

Public Seminar

TAPPING INTO THE UNTAPPED: The potential of reclaimed and non-potable waters to increase water resilience

Athens
20 June
14:00 – 16:30 (EET)

Background

The increasing impact of climate change on the availability and quality of water resources requires adaptative and agile approaches to increase Europe's resilience in water management, as pointed out by the European Commission in its recent communication on managing climate risks. Utilising varying qualities of water for different purposes can serve as a viable strategy to alleviate pressure on valuable high-quality freshwater, which should be preserved primarily for drinking purposes. However, transitioning from a system where drinking water is used for all purposes to one that differentiates water quality based on its intended use poses several challenges in terms of governance, technical arrangements, and safety.

Through the insights provided by experts and policymakers, this public seminar aims to explore technological advancements, regulatory developments, and governance frameworks that could facilitate the utilisation of non-potable water for a variety of societal needs.

Draft Agenda

- 14:00 Welcome address**
APE President
- 14:05 Introductory Remarks**
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- 14:15 Setting the scene: Promoting a more agile use of water resources to promote resilience**
European Commission
- 14:30 SESSION I: POTENTIAL (AND CHALLENGES) OF NON-POTABLE WATER – EXAMPLES FROM WATER OPERATORS**
- *Eydap*
 - *De Watergroep*
 - *Barcelona Cicle de l'Aigua*
- 15:15 Coffee break**
- 15:30 SESSION II: PANEL DISCUSSION HOW TO FOSTER THE POTENTIAL OF NON-POTABLE WATER: ADDRESSING GOVERNANCE AND TECHNICAL ISSUES**
- *Joint Research Centre of the European Commission*

- *Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy Waste and Water*
- *Greek Ministry of Environment*
- *Hellenic Federation of Enterprises*

16:15 Conclusive remarks:

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