

## Danube Water Conference 2023 - report

The 2023 Danube Water Conference was noteworthy in many respects: a record audience, exciting new session formats, distinguished speakers, exciting and inspiring insights, an encouraging share of young water professionals both on the stage and in the audience, and a conference dinner not by, but ON the Danube, with a double Birthday party celebrating three decades IAWD and ten years Danube Water Program. We have compiled a full conference report, both for those who could not attend, and those who would like to reread the most important takeaways..

You will find plenty of food for thought, a look at huge challenges ahead, but also reason for optimism. Titled “Navigating Changing Waters”, the conference covered a huge range of topics, ranging from insights into the World Bank's Utilities of the Future program and its brand new Center of Excellence in Tirana, Albania, over the amazing success of a long-time water sector reform in Portugal down to first experiences with Artificial Intelligence in the operation of wastewater treatment facilities.

