

# Agenda

Women's participation in the water sector is a crucial aspect of achieving sustainable development goals. According to a report by The World Bank, less than one in five water workers are women, and they are underrepresented in technical and managerial positions.

During this webinar, we'll delve into two innovative EU-funded projects changing the water sector. Female scientists will showcase their work and aspirations, while the discussion session will address the primary challenges and potential solutions related to the status of women in the water sector.

The **WE-ACT project** is changing the game in transboundary water allocation by introducing a revolutionary Decision Support System (DSS) that optimizes benefits and enhances resilience in the face of a rapidly changing climate. The project is funded under the European Union's Horizon Europe programme.

**Hydro4U** aims at demonstrating European small hydropower equipment and technologies in Central Asia thus contributing to a sustainable and climate-resilient future for the region. The project is funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020 programme.

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**Time:** 14:00 – 15:30 CET

## Webinar Agenda: Empowering Women in the Water Sector

### Opening Session:

**14:00 - 14:05** Welcome and Introduction

*Brief overview of the webinar's purpose and importance.*

**14:05 - 14:15** Presentation of WE-ACT project

**14:15 - 14:25** Presentation of Hydro4U project

*An overview of Hydro4U and WE-ACT, highlighting their missions and contributions to the water sector.*

### Role-Model Session: Female Scientists Showcase

*Each female scientist presents briefly (up to 5 minutes) on their current work and achievements.*

**14:30 - 15:05** Presenters:

**14:30 - 14:35** Dr. Ing. Jingshui Huang, Chair of Hydrology and River Basin Management (Prof. Disse), Technical University of Munich (WE-ACT)

**14:35 - 14:40** Prof. Dr. Nidhi Nagabhatla, Senior Fellow, Cluster Coordinator – Nature, Climate and Health, United Nations University - CRIS

**14:40 - 14:45** Meadow Poplawsky - PHD Candidate - Universiteit Twente (WE-ACT)

**14:45 - 14:50** Saida Usmonova - Research Officer - Small-scale Hydropower Energy Specialist, IWMI Central Asia Regional Office (Hydro4U)

**14:50 - 14:55** Associate professor Prof. Dr. Nurzat Totubaeva – Engineering Faculty, KYRGYZ-TURKISH MANAS UNIVERSITY

**14:55 - 15:00** Naomi Timmer - H2O People

**15:00 - 15:05** Hannah Schwedhelm - Chair of Hydraulic Engineering, TUM School of Engineering and Design, Technical University of Munich (Hydro4U)

**15:05 – 15:10** Kathryn Pharr - Founder - Community of Women in Water

## Discussion Session: Women in the Water Sector Today and Tomorrow

### Panel Discussion: Status, Challenges, and Solutions

**15:10 - 15:15** Discuss the current status of women in the water sector.

**15:15 - 15:20** Address challenges faced by women in the field.

**15:25 - 15:30** Explore potential solutions and strategies for empowerment (share experiences and insights).

*Attendees are welcome to join this session and give their opinions.*

### Q&A

**15:30 - 15:40** *Ask, write, connect*

Feel free to get direct insights from our experts, if you are shy write in the chat, and share the information the about possibilities or for networking.