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## DANURELY-WS

Danube Region's Youth Leadership  
in Ensuring Resilience through a  
Proactive Approach in Water Sector

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Europe



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# Who is DANURELY – WS ?

Organization	Country	Type
Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe	Slovakia	LP
Water Research Institute	Slovakia	PP
University of Belgrade – Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering	Serbia	PP
Ludovika University of Public Service	Hungary	PP
International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River	Austria	AP
Danube Rectors' Conference	Austria	AP
International Sava River Basin Commission	Croatia	AP
Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Serbia	Serbia	AP
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Hungary	AP
Comenius University Bratislava (Faculty of Natural Sciences)	Slovakia	AP
Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic	Slovakia	AP

# DANURELY-WS - Project Basic Information

## Funding Source

- Co-funded by **Interreg Danube Region Programme** (80%) – Seed facility call

## Partnership

- Lead Partner: **Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe (GWP CEE)**
- Project Partners: **Water Research Institute (Slovakia), University of Belgrade (Serbia), Ludovika University of Public Service (Hungary)**
- Associated Partners: **ICPDR, Danube Rectors' Conference, International Sava River Basin Commission, relevant ministries and academic institutions**

**Challenge:** Lack of youth involvement in water governance & resilience strategies.

**Objective:** Strengthen youth leadership, build fundraising capacity, set ground for new funding possibility

**Approach:** Cross-sectoral collaboration, training programs, webinars, roundtables and engagement platforms to connect youth with decision-makers.

**Expected Impact:** Increased youth participation in water governance, enhanced capacity for policy influence, and long-term sustainability through leadership development.

**Target audience:** youth 18-35, organisations working with youth

# Project Main Objectives

*"To empower and engage youth in water management in the Danube region by fostering collaboration and networking, strengthening fundraising capacities, addressing key water challenges, learning about youth needs, and co-design youth water community."*

## How?

- Develop **elements for main project proposal** and map suitable funding opportunities
- Come up with **fresh and exciting ideas** for youth leadership,
- train capacities, understand needs, provide tools...





# Project Main Achievements/Expected Results

## Achievements so far:

- Bratislava Roundtable (November 26-27, 2024):

Focused on empowering future water leaders, youth perspectives in governance, fundraising workshops, and interactive solution-building.

Brought together experts and young leaders to lay the foundation for the Community of Practice.

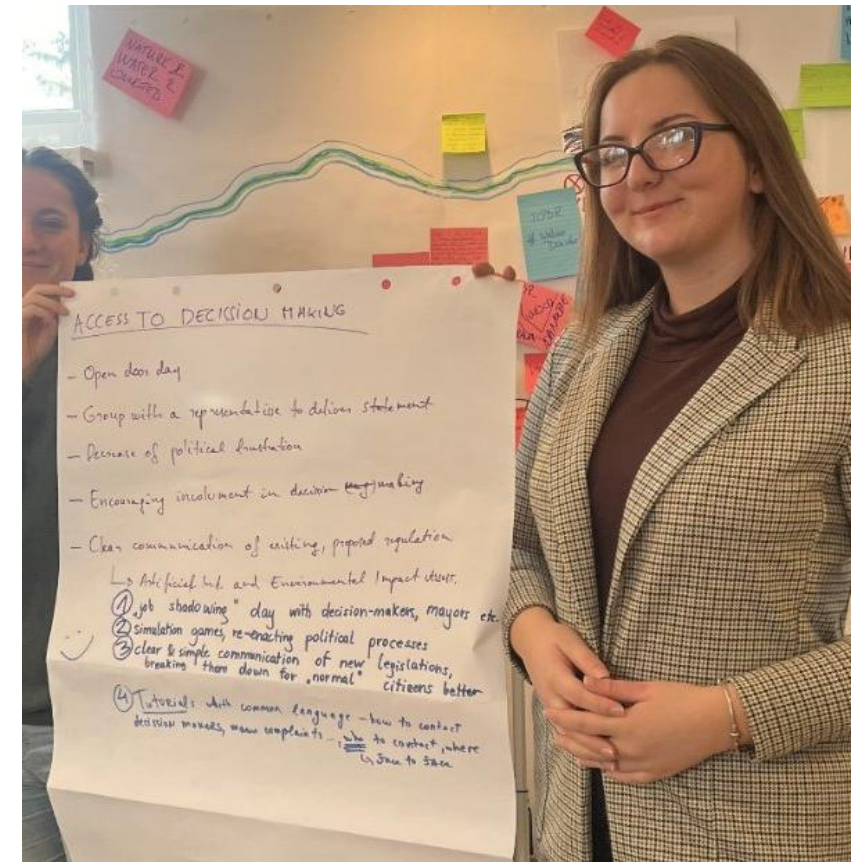
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## Expected Results:

- Increased youth participation in decision-making.
- Establishment of a lasting network of young leaders in water governance.
- Development of practical tools and methodologies for water management.

## Benefits for Future Partners:

- Innovative approaches and best practices that can be adapted to other projects.



# Existing Cooperations/Synergies

## Cooperations & synergies:

- EUSDR, Danube Strategy Point, ICPDR, Danube Rectors' Conference, International Sava River Basin Commission, Danube Youth Council, ministries, and academic institutions.

## Recent Activities:

- Bratislava Roundtable
- Kick-off meeting: Introduction of the Community of Practice (CoP) platform
  - Discover the IWRM Action Hub: [iwrmactionhub.org](http://iwrmactionhub.org)
- Survey conducted: Mapping youth needs in water management.

## Upcoming Initiatives:

- Each partner is preparing a webinar; the first will be held on **April 5, 2025** (online, organized by the Water Research Institute).

## Benefits of Synergy:

- Sharing experiences, mutual inspiration, and expanding partnerships for future projects.



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TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 AM CET



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# Conclusion and Possibilities for Future Cooperation (Offers/Needs)

## Summary:

DANURELY-WS has set the ground to strengthen youth participation in water governance and to create opportunities for leadership development.

What we offer:

- Expertise and experience in water management.
- Proven best practices and innovative approaches to youth engagement and fundraising.
- A strong network of partners and stakeholders.

What is needed:

- Expansion of activities and new collaboration opportunities.
- Additional funding and policy support from institutions.

Future Collaboration Opportunities:

- Joint applications for future funding and grant opportunities.
- Co-organization of further workshops, webinars, and networking events.
- Exchange of expertise and application of innovative solutions in other regions.





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