

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

As you may know, the United Nations celebrate World Water Day every year to raise awareness of water issues worldwide. The 2023 celebration marks a turning point for global water policy in the framework of the 2030 Agenda and the ODS goals. The United Nations emphasize the importance of ensuring water and sanitation as a transversal element of the rest of the Sustainable Development Goals and recommend reinforcing cooperation between all agents involved in the sustainable management of water resources.

In the current context of drought and climate emergency - and given the dwindling water resources available in rivers, reservoirs and aquifers - it is clear that water saving, efficiency and reuse are becoming essential and will be even more so in the future in order to ensure water supply to the population.

Within this framework, the Generalitat of Catalonia, through the Catalan Water Agency and in collaboration with the Catalan Water Partnership and Eurecat, are part of the European and international [WAT'SAVEREUSE](#) project, led by the Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean, in which other Mediterranean regions such as the Balearic Islands and Occitania are participating. The aim of this project is to promote regulatory, technological and institutional measures to improve the saving and reuse of water throughout the Mediterranean, where available resources are expected to decrease by up to 20% by 2050.

The main goal of the project is to promote water saving, efficiency and reuse, especially in the tourism sector (given the importance of this sector in most Mediterranean coastal regions), but also among local authorities (both in terms of demand and with regard to water operators).

For this reason, the Generalitat of Catalonia and the Euroregion are delighted to invite all the partners and participating organizations, as well as other institutional and political leaders of the regions involved in the LIFE WAT'SAVEREUSE project (LIFE 19-GIE/FR/001013 WAT'SAVEREUSE), to the World Water Day event to be held on March 20th, 2023, in the city of Barcelona, to present the results of the initiative as well as the challenges of reuse in the context of climate emergency.

The water and climate agendas are clearly connected and urge us to develop shared policies and actions in collaboration with all stakeholders to address these two challenges of scarcity.

We look forward to seeing you at this event,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Samuel Reyes López

Director of the Catalan Water Agency

Mr. Xavier Bernard Sans

Secretary General of the Euroregion
Mediterranean Pyrenees

SCHEDULE

Visit to the reuse facilities (Morning):

10:30 a.m. Visit to the ERA Prat del Llobregat

01:15 p.m. Reception at the Palau de Pedralbes and informal brunch

02:30 p.m. Technical meeting and WAT'SAVEREUSE Management Board

Institutional event: from 5:00PM to 7:00 PM:

4:30 p.m. Opening ceremony, by the Minister for Climate Action, Food and the Rural Agenda, Teresa Jordà, and speech by the European Commissioner for Environment, Virginijus Sinkevičius

4:45 p.m. Speech by Mr. Manuel Szapiro, delegate and senior representative of the European Commission in Barcelona

4:50 p.m. Presentation of the LIFE WAT'SAVEREUSE project (LIFE 19-GIE/FR/001013 WAT'SAVEREUSE), by the General Secretary of the Euroregion, Xavier Bernard-Sans

5:05 p.m. Presentation of the first results of the LIFE WAT'SAVEREUSE project, by the director of the Catalan Water Agency, Samuel Reyes, the Vice-President for Environment and Territory (Conseller), Miquel Mir, and the Councilor for Europe and International Cooperation of the Region Occitania, Sébastien Denaja.

5:35 p.m. Round table "Cases of success in reuse" between the partners and countries linked to the Life WAT'SAVEREUSE project - facilitated by Ms. Lucia Gusmaroli, head of the European Projects Area of the Catalan Water Partnership

CATALONIA

Mr. Luis Sala, head of the Water Supply and Regeneration Service of the Costa-Brava Girona Water Consortium (public operator of comprehensive water cycle services)

Ms. Laura Perez, responsible for the Environment of the Samba Hotel in Lloret de Mar (tourist sector operator)

BALEARIC ISLANDS

Mr. Marcos Pecos, second deputy mayor, delegate of Transparency, Innovation and Economic Services and president of Calvià2000 (public operator of environmental services: integral cycle of water and waste)

Mr. Miquel Galmés, director of Sustainability at ROBINSON – TUI Magic Life-TUI Blue (tourist sector operator)

OCCITANIE

Michel Cavailles, former director of the Régie Autonome de Port Camargue and representative of the Union des Villes Portuaires d'Occitanie

6:25 p.m. Closing in charge of Mr. Bernat Costas Castilla, Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the European Union

During the event, there will be simultaneous translation (Catalan/English/French) and it will be broadcast on the YouTube channel of the Catalan Water Agency.