

GWP CEE PA4 related activities

EUSDR PA4

27th Steering Group Meeting EUSDR PA4

28 and 29 May 2024

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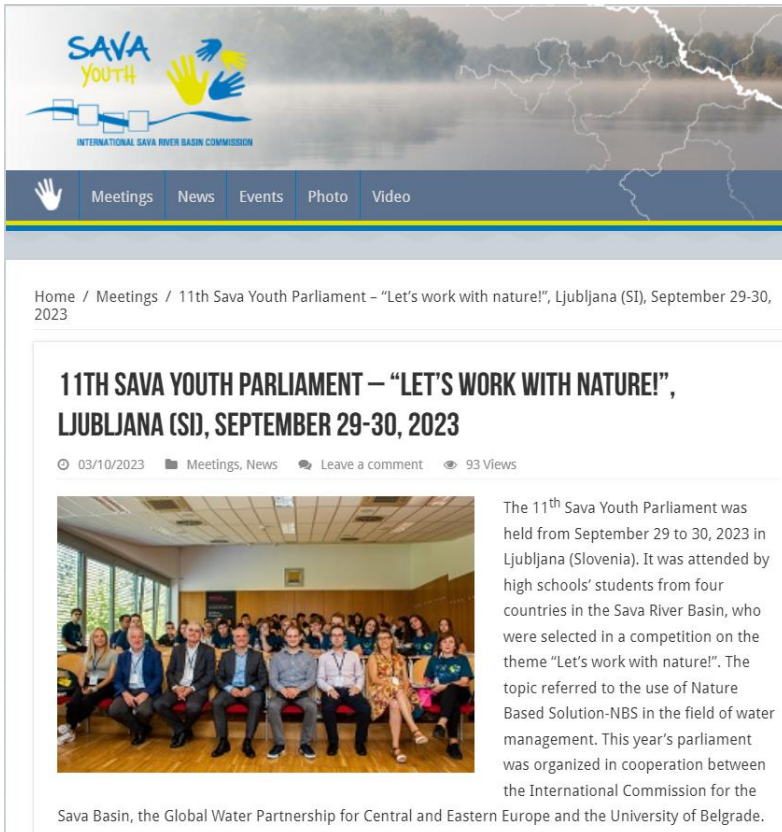
Waste Water, Water & Agriculture



Global Water
Partnership
Central and Eastern Europe

Task Force on Sustainable Sanitation

Co-organising
Sava Youth Parliament 2023



The screenshot shows the website for the Sava Youth Parliament. At the top is the logo for SAVA Youth, featuring a stylized river and hands. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for Meetings, News, Events, Photo, and Video. The main content area displays the title "11TH SAVA YOUTH PARLIAMENT – 'LET'S WORK WITH NATURE!'", Ljubljana (SI), September 29-30, 2023. Below the title is a group photo of the participants and a brief description of the event.

11TH SAVA YOUTH PARLIAMENT – "LET'S WORK WITH NATURE!", LJUBLJANA (SI), SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2023

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The 11th Sava Youth Parliament was held from September 29 to 30, 2023 in Ljubljana (Slovenia). It was attended by high schools' students from four countries in the Sava River Basin, who were selected in a competition on the theme "Let's work with nature!". The topic referred to the use of Nature Based Solution-NBS in the field of water management. This year's parliament was organized in cooperation between the International Commission for the Sava Basin, the Global Water Partnership for Central and Eastern Europe and the University of Belgrade.

Scientific paper

[Link](#)






sustainability



Article

Challenges and Perspectives of Nature-Based Wastewater Treatment and Reuse in Rural Areas of Central and Eastern Europe

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D-CLEAN Proposal

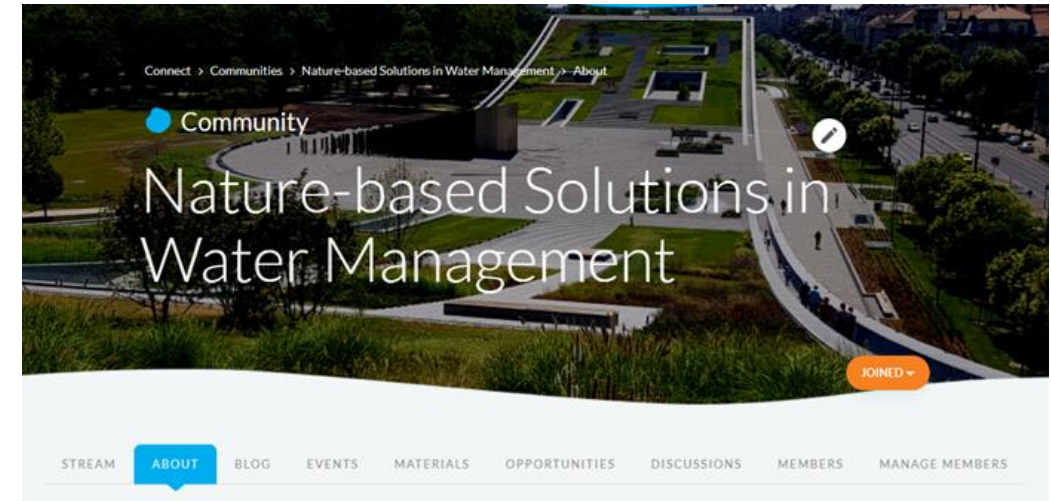
Improving Water Quality in the Danube River Basin: Nature-Based Solutions for Sustainable Wastewater and Stormwater Management in Small Settlements

- Promote use of NBS in waste-water treatment in Danube Region
 - Raise awareness, build capacities, pilot-test solutions, influence policies
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - PA5 (HU) and General Directorate of Water Management - PA4 (HU) are associated partners.
 - Possible start 2025; Duration 3 years
 - Overall budget cca. 2,0 mio EUR
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- An aerial photograph showing a modern urban landscape. In the foreground, there's a grassy area with some trees. A wide, paved walkway or road curves through the middle ground, bordered by green spaces and small trees. In the background, there are more trees and some buildings, suggesting an urban setting. The overall scene is bright and clear, indicating a sunny day.
- Partnership: GWP CEE lead partner; University of Ljubljana (SLO), BOKU (AUT), Limnos (SLO), IAWD (AUT), Regional development agency Srem (SRB), National administration „Romanian waters“, Romanian water association, Međimurske vode (CRO), Middle Tisza district water directorate (HU)

Community of Practice on NBS in Water Management

The community of practice for nature-based solution in water management is an **opportunity to build on a wider recognition of NBS and will help increase the capacity and knowledge of its members.**

- learning tool that can host different articles, blogs, discussions, interviews, webinars, opportunities, and other interactive activities related to NBS
- Blogs, news, events, discussions, learning opportunities...
- Currently more than 80 members from all continents



**Register, follow, disseminate,
participate!**
**[Nature-based Solutions in Water
Management
\(irwmactionhub.org\)](https://irwmactionhub.org)**

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Webinar series: The power of Nature-Based Solutions for wastewater & stormwater treatment

GWP CEE Task Force on Sustainable Sanitation and IWA Working Group on Nature Based Solutions (NBS) for water and sanitation

- *1st WEBINAR: The Different Types of NBS: Uncover the diversity of NBS solutions and their potential to transform our water treatment systems. (December 6th, 2023)*
- *2nd WEBINAR: Cost-Effectiveness and Co-Benefits: Learn how NBS can save you money while delivering multiple environmental and social advantages (March 5th, 2024)*

3rd WEBINAR

[Register!](#)

Lessons Learnt and Governance:

Gain insights into policy aspects and first-hand experiences through case studies

📍 Online
🕒 4 June
1 PM (UTC+2)

Part of a webinar series on the Power of Nature-Based Solutions for Wastewater and Stormwater Treatment





OPTimal strategies to reTAIN and re-use water and nutrients



Welcome to the 6th OPTAIN Newsletter

A periodical summary of news revolving around the OPTAIN project.
To find out more about what you can expect next, [check our website](#).



The new paper highlights Natural/Small Water Retention Measures (NSWRM) role in ecosystem-based concepts like NWRM, GI, SLM, EbA, and NbS. NSWRM mitigate water scarcity, improve water quality, and build resilience. Authors explore ecosystem-based water management and value through...

Find out



1st OPTAIN webinar

**“Maximizing Impact:
Harnessing the Benefits of
Natural Small Water
Retention Measures”**
[Link](#)

2nd Webinar: ***SWOT + and
technical side of optimisation***
/ 3 September (15-17 CEST)

GWP CEE has a role of co-leading the WP on Dissemination, Communication, and Learning Environment, and the WP on Case Studies and Harmonized Multi-Actor Approach (MARG)



Climate Change

Integrated Drought Management Programme

Drought Resilience Conference

Integrating knowledge & practice for drought resilience

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

30 SEPTEMBER – 03 OCTOBER 2024

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Integrated Drought
Management System and
Measures to Mitigate the
Impact of the Climate Change
in Kosovo



[Call for side events](#)

[Call for posters](#)

Overview Report on Droughts/Low Water Levels in the Danube River Basin

- Collect and update recent situations on different parts of drought management
- Show existing approaches and best practices
- Define common approaches to improve drought management in the basin
- Provide key suggestions for increasing the Danube's resilience to drought and proposals for further activities at national and basin-wide levels
- Available in June 2024



Stock-taking analysis and outlook of drought policies, planning and management in EU Member States

Final report

Under contract: Technical and scientific support to the
European Drought Observatory (EDO) for Resilience and
Adaptation - Lot 2: In-depth assessment of drought
management plans and a report on climate adaptation actions
against drought in different sectors (ENV/2021/OP/0009)



THE WORLD BANK



**INTEGRATED DROUGHT
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME**

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) & Drought

Analyzing GESI in National Drought Plans

- GESI as an essential Tool for Drought Resilience
- **Methods to Review Drought Plans with a GESI Perspective**
- GESI Aspects in Drought Plans and their Impact on Plan's effectiveness
- Interaction between National Drought Plans, National Action Plans and Drought Policies in the context of GESI

Quality Categories	Criteria	Guiding Questions	Rating 0 – 1
Gendering of the policy/plan	i.	Does the background or situation analysis section explore or make mention of the drought or climate issues affecting women, men, and other social groups in the country?	0.6
	ii.	Was the policy/ plan informed by data and information from a social analysis or gender assessment? Did the vulnerability assessment include a separate social vulnerability assessment or gender analysis?	0.2
	iii.	Does the policy/plan examine the differentiated effects of drought on men, women and other social groups such as the elderly, persons with disability?	0.3
	iv.	Can the language used in the policy / plan be defined as gender transformative?	0.1

Integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in National Drought Management Planning

- **Approaches to mainstream GESI in management planning**
- Drought Management Planning from GESI perspective
- Setting gender sensitive indicators in drought management planning
- Case studies for applying the GESI mainstreaming

Capacity building

- GESI and drought vulnerability (UNCCD, DAO workshop, London)
- Online Capacity building (FAO)

Join IDMP Community of Practice

- Register to the www.iwrmactionhub.org
- Confirm the registration via email received (check the spam).
- Join the IDMP Community of Practice

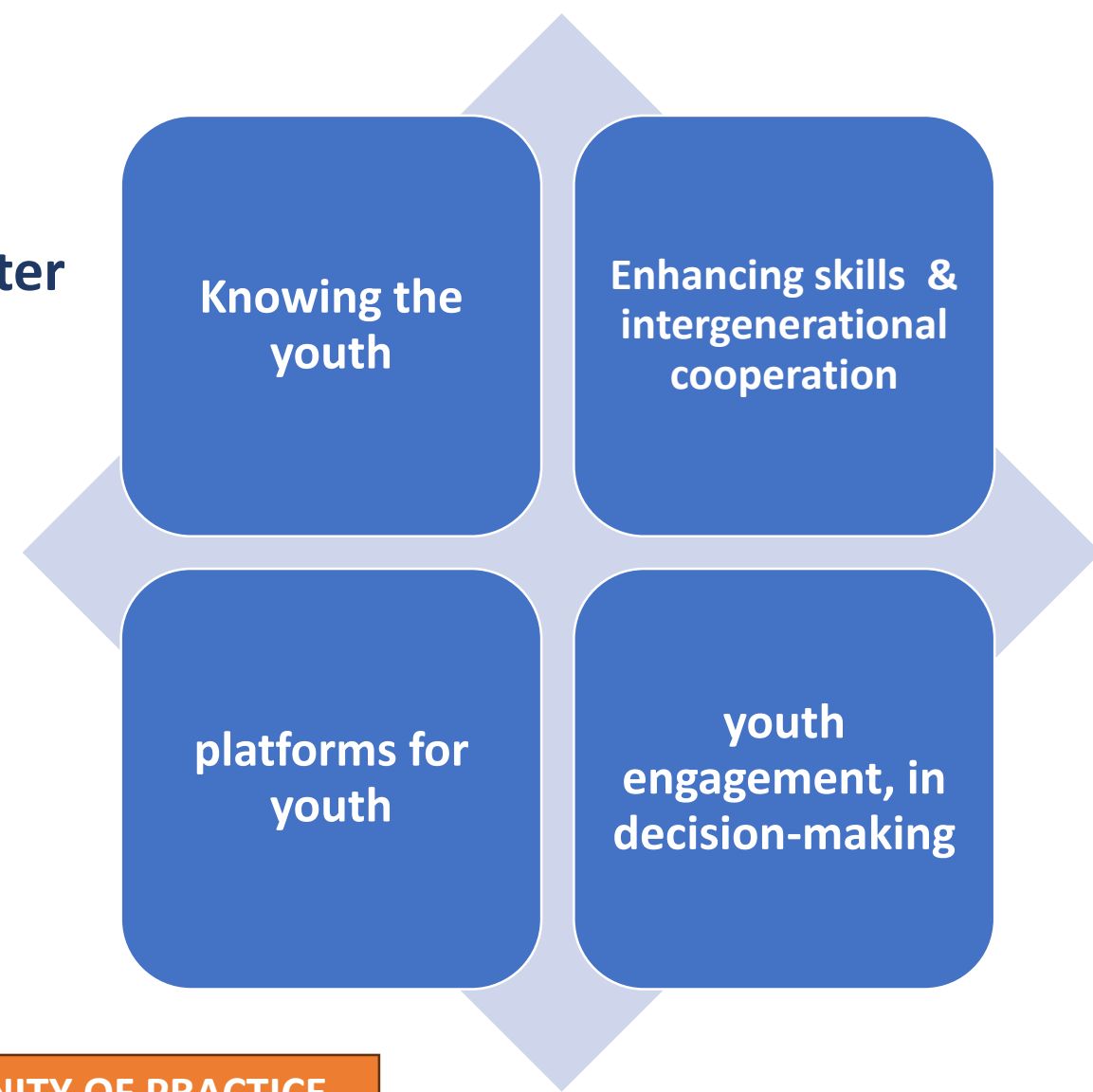
- to engage with others
- to discuss, exchange knowledge, experiences
- to find synergize
- to learn about IDM approach



Youth, citizens, knowledge transfer

Danube Region's Youth Leadership in Ensuring Resilience through a Proactive Approach in Water Sector (DANURELY -WS)

- EUSDR Seed money facility
- Relevant for EUSDR: PA4, PA5, PA7, PA1A, PA9
- Proposal developed with Water Research Institute (SVK), University of Belgrade (SRB), Ludovika University of Public Service (HU)
- Cooperation with Danube Youth Council Members
- Support ICPDR, ISRBC, Danube Rector Conference, etc.
- Aim: to develop proposal around 4 key areas



SURVEY

DIALOGUES

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

WORKPLAN

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Summer school 2024: Drive for change

GWP CEE Fundraising Bootcamp

developing fundraising capacity,
facilitating the exchange of experiences
on fundraising, fostering international
teamwork capacities and developing
ideas for fundraising activities

Day 1: Tackling Challenges through fundraising
Day 2: Stakeholders, Partners and Logical Framework
Day 3: Project cycle, activities, budgets
Day 4: Finalizing Project Concept
3-months supervised Group work until submission

15-19 July 2024

ONLINE

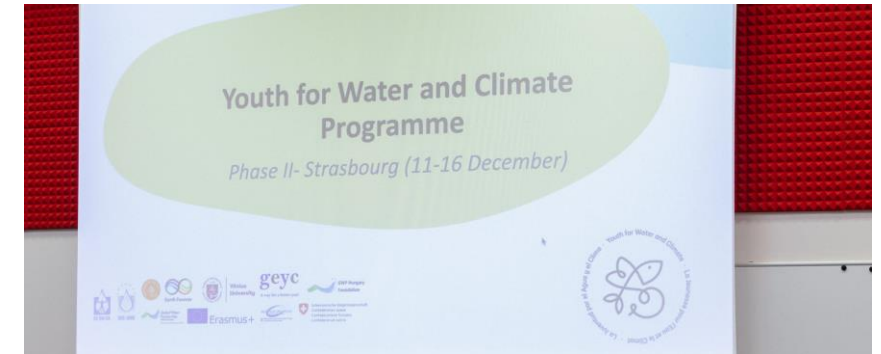
3 months supervision phase

[Apply here!](#)



Youth For Water and Climate *CWP Hungary*

- SWE (Solidarity Water Europe) in partnership with: GWP Med, GWP Hungary
- 28 students (aged 18-30), 7 partners, 28 mentors (one for each student)
- 8 months students and professional in the water sector work together



Citizens and Danube – DANUBE4all project

- Engagement of citizens in river restoration
- Design of Citizen Science, Art in Science, Sport in Science Concepts and Activities (playback theatre, exhibitions, citizen science toolbox, sport events)
- Launch of network in the region: Healthy Danube Network & Danube Water Museum Network
- Follow more via website: www.danube4allproject.eu and social media
- Submit/share survey 

Danube Basin Restoration Action Plan



DANUBE4all

Citizen Science, Art and Co-creation in River Restoration

**Survey for Organizations and Institutions
working with Citizens in the Danube River Basin!**

THE PROJECT

The DANUBE4all project aims to restore freshwater ecosystems in the Danube River Basin through the development of a comprehensive, scientifically-based and practically-orientated Restoration Action Plan.

We seek to address the lack of knowledge, awareness, and participation in the implementation of freshwater ecosystem restoration.

We want to explore together our

THE SURVEY

What? A brief 15-minute questionnaire on freshwater restoration and citizen engagement in the Danube region.

For whom? All organizations involved with communities along the Danube and its main tributaries.

Why? To understand your needs and expectation; to showcase your planned or ongoing activities; to engage you in our processes for citizens along the Danube River.

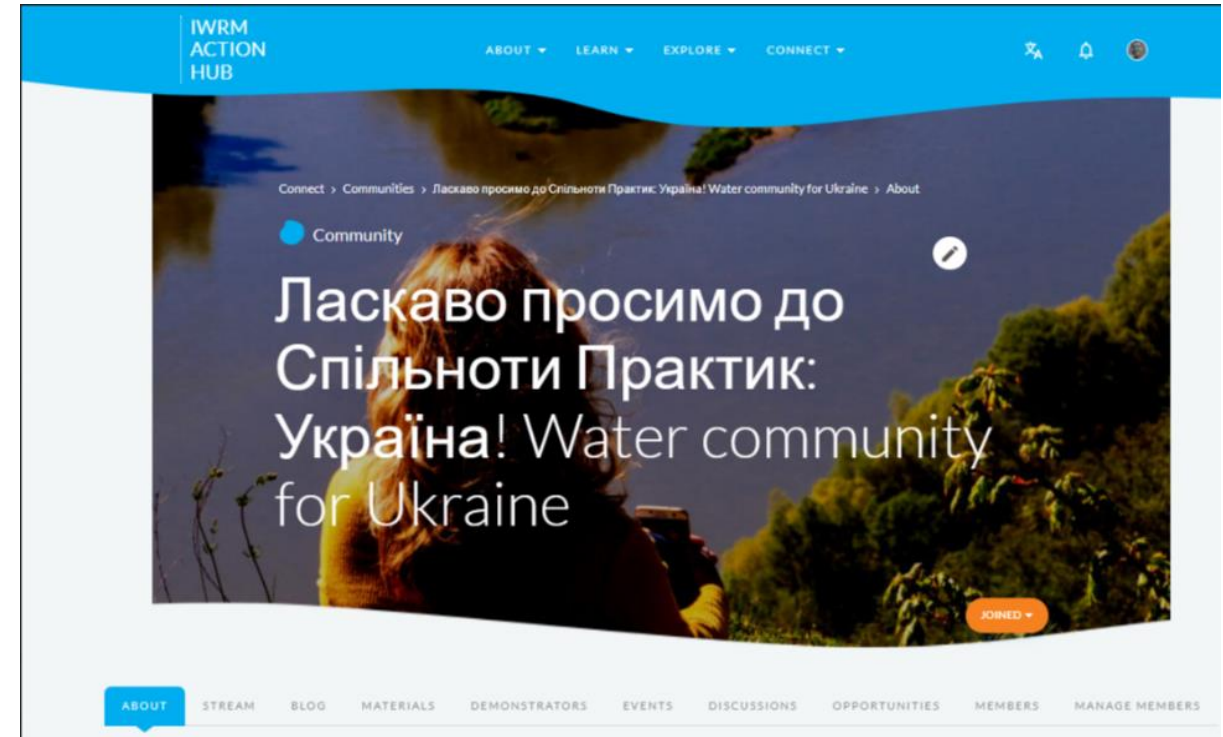
How? Scan the QR code on the right!



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Water Community for Ukraine

- an online environment for effective discussions, knowledge sharing, and collaboration to rebuild the water sector more innovatively and sustainably
- Join us in our mission to create positive change and make a meaningful difference in Ukrainian water sector and beyond.



Step 1: [Register to IWRM action hub](#)

Step 2: Confirm the registration via email received

Step 3: Click on this link and request to join [Water Community for Ukraine](#)

VISION

Showcase modern technology and alternative approaches for rebuilding damaged infrastructure through COP platforms.

Highlight the importance of transitioning to green infrastructure.

Expertise exchange to promote best practices in water distribution, wastewater treatment and WRM.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Provide support for the adaptation of laws and regulations in alignment with EU accession requirements.

Promote the integration of green agenda principles

Advocate for compliance with relevant directives such as the Water Framework Directive, Flood Directive, and Biodiversity Strategy.

Utilize the expertise of GWP CEE to share knowledge and experiences in similar legislative processes.

LEGISLATION

FUNDRAISING

Disseminate information about funding opportunities within the COP community.

Provide resources and expertise on fundraising strategies and practices.

Facilitate the establishment of partnerships and idea generation for relevant projects.

Allocate funds to support various COP activities.

YOUTH

Empower youth and community-based leaders to participate in water and land restoration efforts.

Raise awareness among youth about water challenges to increase interest in water management.

Establish connections with active civil society organizations in Ukraine.

IWRM Action Hub



Communities provide professionals an engaging way to learn, exchange and build their skills in different areas of interest; communities are becoming crucial to bridge knowledge into action

The [IWRM Action Hub](http://www.iwrmaptionhub.org) is the global knowledge sharing platform that supports and connects water professionals in designing and implementing IWRM action towards a water secure world.

www.iwrmaptionhub.org

A screenshot of the IWRM Action Hub website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'COMMUNITY', 'Gender and', 'BP', and 'Gender'. Below this, there are several featured sections: 'Integrated Drought Management Programme' (with 90 members), 'SDG 6 IWRM Community' (with 193 members), and 'Nature-based Solutions in Water' (with 132 members). A world map on the right side shows the global distribution of users, with orange circles indicating the number of users in various regions. Below the map, there is a grid of case studies, each with a title, a brief description, and a 'compare' button. The case studies include: 'Albania and Montenegro: Creating an Integrated Water Resources Plan for the...', 'Argentina: Drinking water supply system for rural population of Eastern Tucuman', 'Argentina: Rural planning and sustainable water resources use in Pillahuilco basin', 'Armenia: Local solutions for waste water management in Parakar village', 'Armenia: State Water Cadastre Information System', 'Armenia: Successful experience of public-private partnerships in drinking water supply and...', 'Australia: Implementing water reform in Queensland', and 'Australia: Managing salinity risks associated with importing irrigation water into Clare'.

IWRM Action Hub

7 new and updated tools

- [Water Rights](#) (updated)
- [Water Allocation Regimes](#) (new)
- [Customary Water Law](#) (new)
- [Institutional Mapping](#) (new)
- [Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships](#) (updated)
- [Corporate Stewardship](#) (updated)
- [Nature Based Solutions](#) (updated)

Retagging

[Gender Responsive Budgeting](#)



New Resources

- From 1254 (feb 2023) to 1813 (nov 2023)
- community generated + related to new/updated tools

[IWRM Glossary](#)

Case studies and competitions

- 259 case studies

IWRM Survey

- Recommended by UNEP as an optional online tool for stakeholder consultations
- Available in 7 languages

IWRM Helpdesk

Thank you for attention

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