

Mitigating the Adverse Effects of Droughts and Water Scarcity in Southeast Europe

Online workshop

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While Southeast Europe (SEE) has traditionally been spared from severe water scarcity and drought-related challenges, there is a growing trend of concern. Permanent water shortages are emerging in some areas, and droughts are becoming more frequent. Our project has investigated how climate change trends will likely impact water availability in various sub-regions over the coming decades and identified the most suitable and promising adaptation and mitigation measures from multiple options. The findings have been compiled into a manual. During the workshop, we will introduce the manual, share key results, and open the floor for discussion on the conclusions and recommendations.

Agenda

9:00 – 10:00 Climate Change-Induced Water Trends and Response Strategies

- DRIVERS OF CHANGING WATER AVAILABILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE: A WIDENING GAP. KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE PROJECT
Gábor Ungvári, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- RESPONSE STRATEGIES: INTRODUCTION TO THE CONCEPT AND STRUCTURE OF THE MANUAL
András Kis, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE on the regional exposure to changing precipitation, threats and opportunities

11:00 - 11:30 Case Study Examples

- SHORT INTRODUCTION OF THE CASE STUDY SECTION
András Kis, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- ALLOCATING SCARCE WATER RESOURCES AMONG COMPETING USES: LESSONS FROM THE 2022 DROUGHT IN THE MIDDLE TISZA REGION, HUNGARY
Gábor Harsányi, Deputy Technical Director, KÖTIVIZIG
- REDUCING NON-REVENUE WATER THROUGH PRESSURE MANAGEMENT: A CASE STUDY FROM POGRADEC WATER UTILITY, ALBANIA
Mihallaq Qirjo, Director, REC Albania

11:30 - 11:55 Mitigation options

- NO-REGRET MEASURES: PRIORITIZING EFFORTS FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT
András Kis, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE

11:55 - 12:00 Closing remarks

Participation is free.
Please use the following [link](#) to register for the event.