



# 8<sup>th</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM

18-23 March 2018

## Regional Process Europe

### 1. The European Regional Process

The European Regional Process will debate the main problems and guidelines for cooperation and integrated water management in Europe, based on an open and democratic process, in close link with the other processes of the World Water Forum and bridging with other regions.

This process will consider the relevant international frameworks like the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, the UN resolutions declaring access to safe drinking water and sanitation as essential human rights, the UN Paris Climate Agreement, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, the Sendai DRR Summit, the European Consensus on Development, the OECD principles of water governance, and the IWA Lisbon Charter for Guiding the Public Policy and Regulation of Drinking Water Supply, Sanitation and Wastewater Management Services.

The European Regional Process is taking as a main guideline for its work the thematic matrix (themes and topics) defined for the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. The deliverables of the European Regional Process will be a report on the region and several regional and inter-regional sessions at the Forum, accessing the themes climate, people, development, urban, ecosystems, financing, sharing, capacity and governance.

The European Regional Process is coordinated by the Ministry of Environment of Portugal (as Leader Coordinator), through the Portuguese Commissioner, the Executive Commission and the Advisory Commission. The Executive Commission includes the Commissioner and representatives of the Ministry Secretary-General, the Portuguese Environment Agency (APA) and Águas de Portugal International (AdPi). The Advisory Commission includes representatives of the main Portuguese stakeholders on water.

The Ministry of Environment of Portugal counts on this role with the support of the European Pact for Water (as Co-Coordinator) which is an informal network of 30+ European-based NGOs and CSOs, working closely with organisations like Aquafed, OECD, European Commission (DEVCO, Env and EEAS), Member States, etc. on the Water Agenda in broader sense. The network exchanges on and pools collective efforts and knowledge in order to highlight the importance of water and sanitation to attain the goals set out in fundamental international and European agendas previously mentioned and coordinates (policy) responses and actions.

### 2. Where we stand on the roadmap of the European Regional Process?

#### Activities already developed by the European Regional Process:

- Identification of contact points for each of the 52 European countries to be involved in the process, covering water resources administration, water services



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administration, water industry, European CSOs/ NGOs on water, European regional water networks and international organizations (accomplished in March 2017).

- Design and implementation of a qualitative survey aimed at assessing the relevance, the perception, the level of engagement, the performance and the existence of relevant case studies regarding the main themes of the 8th World Water Forum (accomplished March - June 2017).
- Collection, statistics processing and analysis of information provided by the survey and by the kick-off meeting(s), in order to provide sound information for the preparation of the European Report. That information includes the analysis of the average situation in Europe as well as the situation in different sub regions of Europe. That information also includes the perception of the different groups of stakeholders (accomplished March - June 2017).
- Kick-off meeting, in The Hague, Netherlands, with the local organization of the European Pact for Water Pact, with participation of contact points and other relevant experts, to receive additional inputs and validate the structure of the report (accomplished May 2017).
- Identification of potential topics to be bridged with other specified Regions, based on the priorities selected by each one (accomplished June 2017).
- Preparation of a detailed structure of the European report (accomplished June 2017).
- Preparation of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the specialized thematic contribution to the European Regional Report (accomplished July 2017).
- Selection and invitation of external experts and/or organizations to support the preparation of the European Report with a deeper analysis of the more relevant topics on each of the six main themes of the World Water Forum (accomplished June-July 2017).

### How can you be actively involved in this EUROPEAN REGIONAL PROCESS?

- We are collecting and selecting good case studies, covering the different topics, to be included in the report (March - September 2017).

***Invitation: If you have a good European case study that you think can fit on the European report, please send an email to [rita.amaral@live.com](mailto:rita.amaral@live.com) with the identification of the topic that is addressed on that case study. The regional process coordinators will then enter in contact with you.***

- Make your voice heard at the next European Stakeholder consultation meeting, which will take place in Porto, Portugal, next 26<sup>th</sup> September, during the Porto Water



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Innovation Week. This meeting will be organized by the Ministry of Environment of Portugal, with participation of contact points and other relevant experts, to receive additional inputs and validate the structure of the report.

***Invitation: If you want to attend our consultation meeting, please register in the following link: [https://pt.surveymonkey.com/r/WWF ERP Porto](https://pt.surveymonkey.com/r/WWF_ERP_Porto). Registration is free of charge but must be done before the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.***

- Design and organization of the European Regional sessions, as well as the inter-regional sessions, foreseen to take place in Brasilia in 2018 (September 2017).

***Invitation: If you or your organization wants to join us at the forum sessions, for instance as moderator or speaker, please let us know sending an email to: [rita.amaral@live.com](mailto:rita.amaral@live.com).***