

WORLD WATER DAY: WATER RESILIENCE & GENDER – FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE

Every year on 22 March the **World Water Day** offers an opportunity **to reflect on how water shapes our societies and how collective action can strengthen sustainable and resilient water management**. The 2026 theme, Water and **Gender Equality**, invites us to look beyond technology and infrastructure and consider the social dimensions of water governance: who participates in shaping water solutions, who benefits from them, and how inclusiveness can be better integrated into water management.

In this context, the **ZeroPollution4Water Cluster** brings together initiatives working to address water pollution and strengthen the resilience of Europe's water systems through research and innovation. While strongly rooted in technological and environmental solutions, many projects also engage with broader societal aspects of water management, including governance, stakeholder participation and social innovation.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/WaterResilienceGender>

TIME	AGENDA
11:00-11:05	WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Rubini - Director of Water Europe
11:05-11:15	RETHINKING WATER RESILIENCE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evdokia Bairampa - WATERSENS and D4RUNOFF projects <p>Current global water challenges. Climate risks and system resilience. Why resilience must be inclusive. Key trends affecting water security.</p>
11:15-11:25	GENDER EQUALITY AND INCLUSION IN WATER - WHY DOES IT MATTER? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luisa Prista - Water Europe Board Advisor <p>Setting a framework for the gender dimension in water systems. The case for science, research, innovation and beyond.</p>
11:25-11:35	MULTIDISCIPLINARY, RESILIENCE, AND ADAPTATION... BE WATER, MY FRIEND! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara García Argüelles - GITECO (University of Cantabria)

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	Framing the link between career pathways and water resilience. A gender perspective from science and practice.
11:35-11:45	BOOST-IN PROJECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Magno – BOOST-IN project coordinator
11:45:12:00	WRAP UP AND CLOSURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Rubini - Director of Water Europe