

#### **Demo Network Update**

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Save the date! Series of online meetings for Danube Lower River Basin: using digitalisation to enhance cooperation and co-creation in the water sector

One of the 3 FIWARE4Water Demonstration Networks aims to assess the level of digitalisation in the water sector in several countries of the Lower Danube region and to present the project's smart solutions to the various stakeholders in this region. One of the long-term objectives is to build up a community of pro-active followers, creating a platform for cooperation between Eastern European stakeholders at national and international level and helping to implement IT solutions sector in water utilities while contributing to the reduction of potential technical gaps between them.

In this framework, FIWARE4water and its consortium, organises a series of online events during Autumn 2020. From Timisoara (Western Romania), we would invite water utilities and municipality to our first online event on 3 November 2020 on the main theme: "Creation of a Social and Political Consensus employing Digital Water". The event will start with a presentation of the FIWARE4Water project and then continue with various keynote speakers on the theme of building social and political ConCensus using digital water, partly in relation to the UN-Global Water Quality Alliance's plan for the Social Engagement Platform (2020-2023). Later, we will go virtually in Szeged (Hungary) and Novi Sad (Serbia). The event will finally end with a time for debate and exchanges on the topics discussed.

In order to build this ConCensus and make it as effective as possible, 4 main mechanisms can be established and coordinated:

- 1. Inter-sectoral collaboration between all the elements of a sustainable community
- 2. **Policy co-creation and political continuity**, supranational strategies must be implemented
- 3. **All stakeholders involved** at all stages of policy creation and the implementation process of resulting actions
- 4. **Communication and knowledge exchange** must be implemented between municipalities, regions and river basin authorities

This first online event (planed on 3 November 2020) is free of charge and open to all stakeholders in the Danube river basin, such as end-users in the water sector (municipalities, water utilities, authorities, citizens) and solution providers (technology solution providers, SMEs, IT clusters and developers).

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Fostering a Digital Single Market for Smart Water Services

**ONLINE EVENT** 

3 November 2020, 10:00-11:30hrs. (EEST) 12:00-13:30 hrs. (CEST) 14:30-16:00 hrs. (CEST) TIMISOARA, Romania SZEGED, Hungary NOVI SAD, Serbia

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# Creation of a Social and Political *Consensus* employing Digital Water

Participants: Water Utilities & Municipalities

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