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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation to participate in the first in-person RA VI HydroSOS Task Team Meeting, on 12 and 13 November 2024, at the Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG), Koblenz, Germany

Action required: (1) To confirm participation at your earliest convenience, but preferably **by 14 October 2024**
(2) To confirm if financial assistance is necessary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the establishment of the Regional Association (RA) VI Task Team on the Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS) by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Association VI (RA VI) Management Group, to lead and support the implementation of the regional HydroSOS implementation, which is an RA VI priority, the Task Team membership is almost complete and ready for its first in-person meeting.

On the kind invitation of the Permanent Representative and the Hydrological Adviser of Germany with WMO, this in-person meeting will take place on 12 and 13 November 2024 at the Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG) in Koblenz, Germany.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together team members and invited experts ([Annex](#)) to address the following primary objectives:

- (1) Review and refine the regional HydroSOS implementation plan, identifying key challenges and opportunities;
- (2) Contribute to stakeholder engagement strategies and capacity development, particularly for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and local communities;
- (3) Review and harmonize HydroSOS-related initiatives with national and international programmes to ensure alignment;
- (4) Explore cooperation and partnerships among Region VI Member States and International River Basin Commissions;

To: Permanent Representatives of Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with WMO (limited distribution)

Secretaries of the International River Basin Commissions of the Danube, Rhine, and Sava Rivers (limited distribution)

cc: Hydrological Advisers of Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with WMO (limited distribution)

- (5) Evaluate progress as well as lessons learned and define success indicators for the RA VI HydroSOS implementation;
- (6) Develop a timeline and action plan for the RA VI HydroSOS Team for the upcoming year and consider the long-term actions beyond 2025.

Your concurrence and facilitation of their participation is essential in ensuring that these objectives are successfully met.

The WMO Secretariat is ready to consider providing, upon request, full or partial financial support to cover participation-related costs for team members and invited experts.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff members, may I draw your attention to the following:

Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, and accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses.

I would kindly appreciate receiving confirmation of participation at your earliest convenience, but preferably **by 14 October 2024** to the WMO Regional Office for Europe at roe@wmo.int in order to meet the WMO deadlines for travel arrangements.

More details, such as the programme and information on local arrangements will be made available soon to the confirmed participants.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

List of Task Team Members and Invited Experts

Dr Marius Matreata	Team leader
Mr Stefan Rösner	Member
Dr Fernando Belda	Member
Eng. Angela Chiara Corina	Member
Dr Katie Facer-Childs	Member
Ms Lucie Barker	Interim member
Mr Mirza Sarac	Member
Dr Jafet Andersson	Invited expert
Mr Roel Burgers	Invited expert
Mr Zoran Major	Invited expert
Dr Stephan Dietrich	Invited expert