

# Increasing climate resilience of water and sanitation sector in the Mediterranean Region: workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health

Lisbon, 4-5 June 2024

Ministry of the Environment and Energy  
63 Rua de O Século, room O Século

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## Objectives of the event:

1. Take stock of challenges and priorities and identify good practices in increasing resilience of water and sanitation sectors among Mediterranean countries;
2. Respond to key challenges in the Mediterranean region by promoting setting of climate-sensitive targets and by building on other tools and activities implemented in the framework of the Protocol on Water and Health;
3. Formulate future needs for the work under the Protocol to further support work on climate resilience and raise awareness of the Protocol among Mediterranean countries.

## Provisional programme:

Tuesday, 4 June 2024 (9.30-17.30):

1. Opening of the meeting and setting the scene
2. Addressing climate challenges and building resilience in the Mediterranean (presentations by countries)
3. Mechanisms to effectively address climate change: introducing the work of the Protocol on Water and Health
4. Practical work in groups: translating identified priorities into climate sensitive targets on water, sanitation and health
5. Building enabling environment for increasing climate resilience
6. Exploring synergies with other frameworks and instruments
7. Summary and conclusions of the meeting by the Mediterranean countries
8. Closing of the meeting

Wednesday 5 June 2024 (9.30-12.30)

Technical visit to the “Alcantara Water Factory”, Lisbon’s main wastewater treatment plant which collects and treats, including for reuse, wastewater from 800,000 households.

## Target countries

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain and Türkiye.

## Format

The event will include roundtable discussions and expert presentations from the Mediterranean countries. Technical topics include water scarcity, wastewater reuse, desalination, floods, stormwater overflows, droughts, water shortages, water losses, heatwaves and health, water-related diseases, reducing carbon emissions of water and wastewater plants, institutional frameworks to address climate change, etc.