



EURAQUA webinar series



Towards a Water Resilient Europe: Scientific insights supporting the implementation of the EU Water resilience strategy

Wednesday 1 October 2025
10:00 – 11:00 CEST

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PROGRAM

10:00 – 10:05 **Welcome and Introduction**, Harm Duel – Chair EurAqua Network

10:05 – 10:15 **EU Water Resilience Strategy – What, Why and for Whom?**

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The EU Water Resilience Strategy: its goals, rationale and benefits, what it means for different actors, and how it strengthens climate adaptation and water policy across Europe.

10:15 – 10:45 **From Policy to Practice – Scientific Insights Supporting Water Resilience**

➤ **Nordic Perspectives on Drought Policies and Risk Management**, Claudia Canedo – Karlstad University & Lauri Ahopelto – Syke

Droughts also affect water-rich Nordic countries. The talk compares Finland's and Sweden's drought policies, shared lessons, and next steps to strengthen resilience across the Nordic–Baltic region.

➤ **Safe operating space for water resources management at river basin level – STARS4Water**, Judith ter Maat – Deltares

Freshwater resources in river basins are under increasing pressures of rapidly intensifying climate change effects putting the availability and quality of water resources and socio-economic developments at risk. The talk will highlight the EU Horizon project STARS4Water stakeholder-driven process and the innovative data services and co-designed models and tools to support adaptive, resilient and sustainable water management.

➤ **Long-term Impacts of Sponge Measures in Agricultural Landscapes: Evidence from the Upper Thames Catchment, UK**, Neeraj Sah – UKCEH

EU SpongeScapes project studies how landscapes act as sponges to manage floods and droughts. Results from Upper Thames sites show regenerative farming improves soil porosity, moisture, and resilience.

10:45 – 10:58 **Panel Q&A and forward-look discussion**, Gareth Old, UKCEH

10:58 – 11:00 **Closing remarks** Gareth Old, UKCEH