

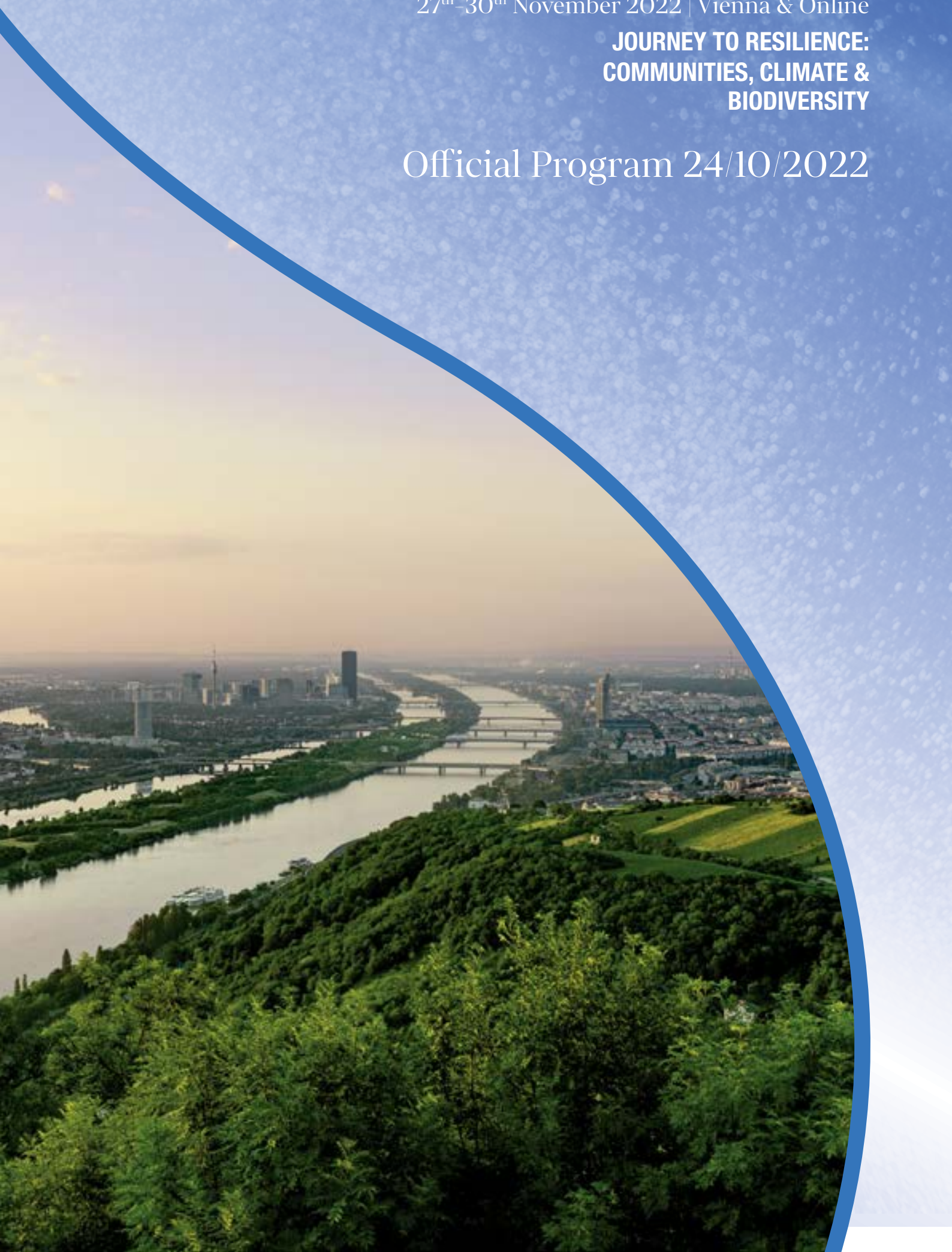
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25th International **RIVER** SYMPOSIUM

27th–30th November 2022 | Vienna & Online

**JOURNEY TO RESILIENCE:
COMMUNITIES, CLIMATE &
BIODIVERSITY**

Official Program 24/10/2022



			Location: Tech Gate Building, Donau-City-Straße 1, 1220 Wien, Austria
EST	Vienna (GMT+1)	Brisbane (GMT+10)	Sunday 27th of November
11:30 - 14:30	17:30 - 20:00	3:30 - 6:00	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for our Rivers - Networking Reception Welcome and Keynote: Dario Soto-Abril, Global Water Partnership, Executive Secretary Perspectives from: Sarah Keener (World Bank) Kati Schilling (IAWD/Equal Aqua) Rene Woods (Australia) Kidanemariam Jembere (South Africa) Venue: Tech Gate, Plenary Room Sponsor: Global Water Partnership Moderated by Dr Eva Abal

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Networking (In-Person Only)

			Location: Tech Gate Building, Donau-City-Straße 1, 1220 Wien, Austria		
EST	Vienna (GMT +1)	Brisbane (GMT+10)	Monday 28th of November		
02:30-04:30	8:30 - 10:15	16:30 - 18:15	Opening Ceremony, Welcome by VIP's and IRS Vienna 2022 Opening Keynotes <i>Emcee: Prof Paul F Greenfield, Chair, International RiverFoundation</i> Location: Plenary Room		
02:30	8:30	17:30	Welcome: Walter Kling, Representative from the City of Vienna; Video from the Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner		
02:45	8:45	17:45	Keynote: Europe's Green Deal and Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 Veronica Manfredi Director, Zero Pollution and Green Cities, Quality of Life, Director General Environment European Commission		
03:15	9:15	18:15	Keynote: Water Resilience - Asia Pacific Context: Are your Water Resilient? Neeta Pokhrel (online) , Water Lead, Asian Development Bank		
03:45	9:45	18:45	Keynote: Valuing Rivers: The Hidden Benefits of Healthy Rivers Around the World Dr Stuart Orr , Freshwater Manager, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)		
04:15	10:15	19:15	Panel Discussion: Critical Role of River Resilience in the UN Decade of Action		
04:30-05:00	10:30 - 11:00	19:30-20:00	Morning Tea		
05:00-06:00	11:00 -12:00	20:00-21:00	Plenary Room: River Cities Dialogue	Room 1.1: Water Security & Equity	Room 1.2: Connectedness & Partnerships
05:00	11:00	20:00	Facilitator Introduction: Dr Eva Abal, Australia River Cities Dialogue: The Danube, San Antonio and Brisbane Stories (IAWD, San Antonio River Authority and Brisbane City Council)	Facilitator Introduction: Tom Alletson, Australia What is required to achieve river resilience in the face of climate change and population growth? A Tweed River case study (Tom Alletson, Tweed Shire Council, Australia)	Facilitator Introduction: Professor William Dennison The UN Water Convention: 30 years of impact and achievements on the ground (Tamara Kutonova, Secretariat of the UN 1992 Water Convention, Switzerland)
05:15	11:15	20:15	River Cities Dialogue: The Danube, San Antonio and Brisbane Stories (IAWD, San Antonio River Authority (SARA) and Brisbane City Council)	Water Governance in the Mekong Region: The role and impact of civil society organizations (Andrea Haefner, Griffith University, Australia)	Citizen science in nature-based solutions: co-designing and managing for impact (Hannah Joyce, The River Restoration Centre, UK)
05:25	11:25	20:25	Five cities and the river that runs through them: resilience of the Willamette River, Oregon (Dr Rebecca Flitcroft, USDA Forest Service, Oregon, USA)	A Two Decade Water Governance Practices in Afghanistan: From Understanding to Functioning (Mohammad Wasim, Arizona State University, USA) (online)	Mainstreaming Ecological Restoration of freshwater-related ecosystems in a Landscape context: Innovation, upscaling and transformation - MERLIN Project (Astrid Schmidt-Kloiber (BOKU))
05:35	11:35	20:35	From stockyards to spawning beds: The Chicago River rises (Margaret Frisbie, Friends of Chicago River, USA)	WHAT-IF, an open-source decision-support tool for river basin planning within the Water-Energy-Food Nexus (Raphaël Payet-Burin, COWI, Denmark)	The Blue Heart of Europe – How to Save Balkan Rivers (Ulrich Eichelman, Riverwatch, Austria)
05:45	11:45	20:45	Q&A & Session Synthesis	Q&A & Session Synthesis	Q&A & Session Synthesis
06:00-06:45	12:00 - 12:45	21:00 - 21:45	Day 1 Lunch Break (sponsored by the Austrian Development Agency)		
			Lunch Time Film: Restoration in the Amazon (TNC)		
06:45-10:05	12:45-16:05	21:45-01:05	Plenary Room: Partner Workshops	Room 1.1: Partner Workshops	Room 1.2: Partner Workshops
06:45	12:45	21:45	The Future of River Cities (Dr Eva Abal (IRF), Walter Kling (City of Vienna/ IAWD), Derek Boese (San Antonia River Authority), Craig Wilson (online) (Port of Brisbane), Margaret Frisbie (Friends of Chicago River))	Reforming the Water Sector and Water Management - Development Support to a Non EU Member State - Vjosa River as a case study (Austrian Development Agency)	River Restoration Networks: Championing our rivers and basins (Bart Fokkens (European Centre for River Restoration), Jinyong Zhao (Asia River Restoration Network), Michael Rene Williams (USA University of Maryland), Martin Janes, (UK River Restoration Centre))
08:15	14:15	23:15	Afternoon Tea		
08:35	14:35	23:35	European River Prize Finalists (Cumbrian Rivers; Mura, Drava, Danube Rivers; Vjosa River) (Shortlist: Tisza River Basin; Prut River; Guadalquivir River) (International RiverFoundation and Coca-Cola)	Strengthening River Basin Governance in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (UBA, ADA, OECD, UNECE, OiEau and EU Neighbourhood)	Monitoring, protecting, restoring and managing rivers from a triple planetary crisis angle (nature-climate-pollution) (Gavin Reynolds and Vivek Shah (UNEP), Keith Madden (Rotary International), Salvador Rico (Rotary and Adopt-a-River))
10:05-10:40	16:05-16:40	01:05 - 01:40	Global Call to Action on Resilient Rivers (UN Decade, COP Biodiversity, COP Climate Change) Location: Plenary Room Andras Krolopp (TNC), Julia Boverhoff (TNC), Barbora Chmelová (Czech Republic), Mirey Atallah (UNEP) (video address) Moderated by Dr Eva Abal and Philip Weller		
10:40-11:30	16:40 - 17:30	01:40 - 02:30	Day 1 Closing Plenary and Keynotes Location: Plenary Room Facilitator: Philip Weller Keynote: Austrian Governmental Presentation on European Water Framework Directive Implementation Incorporating sectoral interests in water policy		
10:40	16:40	01:40	Dr. Robert Fenz , Federal Ministry of Austria Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management		
11:00	17:00	02:30	Vera Hofbauer , Head of Directorate General IV - Transport, Federal Ministry of Austria Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology		
11:30-14:30	17:30 - 20:00	02:30 - 05:00	Welcome Function Emcee: Prof. William Dennison Welcome Remarks: Günter Liebel, Secretary-General, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Location: Sky Bar, Tech Gate Sponsor: Federal Ministry of Austria Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management		
21:00-02:30	04:00 - 08:30	13:00 - 17:30	Online Presentations/Workshops - Facilitated from Brisbane, Australia		

			Location: Tech Gate Building, Donau-City-Straße 1, 1220 Wien, Austria		
EST	Vienna (GMT+1)	Brisbane (GMT+10)	Tuesday 29th of November		
02:30 - 04:30	08:30 - 10:30	17:30 - 19:30	Synthesis of Day 1 and Day 2 Opening Keynotes <i>Emcee: Philip Weller, IAWD</i> Location: Plenary Room		
02:30	08:30	17:30	Synthesis of Day 1 & Video Address Dr Carlos Manuel Rodriguez , CEO and Chairperson, GEF		
02:45	08:45	17:45	Keynote: River People are Special People: Understanding the True Songs of Our Rivers Henry Lickers , Canadian Commissioner, International Joint Commission, Haudenosaunee citizen of the Seneca Nation, Turtle Clan		
03:15	09:15	18:15	Keynote: Joint Action, Balancing Trade-Offs and Deepening Trust and Transparency Among States that Share Transboundary Water Lenka Thamae , Executive Secretary, Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM)		
03:45	09:45	18:45	Keynote: Shared River of Transformation: Challenges, Actions and Impacts of Joint Management in the Danube Basin Birgit Vogel , Executive Secretary, ICPDR		
04:15	10:15	19:15	Panel Discussion: Voices for Our Rivers		
04:30 - 05:00	10:30 - 11:00	19:30 - 20:00	Morning Tea		
05:00 - 06:00	11:00 - 12:00	20:00 - 21:00	Plenary Room: Healthy Rivers: Healthy Lives	Room 1.1: Healthy Rivers: Healthy Lives	Room 1.2: Connectedness & Partnerships
05:00	11:00	20:00	Facilitator Introduction: Julie McLellan, Australia “Don’t look down!” Why our natural resources on the east coast of Australia are failing and nobody cares (Andrew O’Neill, Healthy Land and Water, Australia)	Facilitator Introduction: Thomas Hein Cooperative funding of interdisciplinary river research analyzing sediments and aquatic biodiversity (Martin Gerzabek, President of the Christian Doppler Forschungsgesellschaft, Christoph Hauer, Thomas Hein, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna)	Facilitator Introduction: Ivana Korn Varga, Croatia Restoring the first world’s 5-country UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube (Ivana Korn Varga, WWF Croatia, Croatia)
		20:15	Gayini Nimmie-Caira: Large-scale Cultural and ecological restoration on a private conservation property lead by Traditional Custodians (Rene Woods, TNC, Australia)		Risk Communication - from mapping to interacting in a changing natural environment (Thomas Hlatky, GRAWE, Austria)
05:25	11:25	20:25	The Sustainable Rivers Program – a partnership for meeting environmental flow needs (Heidi Mehl, TNC, USA)	Assessing the hydro-morphological status of rivers at a national scale using remote technologies (James White, River Restoration Centre, UK)	Plastic pollution of the Transcarpathian rivers (Kálmán Szanyi, For the Nature- and Environmental Protection - PAPILIO, Velyka Dobron, Ukraine)
05:35	11:35	20:35	Making the river Linge more beautiful, more functional and more attractive: From ambition to plan and collaboration (Jacomijn Appeldoorn, Municipality of Neder-Betuwe, The Netherlands)	Rafting: Tool for Trans-boundary Water Cooperation between Nepal and India (Rajan Subedi (online), and Anjil Adhikari, Oxfam, Nepal)	Integrity Management and Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration in the context of River Basin Organizations: Example from Indonesia (Binayak Das, Water Integrity Network, Germany)
05:45	11:45	20:45	Q&A & Session Synthesis	Q&A & Session Synthesis	Q&A & Session Synthesis
06:00 - 07:00	12:00 - 13:00	21:00 - 22:00	Day 2 Closing Keynote & Keynote Panel <i>Emcee: Dr. Eva Abal</i> Location: Plenary Room		
06:00	12:00	21:00	Keynotes: Big River Basins of Asia Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun , CEO, Mekong River Commission Shri G Asok Kumar (online) (Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga) Dr Huang Yan (online) (Yangtze River Water Resources Commission)		
			Keynote Panel: Big River Basins of Asia Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun, Shri G Asok Kumar, Dr Huang Yan, Yang Zhi		
07:00 - 07:45	13:00 - 13:45	22:00 - 22:45	Lunch		
07:45 - 11:35	13:45- 17:35	22:45- 02:35	Plenary Room: Healthy Rivers: Healthy Lives	Room 1.1: Partner Workshops	Room 1.2: Partner Workshops
07:45	13:45	22:45	Presentations Facilitator Introduction: Vladimir Mamaev (5 minutes)	Implementing Basin Management Plans and Actions for a Sustainable Future: The Role of Basin Organisations (ICPDR, GEF and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Water Management (BML)) (Claudette Spiteri (UNESCO), Anoulak Kittikhoung (CEO MRC), Birgit Vogel (ICPDR Executive Secretary), Rajiv Ranjan Mishra (former DG NMCG), Susanne Schmeier, Henry Lickers (IJC), Roman Havlicek (ICPDR Head of Delegation Slovakia), Maria Amakali (ORASECOM), Kees Bons (Deltares))	Free Flow Webinar (World Fish Migration and Wetlands International on behalf of Dam Removal Europe Coalition) (Neza Posnjak and Frank Peiffer (World Fish Migration Foundation) , Christa Groshart (Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment) , Sui Chian Phang and Joshua Royte (The Nature Conservancy) , Ulrich Eichelmann (River Watch) , Kirsi Hyvaerinen, Jelena Popovic (Montenegrin Ecologists Society) , Christer Borg (Sweden) , Petra Repnik (ICPDR HYMO TG Chairperson) , Yurena Lorenzo (Wetlands International) , Kerry Brink (WWF) , Wilco de Bruijne (Oak Consultants) , Ruben van Treeck (WWF Germany) , Aimilia Pistrika (European Investment Bank) , Karin Olsson (Skåne County) , Roberto Epple (ERN) , Eva Abal (International River Foundation) , Herman Wanningen (WFMF) , Oliver Southgate (Environment Agency UK) , Martin Janes (European Center for River Restoration))
			Witness for Prosecution: How Beluga whales in the St Lawrence contributed to the clean-up in the Great Lake (Pierre Béland, IJC and Robert Michaud, GREMM, Canada) (30 minutes)		
			Reduction of micropollutants in the Rhine catchment area – monitoring and assessment system (Nikola Schulte-Kellinghaus and Tabea Stotter) (10 minutes)		
			Method development and results of the success monitoring of the biotope network along the Rhine (Nikola Schulte-Kellinghaus, ICPR, Germany) (10 minutes)		
			Online Monitoring of River Water Quality Applying Soft Sensors (Gilbert Schreiber) (Siemens) (10 minutes)		
			Q&A/Synthesis (15 min)		
09:15	15:15	00:15	Afternoon Tea		Afternoon Tea
09:35	15:35	00:35	Public/Private Partnerships: Cooperative funding of interdisciplinary river research analyzing sediments and aquatic biodiversity (Christoph Hauer, Thomas Hein, Boku University; Robert Toegel, Via Donau, Austria)	Keepers of the Danube: 28 Years of International Danube Cooperation and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR, GEF, BML, ORASECOM, GIZ, NMCG, Ministry of Interior (Hungary), WWF CEE)	Free Flow Webinar (World Fish Migration and Wetlands International on behalf of Dam Removal Europe Coalition)
11:15	17:15	02:15	Addressing the delegates: Minister Leonore Gewessler , Federal Minister of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Republic of Austria Location: Plenary Room Emcee: Philip Weller		
13:00 - 16:00	19:00 - 22:00	04:00 - 07:00	25th International Riversymposium Gala Dinner and European Riverprize Award By Invitation only from The City of Vienna Location: Palais Ferstel, Vienna Sponsored by: The City of Vienna Emcees: Philip Weller and Dr Eva Abal Celebrating 25 years of IRS: IRF and International Riverprize (IRP) Alumni (invited to the stage) 15 years of progress since Danube winning the IRP (all heads will be invited to stage)		
21:00 - 02:30	04:00 - 08:30	12:00 - 16:30	Online Presentation/Workshops - Facilitated from Brisbane, Australia		

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03:00 - 04:30	09:00 - 10:30	18:00 - 19:30	Synthesis of Day 2 & Day 3 Opening Keynotes Emcee: Dr Eva Abal, International RiverFoundation Location: Plenary Room				
03:00	09:00	18:00	Synthesis of Day 2 and Video Address: Mina Guli (Run Blue) and Ryan Gellert (Patagonia)				
03:10	09:10	18:10	Keynote: Water Security Diagnostics - Informing Policy and Investments Dr. William Young (online), Lead Water Resource Management Specialist, Global Water Practice, World Bank Group Raimund Mair , Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Water, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank Group Taher Kahil , Leader of the Water Security Research Group IIASA				
03:45	09:45	18:45	Keynote: Bending the Curve - The Promise of Durable Freshwater Protection and Leaning In Together Dr. Nicole Silk , Global Director for Freshwater Outcomes at The Nature Conservancy				
04:15	10:15	19:15	Panel Discussion: Financing River Resilience and Water Security is critical to ensure rivers for future generations				
04:30 - 05:00	10:30 - 11:00	19:30 - 20:00	Morning tea				
05:00 - 06:00	11:00 - 12:00	20:00 - 21:00	Plenary Room: Healthy Rivers: Healthy Lives	Room 1.1: Healthy Rivers: Healthy Lives	Room 1.2: Water Security & Equity	Room 5.1: Special Meetings	
05:00	11:00	20:00	Facilitator Introduction: Matthias Zessner, Austria Danube Hazard m3c - Final conference: Results and highlights of the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme project on tackling hazardous substances pollution in the Danube River Basin (convened by TU Wien and ICPDR) Start: 10:45	Facilitator Introduction: Katharine Cross, Australia Valuing Water: The Australian Perspective: Lessons from the Murray-Darling Basin (Australian Water Partnership, World Bank Group and DFAT) (John Dore (online) (DFAT) , Marcus Wishart (online) (World Bank) , Phil Duncan (Alluvium), Aither, Lisa Robins (online) (Robins Consulting) , Dr. Anoulak Kittikhoun (MRC), Nicole Silk (TNC), Andrea Haffner (Griffith University), Rene Woods (MDBA board)	Facilitator Introduction: Amos Brandeis, Israel The Alexander River- over 25 years of restoration efforts (Amos Brandeis, Israel)		
05:15	11:15	20:15			The Living Legends: Reviving the dead seasonal rivers of the Kenyan Great Rift Valley (John Tumaini, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Netherlands)		
05:25	11:25	20:25			A public-private partnership for river revitalization in Taiwan (Kuei-Hsein Liao, Taiwan)		
05:35	11:35	20:35			Incorporating water into business practices (Jan Burger, Coca-Cola)		
05:45	11:45	20:45			Q&A & Session Synthesis		
06:00 - 06:35	12:00 - 12:35	21:00 - 21:35	Closing Ceremony and Hand-over of hosting from City of Vienna to Brisbane City Location: Plenary Room Emcee: Dr Eva Abal				Corporate Lunch The Role of Business in Fast Tracking Environmental Markets to Achieve River Resilience Emcee: Peter Rowlie Start: 12:30
06:00	12:00	21:00	Closing Keynote: Dr Simon Banks , Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water				
06:30	12:30	21:30	Welcome to Brisbane 2023 - Adrian Schrinner , Lord Mayor of Brisbane				
06:35 - 07:20	12:35 - 13:20	21:35 - 22:20	Lunch				
07:20 - 10:45	13:20 - 16:45	22:20 - 01:45	Plenary Room: Partner Workshops	Room 1.1: Partner Workshops	Room 1.2: Partner Workshops	Room 5.1: Partner Workshops	
07:20	13:20	22:20	Creating an Environmental Market in South East Queensland, Australia – a case study (Julie McLellan, Andrew O’Neill (HLW), Dr Eva Abal (IRF), Paul Chatterton (Landscape Finance))	Financing Nature-based Solutions for Water Security (Sophie Trémolet (TNC), Nicole Silk (TNC), Glenn Anderson and Alex Begg (farmer and landowners), Juraj Jurik (GIB Foundation), Pegasys Consulting , Michael Vice (online))	Large scaled river conservation/restoration projects at the rivers Danube and Inn, ecological targets and financing structures (Gerd Frik, VERBUND) (40 minutes)	Danube Hazard m3c International workshop “Policy guidance on managing hazardous substances pollution in the Danube River Basin” (convened by TU Wien, ICPDR and NARW) Check below for link to program	
					The AWS Standard: igniting business leadership in water stewardship (Adrian Sym, (Alliance for Water Stewardship)) (50 minutes)		
08:55	14:55	23:55	Afternoon Tea Break				
09:15	15:15	00:15	Open Dialogue on Conference Messages and Actions (Facilitated by Adrian Sym (Alliance for Water Stewardship) , Sophie Trémolet (TNC), Philip Weller (IAWD/IRF))	The Role of River Basin Organisations in Sustainable Management of River Basins and the Dakar Declaration (Eric Tardieu (INBO)) (Jan Bakkes (TIAS), Kees Bons (Deltares)) (China Council Special Policy Study (Climate Change))		Danube Hazard m3c International workshop “Policy guidance on managing hazardous substances pollution in the Danube River Basin” (convened by TU Wien, ICPDR and NARW) Check below for link to program	
10:45 - 11:20	16:45 - 17:20	01:45 - 02:20	Global Call to Action on Resilient Rivers (UN Decade, COP Biodiversity, COP Climate Change) Vladimir Mamaev Location: Plenary Room Convened by Philip Weller and Dr Eva Abal				
11:20 - 11:30	17:20 - 17:30	02:20 - 02:30	Thank you’s and Farewell (Philip Weller and Dr Eva Abal , Co-convenors IRS Vienna 2022) Customary IRS 2022 Song (Prof Bill Dennison)				
13:00 - 15:00	19:00 - 21:00	04:00 - 06:00	River Leaders Dinner (Host - IRF)				
21:00 - 02:30	04:00 - 08:00	13:00 - 18:00	Online Presentation/Workshops - Facilitated from Brisbane, Australia				

EST	Vienna (GMT+1)	Brisbane (GMT+10)	Thursday 1st of December
03:00 - 09:15	09:00 - 15:15	18:00 - 00:15	Field Trip River Restoration Project in the Wachau Valley Partner: Via Donau Location: Meet at Tech Gate Building, Donau-City-Straße 1, 1220 Wien, Austria
03:00	09:00	18:00	Departure from Tech Gate Vienna by bus
04:00 - 06:45	10:00 - 12:45	19:00 - 21:45	Arrival at Rührsdorf in the Wachau valley Guided tour through flood plain wilderness Wachau (by foot)
07:00	13:00	22:00	Lunch buffet at Winery Polz
08:00	14:00	23:00	Departure from Rührsdorf by bus
09:15	15:15	00:15	Return to TechGate building