

Participation Guidelines under the UBP Danube Hub



As part of the IWA/NewIBNET Initiative “[2024 Data Pioneers in Water Utilities – Learning at Toronto](#)”, the Danube Water Program is supporting two (2) dedicated opportunities exclusively for water and sanitation utilities and one (1) for an association of water and sanitation **utilities operating in target countries¹ of the Danube Water Program.**

The opportunity is to be selected for a unique learning opportunity via a **fully sponsored participation package** for the [IWA World Water Congress in Toronto, Canada, \(August 11-15\)](#) - additionally to receiving NewIBNET Data Services.

The Full Conference Participation Package (CPP) includes (air) travel to Toronto from the next larger city with an airport, cost of the transport from Toronto airport to the conference venue, hotel coverage for the time of the conference, and the full conference fee for one (1) representative per utility/association. Across these items breakfast, lunches and afternoon coffee/tea are covered. The CPP does not include an additional per-diem.

The conditions for participation are:

- **Water and Sanitation Utilities in the 11 target countries of the DWP** must submit complete and coherent datasets on their performance and must fill out a self-assessment of their management practices before June 7th, 2024, 23:59 (EST).
- **Associations of Water and Sanitation Utilities in the 11 target countries of the DWP** must mobilize at least 50% of their membership (or 30% if their number of utility members exceeds 100) to submit their performance and must fill out a self-assessment of their management practices before June 7th, 2024, 23:59 (EST).

In a random selection process two utilities and one association will be awarded the right to nominate one (1) representative staff member each (per institution). The randomly drawn utilities and association will be announced on the Voice of the Danube Website and contact via e-mail directly on June 11th, 2024.

¹ Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine



Selected utilities and the selected association have 3 business days to confirm with the NewIBNET team that they accept the sponsorship and to nominate an individual amongst their staff to take advantage of the full conference participation package for the IWA Congress in Toronto.

By submitting both the 2022 AND 2023 data, you can double your chances!

- Completing for 2023 is mandatory to be eligible to go to Toronto.
- Completing for 2022 is optional to double your chances.
- Completing means having submitted data on performance via the UBP platform AND having filled out the self-assessment on management practices on the NewIBNET Portal which is still possible for both years.

As member of the UBP, you can easily share your data with NewIBNET by doing the following:

1. If you have already signed up for sharing your data with NewIBNET, please check if the 2023 (and 2022) data survey on the IAWD UBP platform are filled out. If yes, we will connect you with the NewIBNET team to also submit your management practices directly to them.
2. To share your 2023 data, please simply fill out the Danube Hub survey for 2023 and respond positively to the respective question on sharing your data with NewIBNET. In case you are not yet ready to share the full data set, ask your Hub coordinator to release the NewIBNET survey. As soon as we have received your 2023 data, we will connect you with the NewIBNET team to complete your self-assessment on management practices.
3. If you have not yet signed up for sharing your 2022 data with NewIBNET and wish to do so, please fill in [this form](#). We will then create your survey to collect your data and link you to NewIBNET for submitting your management practices as well.

We believe this is a big opportunity for utilities in of the UBP and would therefore like to provide you with all the information you need. The deadline is June 7th 2024, 23:59h EST!

Please feel free to contact our NewIBNET liaison person **Ana Badhofer** at badhofer@iawd.at for administrative questions or **Aleksandar Krstic** at aleksandar.krstic@eutopia.pro for questions related to the IAWD UBP and we will gladly reply to you.