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Зала „Славейков“, Френски институт в България
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Conference Agenda

Water scarcity and sustainable management of water resources

Sofia, May 20

Venue: French Institute in Bulgaria, Slaveykov Hall,
3 Slaveykov square, Sofia

Languages: French and Bulgarian (simultaneous translation)

9:30 Welcome coffee

10:00 Opening speeches:

French Ambassador Joël Meyer (3 min.)

Silvia Georgieva, director of the National Association of Municipalities of Bulgaria (TBC) (3 min.)

Petar Dimitrov, advisor to the minister of Environment, former minister of Environment and Water

Ivan Ivanov, Chair of the Bulgarian Water Association (3 min.)

10:15 Keynote presentation on the tensions on water resources in a context of climate change

by Arnaud Courtecuisse, professor of water management and consultant (15 min.)

Panel 1: the current challenges of water scarcity

10:30 – 11:30

The panelists will present the challenges of water scarcity and discuss the state of current water resources in Europe and in Bulgaria. They will discuss on the impact of the changing climate patterns (rain, flooding, snowfall) and the need for a holistic approach and for better infrastructure.

Moderator: Julian Popov, former minister of Environment and Water (twice, in 2013 and 2023-2024), former energy advisor to the Bulgarian president, senior fellow at the European Climate Foundation, member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, member of the consultative council of Climate KIC, former vice-rector and co-founder of the New Bulgarian University, chair of the Building Performance Institute Europe, author of several books on climate and energy.

- **Petar Dimitrov**, advisor to the current minister of Environment and Water and former minister of Environment and Water (2024),
The need for an appropriate infrastructure regarding dams, basins and water management
- **Angel Djorgov**, mayor of Samokov (TBC)
- **Mladen Shishkov** from the Bulgarian National Assembly, chair of the committee on water scarcity crises and deputy chair of the committee on Environment:
The current state of water scarcity on the paths forward (TBC)
- **Stanislav Stanev**, deputy CEO Sofiyska Voda:
The need to adopt a holistic approach and to reduce water losses

Questions and discussion with the audience

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11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

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Panel 2: Towards a sustainable management of water resources

11:45 – 12:45

The second panel will discuss the solutions for a water management that prevents water pollution and ensures access to high quality drinking water. The participants will present innovative practices from several European countries and from Bulgaria, including solutions for water re-use.

Moderator: Julian Popov

- **Ivan Ivanov**, chairman of the Bulgarian Water Association:
Feedback from across Bulgaria
- **Arnaud Courtecuisse**, professor of water management and consultant
Examples of water reuse in France
- **Laurent Pred'homme** from Veolia France
Examples of water re-use in several European countries
- **Denelina Chapanova**, representative of AquaFields
Aquaponics: a sustainable solution for water resource management in agriculture

Questions and discussion with the audience

12:45 – 12:50 Conclusion by Julian Popov

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12:50 – 14:00 Lunch cocktail.

