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From Vision to Action:

Building a Water Resilient Danube Region



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The Danube Water Program

The Danube Water Program (DWP), implemented by the World Bank and IAWD, strengthens smart policies, capable utilities, and sustainable water and wastewater services across the Danube region. It does so by partnering with stakeholders at all levels, fostering informed policy dialogue, and building the technical and managerial capacity of sector institutions and utilities.

Danube Water Conference and Danube Water Forum

Since its inception, the Danube Water Program has built a strong international network of water-sector institutions and experts, becoming a trusted hub for capacity building, knowledge exchange, and analytical support. Within this framework, the annual Danube Water Conference (DWC) and Danube Water Forum (DWF) have emerged as the Program's flagship events, alternating each year. While the DWC is held in Vienna, the DWF is hosted across the region in partnership with a committed local host. Together, these events provide a key platform for sector professionals from the Danube region and beyond to discuss emerging challenges and opportunities in the water sector.

Target Audience

National institutions (ministries, regulators); national water and municipal associations, local government and utilities from the Danube region; representatives from regional utility (IAWD) and municipality (NALAS) associations; representatives from regulatory agency platforms; representatives from river basin organizations; representatives from the EU, UNECE, GIZ, SDC, the World Bank and other bilateral donors and IFIs; Young Water Professionals; academia; private companies; NGOs, and others.

Context and objective

The upcoming Forum, themed Building a Water-Resilient Danube Region, will explore the EU Water Resilience Strategy and what its priorities mean in practice for water and wastewater utilities across the region. A spotlight on the host country's state of the sector will outline its progress and place it in context with neighboring developments. The program will also address key technical areas shaping resilience - such as smart asset management, improved water efficiency, and resource-conscious wastewater treatment - showing how innovation boosts both operations and long-term sustainability. The agenda will close with a focus on the human dimension of resilience, highlighting workforce development, strong utility partnerships, and empowered leadership as essential drivers of future-ready services.

Event Agenda and Overview

Business Meetings Hotel Rossllyn	Tuesday, 19 May			
	09:00 – 12:00	Joint ICPDR PM EG and Tethys Workshop		
	12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
	13:00 – 17:00	UBP Danube Hub Workshop	YWP Meeting	Joint ICPDR PM EG and Tethys Workshop

Business Meetings Hotel Rossllyn	Wednesday, 20 May				
	09:00 – 12:00	IAWD General Assembly	UBP Danube Hub Field Trip	Donors and IFIs Meeting	Joint ICPDR PM EG and Tethys Workshop
	12:00 - 13:30	<i>Lunch / Transfer to Venue</i>			

2026 DWF Toplocentrala	Wednesday, 20 May	
	13:00	<i>Start of Registration & Exhibition</i>
	14:30 – 16:00	2026 Danube Water Forum Opening: Building a Water Resilient Danube Region
	16:00 – 16:30	<i>Break</i>
	16:30 – 18:00	Spotlight on Bulgaria: Status Quo and the Region's Road to Resilience
	18:00 – 19:30	<i>Welcome Reception and Drinks</i>

**2026 DWF
Toplocentrala**

Thursday, 21 May	
08:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Resilient Assets: Build smart of fail expensively
10:30 - 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 12:45	Efficiency First: Cutting Water Loss to Build Resilience
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:45 – 15:15	Wastewater and Sludge Management: Examples for Resilience from the Danube Region
15:15 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Securing Skills and Talent: Building the Water Workforce of Tomorrow
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Friday, 22 May	
09:00 – 10:00	Poster Breakfast
10:00 – 11:00	Resilience Starts at the Top: Utility Leadership Practices supporting smarter management and stronger governance
11:00 – 12:00	Partnership Matters: Utility-to-Utility Collaboration as a Catalyst for Stronger Service Delivery
12:00 – 12:15	Closing

2026 Danube Water Forum Opening: Building a Water Resilient Danube Region

Date: Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Time: 14:30 – 16:00

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: **Ms. Katerina Schilling**, IAWD and **Mr. Raimund Mair**, World Bank

Context and objective

The opening session will feature welcoming words from senior and young representatives of the various institutions organizing, hosting and supporting the 2026 Danube Water Forum and providing an overview of the event's structure. It will be followed by a keynote speech and a panel discussion on the EU Water Resilience Strategy.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
14:30	5'	Introduction	Ms. Katerina Schilling , Secretary General, IAWD, Austria and Mr. Raimund Mair , Senior Water Resource Management Specialist, DWP Program Leader, World Bank, Austria
14:35	5'	Welcome words from the Austrian Ministry of Finance	Ms. Elisabeth Gruber , Director for International Financial Institutions, Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
14:40	5'	Welcome words from the Bulgarian Water Association & Sofia Water	Mr. Ivan Ivanov , President, Bulgarian Water Association, Bulgaria and Veolia/Sofia Water representative , tbc
14:45	15'	What to expect – a quick guide through the 2026 Danube Water Forum	Ms. Katerina Schilling , Secretary General, IAWD, Austria and Mr. Raimund Mair , Senior Water Resource Management Specialist, DWP Program Leader, World Bank, Austria
15:00	5'	Video Messages from YWPs	National YWP Chapter Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Nikolina Majdanac, VRS Young Experts Board- Ms. Denisa Cadkova, IWA YWP Czech Republic- Mr. Petko Boyadzhiev, BWA YWP Bulgaria- Mr. Albert Salltakaj, IWA YWP Kosovo
15:05	15'	Keynote: The EU Water Resilience Strategy and its impact for the Danube region	Ms. Veronica Manfredi , Director, European Commission, Belgium

15:20	40'	Framing the Discussion	<p>Moderated by Ms. Katerina Schilling, IAWD and Mr. Raimund Mair, World Bank</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Veronica Manfredi, Director, European Commission, Belgium - Representative of the Ministry for Regional Development, tbc - Mr. Alessandro Bratti, Vice President, European Water Regulators (WAREG), Italy - Mr. Arthur Guichet, Secretary General, European Water Association, Germany - Mr. Francois Debergh, Country Director, Veolia, Bulgaria, tbc - Ms. Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, Austria, tbc
16:00		End of session	

Spotlight on Bulgaria: Status Quo and the Region's Road to Resilience

Date: Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Time: 16:30 – 18:00

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: Mr. Dobromir Simidchiev, Hydroliia, and Aleksandrina Tsvetkova, BWA YWP Bulgaria

Context and objective

This session will present Bulgaria's State of the Sector in a regional resilience context, using diagnostics from the World Bank 2025 State of the Sector Report to stimulate a fact-based discussion among regulators, utilities, financiers, and associations. The objective is to move beyond data and prioritize next steps that enhance financial sustainability, operational performance, climate preparedness, and equitable service delivery. By situating Bulgaria within broader Danube trends, the session will clarify where resilience is already emerging and where action is still required.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
16:30	5'	Introduction	Mr. Dobromir Simidchiev , Executive Director, Hydroliia, Bulgaria and Ms. Aleksandrina Tsvetkova , Chair, BWA YWP Bulgaria
16:35	40'	Keynote: Bulgaria's State of the Sector in a regional context Including Quick Takes from Panelists	Mr. Raimund Mair , Senior Water Resource Management Specialist, DWP Program Leader, World Bank, Austria
17:15	30'	Feedback Round & Panel Discussion	Moderated by Mr. Dobromir Simidchiev , Hydroliia and Ms. Aleksandrina Tsvetkova , BWA YWP Bulgaria Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Ilian Milev, CEO, Ruse Water Utility, and Member of Management Board, Union of Water Supply and Sewerage Operators, Bulgaria- Mr. Ljubo Georgiev, Deputy Mayor, City of Sofia, Bulgaria- Ms. Jelena Janevska, Programme Director, NALAS, North Macedonia- Ms. Gerta Lubonja, Chair, Water Regulatory Authority, Albania
17:45	15'	Questions & Answers	Moderated by Mr. Dobromir Simidchiev , Hydroliia and Ms. Aleksandrina Tsvetkova , BWA YWP Bulgaria
18:00		End of session	

Resilient Assets: Build smart or fail expensively

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time: 09:00 – 10:30

Location: Toplocentrala, Sofia, Bulgaria

Chairs: **Mr. Rado Rusev**, Ministry for Regional Development and **Mr. Ognjen Govedarica**, IWA YWP Serbia

Context and objective

Resilience in the water supply and sanitation (WSS) sector ultimately rests on the reliability of its physical assets: networks, treatment plants, pumps, reservoirs, and control systems that must withstand shocks, aging, and increasing performance demands. Asset management is therefore not merely a technical discipline, but a strategic function of linking engineering choices, ownership models, financing mechanisms, material innovation, and digital maturity. Building on the 2025 discussion on infrastructure stewardship, this session deepens the focus on three critical dimensions: how ownership structures influence accountability and long-term care, how advances in materials science are reshaping durability expectations, and how digital tools, from hydraulic models to full digital twins, translate data into actionable resilience. By combining governance, technology, and innovation perspectives, the session will clarify what it truly means to “build smart” to avoid failing expensively.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
09:00	5'	Introduction	Mr. Rado Rusev , IAWD UMT Coordinator, Bulgaria and Mr. Ognjen Govedarica , IWA YWP Serbia
09:05	30'	Interactive Roundtable: Asset ownership as a factor for resilience	moderated by Mr. Rado Rusev , IAWD UMT Coordinator and Mr. Ognjen Govedarica , IWA YWP Serbia Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Marta Todua, Georgia Global Utilities, or Ms. Anastasia Asatiani, Aqualia, Georgia – tbc- Ms. Evis Gjebrea, Deputy General Director, Tirana Water, Albania- Manager, ViK Steneto, Bulgaria, tbc
09:35	20'	Interactive Roundtable: Evolution of materials – the “chemistry and physics of longer-lasting assets”	moderated by Mr. Rado Rusev , IAWD UMT Coordinator and Mr. Ognjen Govedarica , IWA YWP Serbia Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Mojca Ogris, International Sales Manager, Tiroler Rohre, Austria- Mr. Anton Mintov, Regional Manager South-East Europe, Molecor, Spain, tbc
09:55	25'	Interactive Roundtable: Digitalizing the physical infrastructure – GIS tools, hydraulic models and plant twins	moderated by Mr. Rado Rusev , IAWD UMT Coordinator and Mr. Ognjen Govedarica , IWA YWP Serbia

			Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jindrich Prochazka, AquIQ, Czech Republic - Ms. Marina Nikolic, Belgrade Waterworks, Serbia, tbc - Ms. Miglena Kuzmanova, General Manager, ESRI, Bulgaria
10:20	10'	Key take aways	Mr. Rado Rusev , IAWD UMT Coordinator, Bulgaria and Mr. Ognjen Govedarica , IWA YWP Serbia
10:30		End of session	

Efficiency First: Cutting Water Loss to Build Resilience

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time: 11:15 – 12:45

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: **Mr. Teodor Popa**, IAWD, and **Ms. Denisa Cadkova**, IWA YWP Czech Republic

Context and objective

Reducing non-revenue water is one of the fastest and cost-effective ways to increase water security in the Danube Region. With climate variability intensifying and investment resources constrained, utilities can prioritize efficiency over developing new supply sources. This session brings together utilities and technology providers to showcase practical NRW reduction strategies from national action plans to advanced leak detection and digital monitoring. Real-world case studies will demonstrate how sustained commitment, data transparency, and targeted investment can deliver measurable results. The objective is to translate ambition into replicable approaches that utilities across the region can realistically implement.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
11:15	5'	Introduction	Mr. Teodor Popa , Vice-President, IAWD, Austria and Ms. Denisa Cadkova , Chair, IWA YWP Czech Republic
11:20	12'	Setting the Scene: Romanian NRW project	Mr. Teodor Popa , Vice-President, IAWD, Austria
11:32	12'	Presentation: Development of NRW Reduction Action Plan for Utilities	Ms. Vesna Simic , Deputy Director, Hidroprojekt-Ing d.o.o., Croatia
11:44	12'	Presentation: NRW Reduction Progress Report	Sofia Water, tbc
12:56	12'	Presentation: Innovative tools and applications for leak detection	Mr. Vladimir Pavlita , Regional Sales Manager Badger Meter, Austria
12:08	12'	Presentation: Campaigns on water efficient usage	Mr. Sava Koev , Head of Business Planning and Investments, Water Supply and Sewerage Varna, Bulgaria
12:20	25'	Questions & Answers	moderated by Mr. Teodor Popa , IAWD and Ms. Denisa Cadkova , IWA YWP Czech Republic
12:45		End of session	

Wastewater and Sludge Management: Examples for Resilience from the Danube Region

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time: 13:45 – 15:15

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: **Mr. Adam Kovacs**, ICPDR and **Ms. Sara Molnar**, Danube Youth Council

Context and objective

Across large parts of the Danube region, incomplete sewerage coverage and insufficient wastewater treatment remain a major risk to public health, environmental protection, and long-term water resilience. As climate pressures intensify, resilient wastewater systems must be designed not only for compliance but also for reliability under extreme weather events and energy stress. This session focuses on practical solutions for expanding and upgrading collection and treatment infrastructure, informs about strategies for sewage sludge management and introduces a case studies for stormwater reuse.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
13:45	10'	Introduction	Mr. Adam Kovacs , Technical Expert for Pollution Control, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Austria and Ms. Sara Molnar , Member, Danube Youth Council, Hungary
13:55	10'	Insights: NBS for Rural Wastewater and Stormwater Management – experiences from D-CLEAN	Mr. Guenter Langergraber , Head of Institute, Institute of Sanitary Engineering and Water Pollution Control, BOKU University, Austria
14:05	10'	Insights: Challenges and opportunities in building resilient wastewater infrastructure	Ms. Sanja Ursanic , Process Engineer, STRABAG, Croatia and Mr. Daniel Lamprecht , Process Engineer, STRABAG, Austria
14:15	10'	Questions & Answers	moderated by Mr. Adam Kovacs , ICPDR and Ms. Sara Molnar , Danube Youth Council
14:25	10'	Insights: Sewage sludge management in the Danube Region	Mr. Marton Pesel , Coordinator, EUSDR Priority Area 4, Hungary
14:35	10'	Insights: Managing sludge from a country perspective – the case of Hungary	Mr. Karoly Kovacs , President, Hungarian Water Association, Hungary
14:45	10'	Questions & Answers	moderated by Mr. Adam Kovacs , ICPDR and Ms. Sara Molnar , Danube Youth Council

14:55	10'	Insights: Reuse of stormwater – the case of Circus Lake Bucharest, Romania	Mr. Omid Bornay Zonouzi , Position, TU Bucharest, Romania
15:10	10'	Questions & Answers	moderated by Mr. Adam Kovacs , ICPDR and Ms. Sara Molnar , Danube Youth Council
15:15		End of session	

Securing Skills and Talent: Building the Water Workforce of Tomorrow

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time: 16:00 – 17:30

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: Ms. **Elisabeta Poci**, IAWD and Mr. **Jose Cordero**, IWA YWP Switzerland

Context and objective

This session shifts the focus of the remaining program of the forum to the human dimension of resilience, including workforce development, empowered leadership, and utility partnerships to drive reliable, future-ready water services. Infrastructure alone does not deliver resilience; but skilled and motivated professionals do. Across the Danube region, utilities face aging staff, outdated curricula, and increasing competition for technical talent. This session explores how academia, utilities, young professionals' networks, and private partners can collaborate to modernize education pathways, promote careers in the sector, and strengthen workforce retention. Concrete examples from university partnerships and youth initiatives to digital learning platforms will highlight scalable approaches. The objective is to identify practical measures that ensure the water workforce is equipped to manage increasingly complex and climate-sensitive systems.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
16:00	5'	Introduction	Ms. Elisabeta Poci , Association Development Manager, IAWD, Austria and Mr. Jose Cordero , Steering Committee Member, IWA YWP Switzerland
16:05	15'	Keynote: Youth Involvement in Water Management in the Danube Region	Mr. Primoz Skrt , Project Manager, Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe (GWP CEE), Slovakia
16:20	30'	Feedback Round & Ignites	Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sanja Ursanic and Ms. Dora Hecimovic, Process Engineers, STRABAG, Croatia - Mr. Dobromir Simidchiev, Executive Director, Hydroliia, Bulgaria - Mr. Albert Salltakaj, Chair, IWA YWP Kosovo - Ms. Denisa Cadkova, Chair, IWA YWP Czech Republic
16:50	25'	Intergenerational Dialogue	moderated by Ms. Elisabeta Poci , IAWD and Mr. Jose Cordero , IWA YWP Switzerland Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sanja Ursanic and Ms. Dora Hecimovic, STRABAG, Croatia - Mr. Dobromir Simidchiev, Executive Director, Hydroliia, Bulgaria - Mr. Primoz Skrt, GWP CEE, Slovakia - Mr. Albert Salltakaj, Chair, IWA YWP Kosovo - Ms. Denisa Cadkova, Chair, IWA YWP Czech Republic

17:15	15'	Showcase: The EU Water Academy	Mr. Bernd Gawlik , Portfolio Manager, European Commission, Belgium
17:30		End of session	

Poster Breakfast

Date: Friday, 22 May 2026

Time: 09:00 – 10:00

Location: tbc

Chairs: Ms. Lena Schober, IAWD and Mr. Pietro Antonio La Vena, IAWD

Context and objective

In the relaxed setting of a “conference breakfast and coffee”, poster contributors will get the chance to pitch their projects in front of the participants. Within 2-minute presentations, key findings and most important facts will be delivered. Following the presentations, there will be enough time for networking & exchange between poster contributors and participants to pose follow-up questions and mingle in a professional but loose setting.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
09:00	5'	Introduction	Ms. Lena Schober , Communication and Engagement Officer, IAWD, Austria and Mr. Pietro Antonio La Vena , Project Manager, IAWD, Austria
09:05	1'	Pitch: Risk-based drinking water safety plan for RBF sites	Ms. Evelin Izso , Water Production Engineer, Budapest Waterworks, Hungary
	1'	Pitch: Artificial Intelligence for Resilient Water Utilities	Mr. Mitar Tepic , Teaching Assistant, Alfa BK University, Serbia
	1'	Pitch: Setting up a Circular Economy Think Tank in water sector	Mr. Ciprian Nanu , Partner, BD Group, Romania (Water Wise HUB Project)
	1'	Pitch: Circular economy in practice at the Budapest Central WWTP	Ms. Bernadett Lemaire , Operation Engineer, Budapest Waterworks, Hungary
	1'	Pitch: Introduction to OT security	Mr. Marton Bor , IT Architect, Budapest Waterworks, Hungary
	1'	Pitch: Practical Water Education for Schools and Utilities	Ms. Denisa Cadkova , Chair, YWP Czech Republic, Czech Republic
	1'	Pitch: How to select the least-cost solution for arsenic-removal	Mr. Karoly Kovacs , President, Hungarian Water Association, Hungary
	1'	Pitch: Integrated Approach to Data Management in the Utilities Sector	Ms. Mariana Damova , CEO, Mozaika, Bulgaria

	1'	Pitch: Poster Title	Mr. Pal Bartok , Mechanical Engineer, Budapest Waterworks, Hungary
	1'	Pitch: Removal of Perfluorinated Compounds Using Photochemical Water Treatment Methods	Mr. Kornel Erdos , Student, University Of Szeged, Department of Molecular and Analytical Chemistry, Hungary
	1'	Pitch: The Danube in the Climate Change Context of the Next 25 years	Mr. Stanko Stankov , AI Engineer, Mozaika, Bulgaria
	1'	Pitch: Riverbed incision and water availability loss	Ms. Sara Molnar , PhD Student, Research Assistant, Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), Hungary
09:20	35'	Networking and Q&A	
10:00		End of session	

Resilience Starts at the Top: Utility Leadership Practices Supporting Smarter Management and Stronger Governance

Date: Friday, 22 May 2026

Time: 10:00 – 11:00

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: **Ms. Vesna Arar Maricic**, ViO d.o.o. and **Mr. Marko Mutavdjikj**, ADKOM YWP North Macedonia

Context and objective

Strong leadership and sound governance are decisive factors in determining whether utilities can adapt to financial, regulatory, and climate pressures. Resilient utilities require transparent decision-making, performance monitoring, professional boards, and management practices grounded in data. This session explores how governance frameworks, leadership development, and benchmarking tools contribute to smarter management and institutional stability. Drawing on regional case studies and international experience, the discussion will examine how leaders can navigate reform, drive performance improvement, and manage change effectively. The objective is to demonstrate that resilience begins with capable leadership and accountable governance structures.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
10:00	5'	Introduction	Ms. Vesna Arar Maricic , Head of Support Service and EU Projects, ViO d.o.o., Croatia, and Mr. Marko Mutavdjikj , Chair, ADKOM YWP North Macedonia
10:05	15'	Presentation: NewIBNET Management Practices Chapter	Ms. Berta Macheve , Co-Team Leader of the New International Benchmarking Network, World Bank, USA, tbc
10:20	15'	Presentation: UoF Leadership and the Human Dimension of Change Management	Mr. Zael Sanz Uriarte , Team Leader of the Utilities of the Future-Center of Excellence, World Bank, Belgium
10:35	15'	Presentation: Talent Development/Leadership Practices in Veolia Water	Sofia Water Representative, Bulgaria, tbc
10:50	10'	Questions & Answers	moderated by Ms. Vesna Arar Maricic , ViO d.o.o. and Mr. Marko Mutavdjikj , ADKOM YWP North Macedonia
11:00		End of session	

Partnership matters: Utility-to-Utility Collaboration as a Catalyst for Stronger Service Delivery

Date: Friday, 22 May 2026

Time: 11:00 – 12:00

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: Ms. Rita Studniczki, Budapest Waterworks, and Ms. Roxana Alexandru, YWP Romania

Context and objective

No utility builds resilience alone. Peer-to-peer partnerships, regional communities of practice, and structured Water Operators' Partnerships have proven to accelerate knowledge transfer, strengthen institutional capacity, and improve service delivery outcomes worldwide. In an increasingly complex operating environment, cooperation enables utilities to learn faster, avoid costly mistakes, and leverage shared expertise. This session highlights practical experiences from the region and beyond, illustrating how data sharing, joint problem-solving, and targeted capacity support translate into measurable improvements. The objective is to show how structured collaboration can become a cornerstone of long-term resilience in the Danube Region.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
11:00	5'	Introduction	Ms. Rita Studniczki , Senior International Relations Advisor, Budapest Waterworks, Hungary and Ms. Roxana Alexandru , Chair, YWP Romania
11:05	5'	Context Setting: Building a Water Operators Platform for South-East Europe - WOP SEE	Ms. Ana Badhofer , Benchmarking and Partnerships Manager, IAWD, Austria
11:10	10'	Presentation: Water Operator Partnerships for Resilience -WOP4R	Mr. Yang Villa , Strategy & Partnerships Team, Asian Development Bank, Philippines
11:20	10'	Case Study: WOP Example from the Region	Representative of the WOP between Hamburger Wasserwerke GmbH and Miyahuna Amman, tbc
11:30	5'	Questions & Answers	
11:35	25'	Adding Perspective	moderated by Ms. Rita Studniczki , Budapest Waterworks and Ms. Roxana Alexandru , YWP Romania <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Emrah Engindeniz, Program Management Officer, GWOPA- UTVSI Representative, tbc- WOP between Hamburger Wasserwerke GmbH and Miyahuna Amman, tbc
12:00		End of session	

2026 Danube Water Forum Closing Session

Date: Friday 22 May 2026

Time: 12:00 – 12:15

Location: Toplocentrala, Hall 1

Chairs: **Ms. Katerina Schilling**, IAWD and **Mr. Raimund Mair**, World Bank

Context and objective

This session will summarize the key messages delivered and finally conclude the 2026 Danube Water Forum.

Session structure

Time		Content	Speaker
12:00	05'	Key take aways from YWP and Feedback from the audience	all Young Water Professionals
12:05		Closing	Ms. Katerina Schilling , Secretary General, IAWD, Austria and Mr. Raimund Mair , Senior Water Resource Management Specialist, DWP Program Leader, World Bank, Austria
12:15		End of 2026 Danube Water Forum	