsaw University of Life Sciences-SGGW, Global Water Partnership, Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands</i></p> <p>The session addresses key elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, notably the restoration of 25,000 km of EU rivers to a free-flowing state and the increase of biodiversity rich landscape features on agricultural land in river catchments and floodplains. The session will present the most up-to-date advances in integrated wetland and river management, which mirrors the requirements of the Green Deal.</p> <p>Format: roundtable</p> <p>Speaker 1: Dr. Michael Manton, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania</p> <p>Speaker 2: Dr Wendelin Wichtmann, Greifswald University, Germany</p> <p>Speaker 3: Prof. Wiktor Kotowski, University of Warsaw, Poland</p>
16:45	Coffee Break	
17:00	<p>SIDE EVENT 1 - ECRR'S OVERALL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIVAL OF THE EUROPEAN RIVER RESTORATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTITIONERS</p> <p>Organiser: <i>European Centre for River Restoration</i></p> <p>The event will showcase and demonstrate the importance of sharing best practice and learning from each other enabling practitioners to constantly review how things can be done better and on a scale that can make a greater difference and motivate stakeholders to do more for both people and the environment.</p> <p>Format: demonstration</p> <p>Speaker 1: Martin Janes, The River Restoration Centre (UK)</p> <p>Speaker 2: Polona Pengal, Kamniška Bistrica Catchment restoration champion. REVIVO, Institute for ichthyological and ecological research (Slovenia)</p>	<p>SIDE EVENT 2 - RESTORING RIVERS AND WETLANDS AT SCALE LESSONS FROM THE MULTI-SECTORAL LIVING DANUBE PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Organiser: <i>The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Central and Eastern Europe</i></p> <p>The event will reflect on the lessons learned from the multi-sectoral partnership between WWF Central & Eastern Europe, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, and The Coca-Cola Company and Foundation, and how they can be applied to other areas, focusing as target audience on river and wetland practitioners, promoters, and decision-makers.</p> <p>Format: demonstration</p> <p>Keynote: Sofia Kilifi, Sustainability & Community Manager Europe at The Coca Cola Company</p>
18:00	End of Day 1 Programme	

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09:00	Welcoming words from the organisers	
09:10	Keynote from Dario Soto-Abril, Executive Secretary and CEO at Global Water Partnership	
09:25	Keynote from Loïc Obled, Deputy Director General at French Agency for Biodiversity	
09:40	Keynote from Sofia Kilifi, Sustainability & Community Manager Europe at The Coca Cola Company	
09:55	Keynote from Joakim Harlin, Chief, Freshwater Ecosystems Unit and Chief Manager, UNEP-DHI Centre on Water & Environment	
10:10	Coffee Break	
	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
10:30	<p>9 - CHALLENGES IN REACHING HEALTHY RIVERS AND SUSTAINABLE HYDROPOWER</p> <p>Organiser: <i>Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM), European Centre for River Restoration</i></p> <p>Hydropower exerts one of the most significant pressures on lake and river water bodies but, at the same time, it is an important part of many member states' electricity production and central to managing the transition to a climate friendly power production system. There is a great need for a transformation towards more sustainable hydropower and the challenges to deal with trade-offs, funding and policymaking is extensive.</p> <p>Format: roundtable followed by open discussions</p> <p>Speaker 1: Johan Kling, Head of Department, SwAM Speaker 2: Bernhard Zeiringer, Senior Scientist, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna Speaker 3: Jo Halvard Halleraker, Chief Engineer, Norwegian Environment Agency Speaker 4: Anders Skarstedt, Analyst, SwAM Speaker 5: Edith Hödl, Technical Expert, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River</p>	<p>12 - WATER USERS AND WATER QUALITY: COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>Organiser: <i>International Association of Water Service Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD)</i></p> <p>The session will explore the opportunities that exist for consolidating the interests of different users of water resources to achieve coordinated actions to improve water quality and restore and protect rivers. A case study will be presented on work that is undertaken to achieve cooperation in the context of International Commissions for river protection.</p> <p>Format: panel discussions</p> <p>Speaker 1: Sophie Trémolet, Europe Water Security Director, TNC Speaker 2: Philip Weller, Head of Technical Secretariat, IAWD Speaker 3: Wolfgang Deinlein, International Association of Waterworks in the Rhine Basin (IAWR) Speaker 4: Thomas Kullick, VCI Speaker 5: Dominique Gatel, Director for Water, Veolia Speaker 6: Eva Hernandez Herrero, Coordinator of Living European Rivers Initiative, WWF</p>
12:00	Lunch Break	
12:30	<p>10 - DEVELOPING POLICY AND PLANNING OF RIVER CONTINUITY RESTORATION IN GREATER EUROPE</p> <p>Organiser: <i>European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR)</i></p> <p>European River Continuity Restoration Policy and Planning Survey: Funding, knowledge, guidance, collaboration and communication scaling up ecological river continuity restoration.</p> <p>Format: roundtable and presentation dam removal prioritization tool</p> <p>Speaker 1: Roman Haviček, Director General of the Water Policy Division of the Ministry of Environment, Slovakia Speaker 2: Sharelle Verheij, ECRR Speaker 3: Jonė Leščinskaitė, Chief Specialist Ministry of Environment, Lithuania Speaker 4: Joshua L. Royle, The Nature Conservancy Speaker 5: Martin Janes, The River Restoration Centre (UK)</p>	<p>13 - SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT: TOWARDS NEW SYNERGIES</p> <p>Organiser: <i>International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)</i></p> <p>The session will present the current stakes of water management in agriculture, illustrated by some case studies from several stakeholders. A discussion time will also be the opportunity to address how the future CAP and Green Deal could help achieve these, for a sustainable agriculture that preserves water.</p> <p>Format: roundtable</p> <p>Keynote: Olli-Matti Verta, Director Water Resources Management, Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Speaker 1: Leanne Roche, European Commission DG Environment Speaker 2: Ádám Kovács, ICPDR Speaker 3: Julien Roux, Senior network specialist, GWP Speaker 4: Peter Newborne, Regional Coordinator for Europe, Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)</p>
14:00	Coffee Break	
14:15	<p>11 - LIFELINES: A TWO DECADE JOURNEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL RIVER FOUNDATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL RIVER PRIZE</p> <p>Organiser: <i>International River Foundation (IRF)</i></p> <p>Follow the International River Foundation over two decades of journey: from its inception in 2003 to provide global recognition and support for best practice in river management to giving a voice to world's rivers to ensure rivers for future generations. The session will consist of a montage of powerpoint presentations, videos, animations and personal stories.</p> <p>Format: pre-recorded video presentations and open discussions</p> <p>Speaker 1: Dr Eva Abal, CEO, International River Foundation (IRF) Speaker 2: Prof Paul Greenfield, Chair of the IRF Speaker 3: Philip Weller, Head of Technical Secretariat, IAWD Speaker 4: Prof Bill Dennison, IRF Board member</p>	<p>14 - PARTICIPATORY BASIN MANAGEMENT: HOW TO DO IT & WHY IT MATTERS!</p> <p>Organiser: <i>International Network of Basin Organizations</i></p> <p>This session will present how participatory management can be improved at each step of the WFD process for river basin management planning: how can water users and the public at large be better involved in monitoring, diagnosis, planning and implementation?</p> <p>Format: roundtable</p> <p>Keynote: Alexander Zinke, Senior Project Coordinator Water and Environment, Environment Agency, Austria Speaker 1: Helene Masliah Gilkarov, Technical Expert - Public Participation & Communication, ICPDR Speaker 2: Anna Ek, Senior analyst, SwAM Speaker 3: Michele Ferri, Director, Eastern Alps River Basin District Authority, Italy</p>
15:45	Coffee Break	
16:00	CLOSING SESSION (30 min)	