



RA VI Regional Conference 2026

EW4All in Region VI: Turning Ambition into Action with Innovation and Exchange

Date and Venue: 30 September – 1 October 2026, Bucharest, Romania

Concept Note

Background and Rationale

The implementation of Early Warnings for All (EW4All) across RA VI presents both a significant opportunity and a shared challenge. While many RA VI Members have advanced capabilities, others face structural, institutional, technical and financial constraints. At the same time, emerging priorities and impacts of fast-moving global change require stronger regional cooperation, institutional resilience, and responsible innovations including related to artificial intelligence and machine learning.

There is growing recognition that progress in EW4All cannot rely solely on national efforts or high-level commitments. Instead, it requires practical cooperation mechanisms, including active partnerships, peer-to-peer exchange, active twinning and mutual support across the region.

Objective

RA VI Regional Conference aims to:

- Take an integrative approach considering weather, water, and climate domains recognizing that effective delivery of EW4All in RA VI depends on integrated, multi-domain collaboration.
- Provide practical regional discussion on how RA VI can support implementation of EW4All through cooperation, partnerships, exchange and mutual support and identification of funding sources.
- Identify concrete areas for action e.g. peer-to-peer exchange, partnerships and targeted support.
- Create a space where Members with different realities and needs can exchange experience in a constructive and practical manner.
- Provide a platform to exchange regarding advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, which develop quickly within weather, water and climate.



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Tentative Agenda

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Item	Presenter	Time
<i>Registration</i>		<i>08:30 – 09:00</i>
Opening	Elena Mateescu, President of Regional Association VI	09:00 – 09:10
<i>1st session: Integrated Observing and Information Systems - Backbone of Early Warnings</i> <i>Moderator: Jan Daňhelka, Hydrology Director, Czech Hydrometeorological Institute (CHMI) and vice-president, Infrastructure Commission (INFCOM)</i>		
From Observations to Action: Why Integrated Systems Matter for Early Warnings	Fernando Belda, Chair of RA VI Working Group on Observations, Infrastructure, and Information Systems	09:10 – 09:20
Regional Basic Observing Network in RA VI: Addressing regional needs through enhanced data exchange	Krunoslav Premec, Scientific Officer (WIGOS evolution)	09:20 – 09:50
GBON in RA VI: Strengthening the Global Foundation of Weather and Climate Services	Krunoslav Premec, Scientific Officer (WIGOS evolution)	09:50 – 10:10
<i>Coffee break</i>		<i>10:10 – 10:40</i>
Regional WIGOS Centers in Action: Support from Members to Members	Bakir Krajnovic, Regional WIGOS Centre Sarajevo and Ismail Temir, Regional WIGOS Centre Türkiye	10:40 – 11:10
Advancing Regional Data Exchange: status and recommendations WIS2.0 transition in RA VI	Hassan Haddouch, WIS 2.0 Manager, WMO	11:10 – 11:30
Meteosat Third Generation in support of EW4All	Joachim Saalmüller, Head of User Support and Climate Services, EUMETSAT	11:30 – 11:50



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Conclusions of the 1 st session	Jan Daňhelka	11:50 – 12:00
Lunch		12:00 – 14:00
2nd Session: Europe Lifting Europe - One Region, Different Realities <i>Moderator: Ishaam Abader, Director of Regional Coordination Office, WMO</i>		
EW4All in RA VI - One region, different realities	Eoin Moran, Director, Met Éireann, PR of Ireland Milica Đorđević, Head of Weather Watch, Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina Jórunn Harðardóttir, Director of Research, Icelandic Meteorological Office, Hydrological Advisor, Iceland Amalya Misakyan, Head of Hydrology Service, Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Center, Hydrological Advisor, Armenia	14:00 – 15:00
Coffee break		15:00 – 15:30
3rd Session: RA VI Action Forum <i>Modality: World Café</i>		
Themes of the tables: 1. Where does the warning value chain break? 2. From access to use: data, products and innovation 3. Cooperation that works: peer exchange, partnerships and resources 4. NMHSs of the future: what should we prepare now?	All participants supported by a moderator and rapporteur for each theme	15:30 – 16:45
Conclusions for actions	Moderator from each table	16:45 – 17:15
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From different realities to concrete actions <i>Moderators: Ian Lisk, president, Services Commission (SERCOM) and Jan Daňhelka, vice-president, Infrastructure Commission (INFCOM)</i>		
Keynote speech: From Early Warnings to Early Action: Building a Safer Europe Together	Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization	09:00 – 09:10
Outcome of the previous day	Delia Arnold, GeoSphere Austria and Moritz Flubacher, MeteoSwiss	09:10 – 09:40
Lightning presentations and panel discussion: From priorities to concrete actions	Andreas Schaffhauser, Director General of GeoSphere Austria, PR of Austria, Irakli Megrelidze, Deputy Head of the National Environmental Agency, Georgia, PR of Georgia Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director General of MeteoSwiss, PR of Switzerland Klemen Bergant, Executive Director, EUMETNET Jorn Kristiansen, Deputy Director-General and Director of Forecasts, ECMWF	09:40 – 11:00
<i>Coffee break</i>		<i>11:00 – 11:30</i>
Wrap-up session	Ian Lisk and Jan Daňhelka Giorgiana Lüftner, RA VI Youth Focal Point, National Meteorological Administration of Romania	11:30 – 12:00