

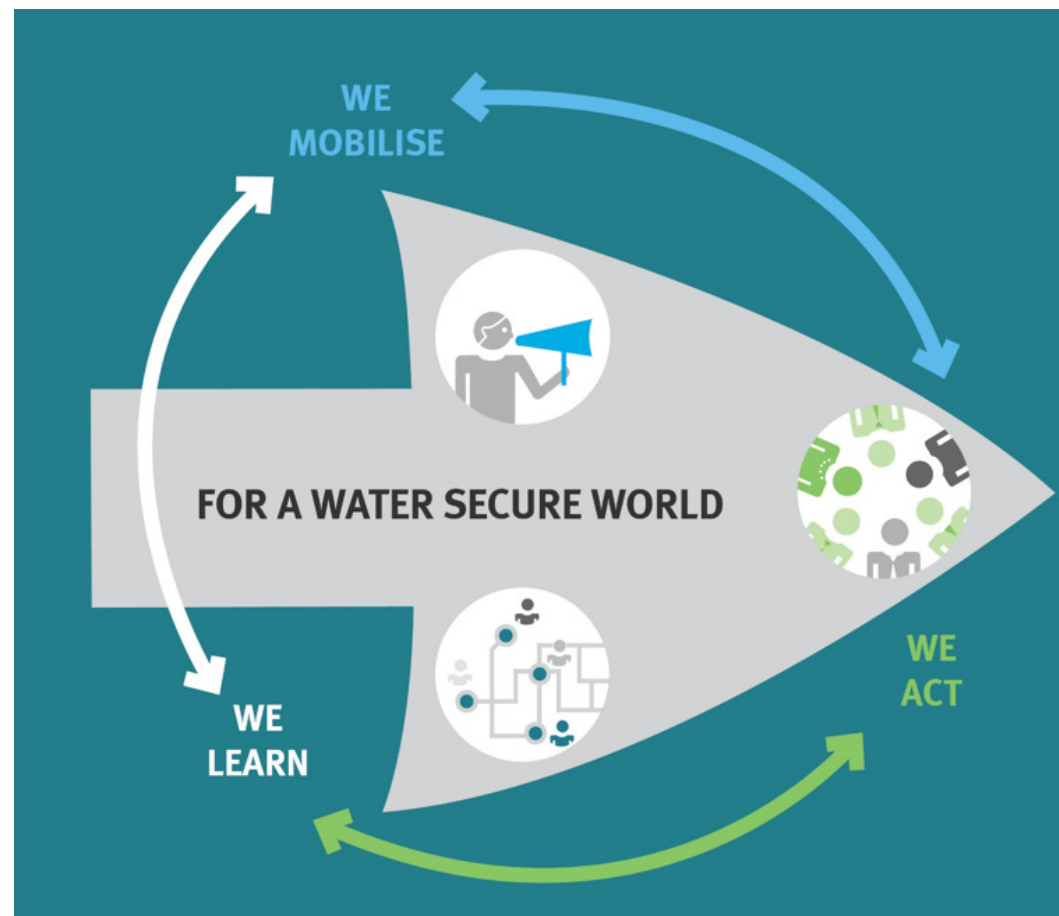
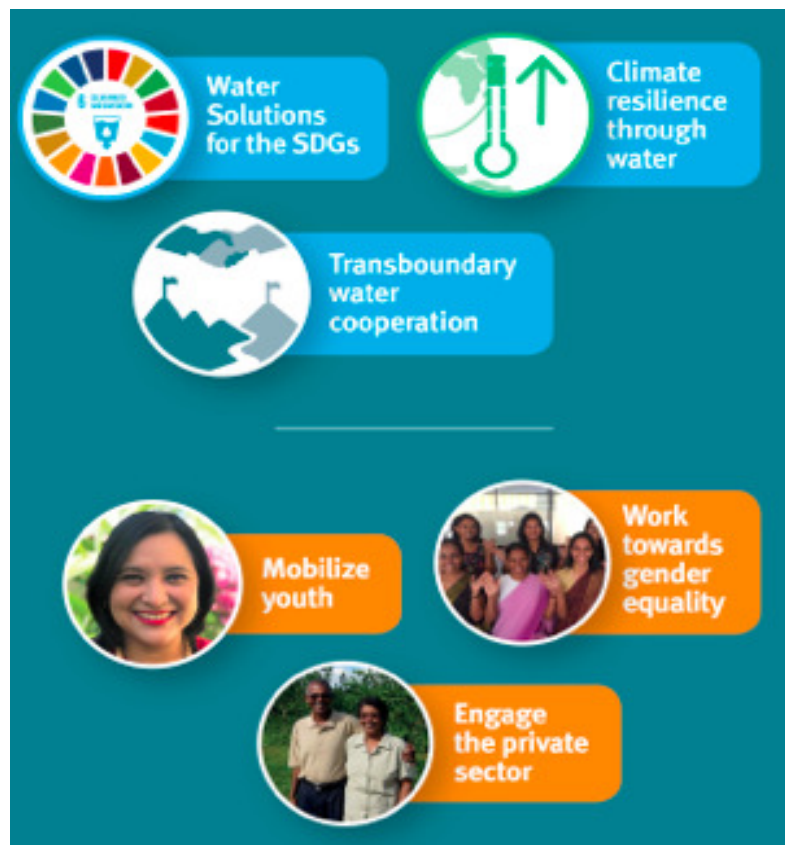
# Update on ongoing GWP CEE activities in relation to the PA4 Action Plan

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21<sup>st</sup> Steering Group meeting of EUSDR PA4  
9 June 2021

# GWP Strategy 2020-2025

## Our goals and cross-cutting issues for a water secure world



## DanubeFloodplain - Reducing the flood risk through floodplain restoration along the Danube River and tributaries



- Extension duration: February 2021 – November 2021
- GWP CEE Activity Leader „Online course/capacity building“

### 3 Webinars

#### 1st webinar

28 June (9:00 – 11:00)

- floodplain losses over the last decades in the Danube region
  - importance of the floodplains for flood protection, ecology, etc.
- methods for floodplain evaluation

**More info soon!**

### Online Course

**Opens on 31 August 2021!**

- to transfer the key information on floodplain restoration, preservation, management
- to train target groups to use DanubeFloodplain tools
- to show practical examples of floodplain restoration and to support sustainability of the tools and knowledge created in the Danube Floodplain project
- Using TUM edX
- to bridge theoretical knowledge, practical issues and links to policies in water/flood resource management

### Online Winter School

(1st half of November)

#### WP6: Floodplain tools optimization, application and dissemination

- 6.1: Application: Floodplain Evaluation Matrix Tool in pilot sites
- 6.2 Optimization: Danube Floodplain GIS and Inventory
- 6.3 Dissemination: Online course/capacity building course creation

## TEACHER-CE

# Join **T** Efforts to increase water management **A**daptation to climate **C**hanges in central **E**uRope

Lead partner: University of Ljubljana

Duration: March 2020 –February 2022

The aim is the development of an **integrated toolbox** focusing on a  
**climate-proof management of water resources**

- GWP CEE coordinating Stakeholder engagement and Focus Group (involved in development and testing of the Toolbox)
- Current status: test version of the tool tested in the pilot areas



More info: [www.interreg-central.eu/TEACHER-CE](http://www.interreg-central.eu/TEACHER-CE)



# OPTimal strategies to retAIN and re-use water and nutrients

- Horizon 2020 Research & Innovation project
- 22 Partners in 15 countries, 14 case studies
- Start: September 2020; duration: 5 years
- Project coordination: Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ

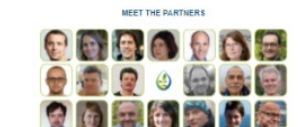
GWP CEE co-leading WP on Communication, Dissemination, Exploitation

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# COST Action Circular City Re.Solution

## Implementing nature-based solutions for creating a resourceful circular city

Coordination: BOKU university

*39 countries and more than 400 people involved*

Already done: Report on the state of the art and existing case studies (review papers on the state-of-the-art; Special issue in the IWAP online [Blue-Green Systems journal](#))

Currently working towards new papers, focusing on:

- **Catalogue of technologies** for providing/recovering resources with NBS" and
- Description of **possible resource input from NBS systems**„

Coordinating preparation of the COST Circular City online course on [CapNet Virtual Campus](#)

More info: <https://circular-city.eu/>



### 5 WORKING GROUPS:



to **build an interdisciplinary platform** for connecting city planners, architects, system designers, economists, engineers and researchers from social and natural sciences

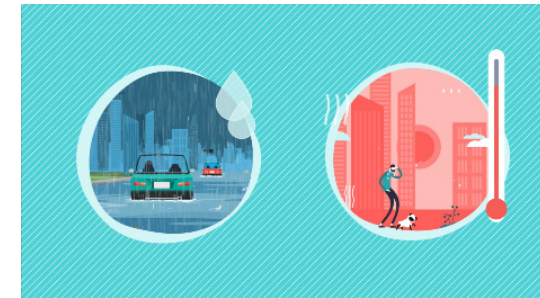
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## CWC - City Water Cycles



- GWP CEE, as an **associated partner**
- The CWC project aims to help municipalities to reform outdated urban water infrastructure systems via applying a circular economy approach, which offers many economic and environmental benefits. This will be achieved by the project with promoting a water saving culture, including the use of non-conventional water resources and by taking the lead in adopting urban rainwater harvesting and utilisation as well as greywater recovery measures on city level.
- [Transnational conference](#) was held on 24 March 2021. The main goal of the conference was to summarize and share the mid-term lessons learnt of City Water Circles project spotlight the already published results and give advance the expected outcomes of the next periods. GWP CEE participated in a panel discussion
- Check out the [project video](#)



## Important stakeholder forums

### European River Symposium

- 26-27 May 2021 (online)
- GWP led 2 sessions: *Successful river management: the importance of stakeholder involvement*; *Young Water Professionals*
- and involved in finance and agriculture sessions

### ICPDR Public Consultation on the update of River Basin Management Plan 2021

- 29-30 June 2021, online
- GWP CEE supporting ICPDR
- [Final 2021 Consultation Page on ICPDR.org](#)

Upcoming - [Planet Budapest](#) (29 November – 5 December, hybrid)





## Ongoing activities

- 25 Anniversary Regional Celebrations
- SDG6 Level 2 process in one CEE country
- Report on IWRM in the CEE region
- Water Policy Slovakia – land management, governance
- Slovenian EU presidency - desertification
- Tisza Group – supporting future calls
- Europe-wide list of potential dam removal sites



Thank you for  
your attention!

