

Challenges of Climate Change Adaptation in South-Eastern Europe

4–6 Feb 2025
Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia

Technical conference

“Fostering regional drought resilience in South-Eastern Europe”

Brdo Congress Centre, Room Splendens, Slovenia

5 February 2025

16:00 – 16:15 Welcome address and opening remarks

16:15 – 17:30 Session 1. Empowering Drought Resilience in South-Eastern Europe

Focus: How can regional collaboration in South-Eastern Europe strengthen drought resilience through shared policies, technologies, and resource management strategies?

Keynote speech:

- Andreja Sušnik, Slovenian Environment Agency / DMCSEE

Panel discussion:

Moderator: Andreja Sušnik, Slovenian Environment Agency / DMCSEE

Panellists:

- Birgit Vogl, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- Daniel Tsegai, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- Valentin Aich, World Meteorological Organization / Global Water Partnership
- Blaž Kurnik, European Environment Agency
- Klemen Bergant, EUMETNET

17:30 – 18:30 Marketplace short presentations

18:30 Adjourn

19:00 Dinner (at the lobby)

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9:00 – 10:25 Session 2. Enhancing Drought Monitoring

Focus: How can regional collaboration in South-Eastern Europe improve drought monitoring through shared approaches and platforms?

Keynote speech:

- Danila Volpi, Joint Research Centre

Panel discussion:

Moderator: Gregor Gregorič, Slovenian Environment Agency / DMCSEE

Panellists:

- Elena Mateescu, National Meteorological Administration, Romania
- Ksenija Cindrić Kalin, Meteorological and Hydrological Service, Croatia
- Anastasi Papakrivou, Hellenic National Meteorological Service, Greece
- Lilia Bocheva, National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Bulgaria
- Klodian Zaimi, Institute of GeoSciences, Albania
- Goran Pejanović, Republic Hydrometeorological Service, Serbia

10:25 – 10:30 **Group photo**

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break/Marketplace**

11:00 – 12:30 Session 3. Strengthening Drought Impacts and Risk Assessments

Focus: How can existing approaches help countries establish impact databases and develop robust risk assessments?

Keynote speech:

- Blaž Kurnik, European Environment Agency

Panel discussion:

Moderator: Sabina Bokal, Slovenian Environment Agency / DMCSEE

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Panellists:

- Blaž Kurnik, European Environment Agency
- Danila Volpi, Joint Research Centre
- Mirjana Ivanov, Institute of Hydrometeorology and Seismology, Montenegro
- Zita Bihari, Meteorological service, Hungary
- Darko Borojević, Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina

12:30 –13:40 Session 4. Advancing Proactive Drought Management

Focus: How can countries in Southeastern Europe work together to improve drought preparedness and develop more proactive drought management practices, and what steps can be taken to put these into action?

Panel discussion:

Moderator: Andreja Sušnik, Slovenian Environment Agency / DMCSEE

Panellists:

- Stanka Koren, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- Daniel Tsegai, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- Tina Kobilšek, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy
- Rozalija Cvejić, Biotechnical Faculty
- Tjaša Griessler Bulc, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Boštjan Muri, Slovenian Environment Agency

13:40 Key messages and closing of the conference

14:00 End of conference & Networking lunch at the lobby