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# Roundtable Discussion

# Basics of EU Water Policy

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Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to take active part in the roundtable discussion, which is organized within the Jean Monnet module EU water policy and innovative solutions in water resources management (INNOWAT), an Erasmus+ Project of the European Union coordinated by the University of Niš (Ref. No. 620003-EPP-1-2020-1-RS-EPPJMO-MODULE). SUFIN Module offers a variety of teaching and research activities aiming at promotion of EU principles of water resources management at the University of Niš. Research activities are targeting enhancement of the scientific base of the University of Niš in the field of water resources management.

## ROUNDTABLE THEMES

The roundtable debate will host scholars and experts in the field of water resources management and aim to contribute to an exposure to new ideas and methodologies concerning the promotion of EU standards and principles in Serbia. It is intended for employers in local authorities, NGOs, students, professionals in the water sector, and the general public. The event will be open to the participation of policy makers as speakers.

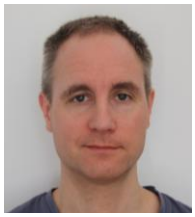
The roundtable is fully open to the general public. That is why information about the roundtable debate will be extensively advertised.

Proposed topics include, but are not limited to:

- Implementation of EU Water Policy
- Introducing EU best practices in the water sector.

The roundtable will be organized as a hybrid (online and face-to-face) event, through the Teams platform. The participation is free of charge.

# Speakers' short biographies



Priv.-Doz. Dr. Michael Tritthart, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, graduated in civil engineering (major in water and environment) at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, in the year 2000 before obtaining his doctoral degree of technical sciences at Vienna University of Technology in 2005. His doctoral thesis was the development of a novel hydrodynamic model for flood processes in rivers. Since October 2005 he is affiliated as a Senior Scientist with BOKU University where he achieved the habilitation (lecture qualification, venia docendi) for the scientific subject of river engineering and hydroinformatics in 2013. His expertise is in hydrodynamic river modelling, river engineering, flood processes and sediment transport. He heads the computational river modelling group at BOKU. Since 2013 he is also a member of the Senate of BOKU, thereby involved in strategic and operative curriculum development. In 2015, Dr. Tritthart was elected Chair of the Committee for Education and Professional Development of the International Association of Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research.

Milan Gocic, PhD, associate professor at the University of Nis (Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture), has research experience in hydroinformatics, data mining and analysis of hydrological hazards. He is the author of more than 100 papers in the field of hydroinformatics, of each 21 were published in international journals with impact factor. He worked as a Guest Editor for the Special Issue in Advances in Meteorology ("Hydrological Hazards in a Changing Environment: Early Warning, Forecasting, and Impact Assessment") and as a reviewer for twenty international scientific journals. He took part in six international projects (www.natrisk.ni.ac.rs, www.swarm.ni.ac.rs, www.innowat.ni.ac.rs).

Slaviša Trajković is a full professor at the University of Nis (Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture), Serbia. Research experience in: Hydrological Hazards, Water Resources Management, Irrigation Water Requirements, Hydrometeorology, Data Mining, Hydroinformatics. Vice Dean for teaching processes and Chief of Department of Civil Engineering at the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture. He is member of International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS). Lead Guest Editor of the special issue of the journal Advances in Meteorology (title: Hydrological Hazards in a Changing Environment: Early Warning, Forecasting, and Impact Assessment). He was editor of scientific journals Science+Practice and GAF Proceedings (2009-2012). He was staff member of World University Service (WUS) Austria Management Committee (MC) member for COST action ES1004 (European framework for online integrated air quality and meteorology modeling, 2011-2015). He is MC Substitute for COST action IC1408 (Computationally-intensive methods for the robust analysis of non-standard data – CRONOS, 2015-2019).