

We are delighted to inform you that the
7th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue on “Sustainable and Integrated Water Management in the 21st century – addressing imminent challenges”
and the
Eurasian Water Conference – 3rdASEM Seminar on Urban Water Management urban solutions, global challenges
will be held in Budapest, Hungary in September, 2018

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary is delighted to inform you that Hungary will be hosting the **7th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue on “Sustainable and Integrated Water Management in the 21st century – addressing imminent challenges”**, a high-profile event – **in the light of basin level cooperation** – to be held between 11 and 12 September 2018 in Budapest. The aim of the two-day event is to promote the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets related to water and sanitation, as well as to achieve progress on the implementation of the Danube-Mekong Cooperation Initiative launched by Hungary in 2012.

It is our great honour and pleasure to invite you to attend the **7th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue** and the **3rd ASEM Seminar on Urban Water Management urban solutions, global challenges** and we truly hope that you will be in the position to accept our invitations.

The **7th ASEM Sustainable Dialogue** aims to discuss **trans-boundary water issues and river basin policy, with special focus on significantly strengthening interregional co-operation capacities**. The Dialogue will be structured around, among others, on the relevance of accelerated urbanization and sustainable use of water resources, water quality management regarding hazardous substances and micro pollutants, plastic waste in water bodies, as well as the showcasing of possibilities and identification of barriers regarding modern education in the 21st century to increase the capabilities of the water sector.

For further information regarding the main objectives and the background of the 7th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue, please visit our [website](#) where you can find the Concept Paper, the draft Agenda and the registration form of the event. In case you would like to confirm your participation, we kindly ask you to send the **completed and signed registration form** to DunaKonf@mfa.gov.hu.

Please allow us to draw your kind attention to another ASEM-related water event to be organized in Budapest the same week. Under the **patronage of H.E. Mr János Áder, President of Hungary**, the Eurasian Water Conference - **3rd ASEM Seminar on Urban Water Management - Urban solutions for global challenges** will be held between 13 and 14 September 2018. The event is organized by the **Hungarian Water Cluster** and **ASEM Water**, with the support of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, as well as the People's Government of Hunan Province of China.

The two-day international water event aims to establish an **international multi-stakeholder forum and networking platform** on sustainable water management from a **European and an Asian perspective**, providing opportunities to discuss best practices, exchange experiences and seek solutions to the pressing challenges of urban water management.

More information about the event and registration platform can be found at the following link: www.asemwaterbudapest2018.hu.

The Eurasian Water Conference - **3rd ASEM Seminar** focuses on **urban water management in order to discuss and identify effective and innovative solutions on crucial aspects related to urbanization and its impact on sustainable water development.**

The above mentioned two events provide an excellent opportunity to cover both elements of ASEM's water scope, highlighting the importance of transboundary cooperation and finding technical solutions to answer the challenges of urban water management.

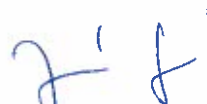
We kindly ask for your **confirmation regarding both events** at your earliest convenience but no later than **7th of August 2018.**

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the **7th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue** and do hope you will have the opportunity to also attend the Eurasian Water Conference - **3rd ASEM Seminar on Urban Water Management - Urban solutions, global challenges.**

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