



Towards 2030 Agenda: A summer school for climate change, innovation and youth advocacy in water management

List of lecturers and decision-makers

Sabina Bokal has over 7 years of experiences in environmental management, project planning and team lead. She has developed and implemented several complex projects on a wide variety of environmental topics for partners in public, private and non-governmental sector which enabled them to obtain around 10 million euro from European Regional Development Fund and other programmes. For the past four years, she has been working as project manager with Global Water Partnership in CEE on developing and working on projects related to climate resilience, transboundary cooperation and waste water management. Since 2013 she has been coordinating Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) in CEE and among her main responsibilities is to provide partnership coordination, stakeholder involvement, strategic guidance, communication, fundraising, etc.

Before that she has been involved in the Drought Management Center for Southeastern Europe (DMCSEE) mainly preparing different drought related products (monitoring, risk assessment, etc.), building strategic partnerships and helping with the coordination of their projects. She received her degree in Geography from the University in Ljubljana. Passionate about water and sustainable development, she has completed courses in the areas of Climate Change, environmental policy and management, stakeholder engagement and EU funds.



Mitja Bricelj, Ph.D. is the State Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia. A geographer, his activities and positions in the period 1990–2015 are the following: member of the Ministry for Environment Republic of Slovenia, co-funding member of International Commission for Sava River Basin, coordinator of Coastal Area Management Program Slovenia (UNEP/MAP 2004-2007), President of the Bureau of Barcelona Convention (2005-2008), Slovenian President of the International Commission for Protection Danube River/ICPDR (2010), (2014–2015) Coordinator of Environmental Pillar of European Strategy for Adriatic Ionian region /EU SAIR, initiator of the use of the “Sava language”; Author of three independent publications and numerous articles; former president of Geografic Society of Slovenia.



Francois Brikke is a French Citizen, a Development Economist and a Sanitary Engineer, with 25 years professional experience in the water sector worldwide. He is currently holding the position of Senior Network Officer and Thematic Leader on Urban Water Security at the Global Water Partnership, and previously held the positions of Chief WASH at UNICEF based in Jakarta, Regional Team Leader of the World Bank Water and Sanitation Program in Latin America, and Program Officer at the IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre, based in the Hague. He was also leading the Urban Theme for the 8th World Water Forum, which was held in Brasilia in March 2018.

Dr. Tjasa Griessler Bulc is an associate professor and Head of the Institute for transfer and application of knowledge at the Faculty of Health Sciences and researcher/project manager at the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, University of Ljubljana. She is a leading expert in Slovenia in the field of closing material flows by wastewater treatment, ecological engineering and environmental technologies (e.g. constructed wetlands, aquaponics, wastewater separation). She was awarded with the Lillehammer Award within EUREKA program in 2001 and with the ENERGY GLOBE Award in 2007 for innovative conceptual designs in environmental technologies. She is a Task Force for Water Sanitation issues at the GWP CEE to foster integrated water resource management (IWRM) for Central and Eastern Europe. She is a holder of European Certification & Qualification Association (ECQUA) certificate: EU project manager and a leader and WP/Task leader of several national and international projects (e.g. START-SANDANUBE-Danube Region Project Fund, European Commission DG Joint research Centre, Directorate Sustainable Resources 2016/D.2/5004/NC-Synthesis centers on innovative wastewater treatment, 7FP TURAS, 7FP SANBOX, LLP TOI AQUAVET, EUREKA E!5007 FISH-CWUS).





Prof. Lučka Kajfez Bogataj is the Head of the Centre for Agrometeorology and professor of climatology at University of Ljubljana. Her current research includes climate change scenarios and impacts on ecosystems and human wellbeing. In 2008 she was elected Vice-chair of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change after participating in its work since 2002. She served as vice-chair of the Working Group 2 Fourth Assessment of the IPCC and was one of the review editors of IPCC Fifth Assessment AR5. She has participated to dozens of outreach events related to the IPCC work. She was also a member of the GCOS (Global climate observation system) Steering Committee at WMO acting as a link between GCOS and IPCC, and is a member of the GWP (Global Water Partnership) Steering Committee. In 2016 she also became a member of UNESCO Ad Hoc Expert group for the declaration on the ethical principles in relation to climate change. Professor Kajfez Bogataj has also been invited to many national and international conferences and TV programs to report, as an expert, about climate change, its effects on the environment, sustainable development and social justice issues.

Adam Kovacs is a civil engineer with specialization in water quality management. He graduated from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics. Adam received a PhD in water resources management from the Vienna University of Technology. He worked in the academic sector as professor and research assistant for 12 years focusing on water quality modelling and management. Since 2013, he has been working as the Technical Expert on Pollution Control at the Permanent Secretariat of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River. He coordinates the technical work of the Pressures and Measures Expert Group, Accident Prevention and Control Expert Group and Nutrients Task Group.



Joshua Newton is a half-time Senior Network Officer at the Global Water Partnership (GWP), managing GWP's SDG global processes portfolios, and spends the rest of his time as an independent consultant. He is an expert global water political processes and governance and utilizes his knowledge of the international water community to help institutions develop their institutional strategies and drive political processes related to water. Joshua is also the founder of Josh's Water Jobs, the world's #1 website for international water jobs, connecting young professionals with job opportunities and promoting career development.



Dr. Angela Renata Cordeiro Ortigara is a Programme Officer at UNESCO-WWAP in Perugia (Italy), where she primarily focuses on the development of the “SDG 6 Synthesis Report 2018”. She also contributes to the production of World Water Development Reports (WWDR) and has coordinated the implementation of the [Capacity Building Programme on Water and Sustainable Development](#). A Brazilian and Italian national, Angela holds a M.Sc. from the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (Brazil) and a Ph.D. from the University of Trento (Italy), both in Environmental Engineering. Her main expertise includes technical, social and environmental aspects of water and wastewater management, as well as project management, capacity building and water governance. She has extensive professional experience in research and the analysis of the linkages between water resources and sustainable development. She is deeply enthusiastic about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and aims to contribute to the achievement of water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by working on the science-policy interface.



Viktor György Oroszi is a geographer and environmentalist (majored in fluvial geomorphology, GIS and landscape ecology at the University of Szeged). He got his PhD in earth sciences in 2010 at the University of Szeged. In his thesis he investigated the floodplain development of the River Maros since the mid-19th century. Starting his career he worked for the NGO network called Danube Environmental Forum in 2007-2008 as a project coordinator, later joined a private surveying company. Between 2012-2016 he became the assistant professor of the University of Pécs. From 2016 onwards he is a senior expert of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region Priority Area 5 (Environmental risks) Hungarian co-ordination at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and a lecturer at the Budapest Business School. Specialized in river basin and flood management, experienced in related transnational project preparation and management.



Liliana Rastocka is responsible for coordination of national, EU and international affairs regarding water and biodiversity at the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic. Besides her work on the national strategies, he is also a delegate to the meetings related Working Parties of the EU Council, OECD Working Group for Water, Biodiversity and Ecosystems and UNECE Meetings of the Water Convention. In 2016 she was a Member of the Team of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU (SK PRES) at the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, where she was involved in SK PRES coordination regarding water, nature protection, biodiversity and biosafety issues, including EU coordination at CITES COP17 (South Africa, September 2016) and CBD COP 13 (Mexico, December 2016). Before that she studied Biology and Ecology (Bc.) at the Comenius University in Bratislava and Environmental Sciences at the University of Vienna (MSc.) and worked for two years at the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the National Bank of Slovakia.

Dr. Richard Müller is a Regional Coordinator at the Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe, covering 12 countries – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine. He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Studies and a degree in Landscape Ecology. For more than 15 years, he has worked on sustainable development and water initiatives in the Central and Eastern Europe. He has an extensive experience in water management, communication, knowledge management and public participation. In 2016, he was seconded as a Special Water Advisor to Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, during country's Presidency to the European Council. He is the National Focal Point for global implementation of SDG 6 monitoring – the 2017 baseline process.





Dr. Benoît Terrier has over 16 years of experience in river basin management. He is working with the Rhone, Mediterranean and Corsica water agency as a project leader in river basin management and river restoration. He is involved in local river restoration projects and also works at regional, national and European scales on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). He works as an expert for France in European technical groups and he is involved in various European projects on river restoration. He is a contributor or the main author of several guidance manual in France (e.g. How to define the good ecological potential on the Rhône river - 2013, Delivering river restoration - 2016, Space for river - 2016, The river: an asset for my region - 2017 – all in French). He has a strong experience in communication, stakeholder's involvement and knowledge transfer.

He contributed and contributes in various ways to ECRR (European Centre for River restoration)'s information and dissemination functions, for example at the World Water Forum 6 in Marseille, with the Community of Practice of River Restoration Basins, with the EURO-INBO (International Network of Basin Organizations) and also the river restoration Learning Hub. He was involved in the establishment of the French National Centre for River Restoration with the National Agency for Biodiversity.

In the early stage of his career he worked for 5 years as a consultant with Haskoning DHV in the UK, in the coastal and rivers

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Venera Vlad is responsible for leading the Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure business in Romania at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, a portfolio of approximately EUR 500 million of investments, including loans to local authorities, municipally-owned utilities and companies as well as private sector financing. Prior to joining EBRD in 2008, Mrs Vlad worked at the Ministry of Environment as Programming Director for EU Funds; in this capacity she designed and promoted the regionalisation of water services in Romania, a key policy that enabled unprecedented sector reforms and facilitated large investments of about EUR 6 billion. She is a graduate of Engineering University and of Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest. She also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

