

# Wetskills-Romania 2022

Announcement for participants

# Join the 6<sup>th</sup> Wetskills Water Challenge in Romania (Bucharest)

Wetskills Foundation and partners invite last year Bachelor, Master, PhD students and graduates to apply for this new Wetskills event in Bucharest, Romania. This will be the sixth event in this water-rich country in Central Eastern Europe. The Finals and Awarding Ceremony will be organized at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Hydroinformatics, Bucharest, Romania, 4-8 July 2022. *Apply for this great opportunity!* 

An out-of-the-box & practical event to involve Future Water Leaders on 'Water & Data' at the 14<sup>th</sup> IWA International Conference on Hydroinformatics in Bucharest

Wetskills-Romania 2022 in Bucharest (from 24 June to 6 July)



The participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of four to five people, to develop innovative concepts to real-life case studies provided by the water sector (combination of industries, governments, NGOs and knowledge institutes) during an extensive two-week program.

The program will start with team building activities for the first two days to allow participants to get to know each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites both in Bucharest and surroundings. An intensive period will

Since 2010, almost 1000 students and young water professionals and more than 200 international partners (universities and organizations) have participated in 50+ Wetskills Challenges organized in Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, The Philippines, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh and India), North Africa & Middle East (Iran, Oman, Morocco, Israel and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (Hungary, Romania, The Netherlands & United Kingdom), North America (Canada, United States & Mexico) and Latin America (Colombia). al sites both in Bucharest and surroundings. An intensive period will follow that will focus on working on the assigned study case. Dutch and Romanian supervisors will guide you during the weeks and facilitate your team to find its own innovative concept.

Finally, the teams will pitch their results during a special Workshop at the 14<sup>th</sup> IWA International Conference on Hydroinformatics (International Water Association, co-organized by Politehnica University of Bucharest and Technical University for Civil Engineering in Bucharest) in Bucharest on 6 July 2022. The winning team will be announced and awarded then as well.

This Wetskills edition in Romania will be hosted by the Politehnica University of Bucharest. Wetskills Foundation partners with

University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest and Technical University for Civil Engineering in Bucharest. Other partners are Romanian Water Association, Romanian Waters, National Meteorological Administration in Romania and the Embassy of The Kingdom of The Netherlands.

# Application and selection (extended) deadline: 9 June 2022

Afterwards every week a selection of the new applications till the program is full. (First Come, First Served)

### Who can apply?

Any Young Water Professionals (up to 5 years of working experience) and (last year) Bachelor, Master or PhD from Romanian, European and beyond universities or organizations with passion for water and intercultural teamwork.





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#### How can I apply?

Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to <u>www.wetskills.com</u>, fill out and submit the online application form on the website.

### Selection criteria

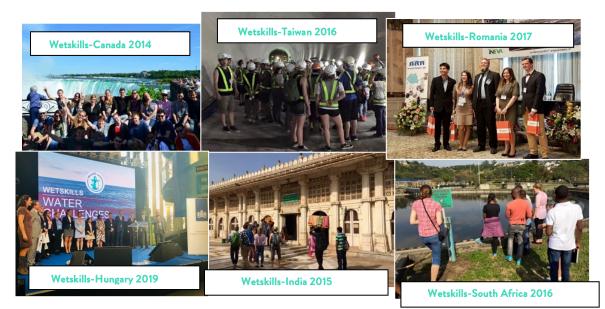
The Wetskills organization will make a final selection among applications received, based on quality of motivation & resume.

#### What are the costs?

The participation fee for (international) participants not living in Bucharest is € 295,- (excl. VAT). This participation fee includes accommodation, teambuilding activities, some lunches & dinners, field trips, workshop, supervision, trainings and working venues. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (plane tickets, local travel, etcetera), meals during working days and other personal costs.

For local applicants with accommodation in Bucharest, the participation fee is € 50,-.

During past editions participants often successfully arranged financial compensation for their Wetskills participation from their university or employer. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to inquire about funding opportunities to compensate the costs (university mobility funds, travel allowance etc.).



### What do I get?

A unique learning experience where you will tackle real-world water challenges!

- You will increase your skills in: international cooperation; problem solving, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary teamwork, networking and presenting (pitch & poster);
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit Bucharest and surroundings; water-related sites & water professionals;
- You will learn and experience more about the Romanian water sector, the main stakeholders and organizations;
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program.

#### More information

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