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# XIII WORLD CONGRESS

of the European Water Resources Association - EWRA2025

New challenges in understanding and managing  
water-related risks in a changing environment

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

**24 - 28 JUNE 2025**  
**Palermo, Italy**





The 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the European Water Resources Association (EWRA) on Water Resources and Environment under the title “*New challenges in understanding and managing water-related risks in a changing environment*” (EWRA2025) will be held in Palermo, Italy, June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (<https://ewra2025.ewra.net>) with the Italian National Consortium for Hydrology - CINID (Consorzio INTERuniversitario per l’IDrologia), the Department of Engineering, and the HYCLIC Lab of the University of Palermo (Italy) as organizers.

The aim of the Congress is to discuss innovation in water sciences, address current and future challenges, and assist in improving the capacity of countries to mitigate and adapt to climate change and new water-related hazards.

## INTRODUCTION

Promoting international cooperation and research exchanges in the field of water resources management, the Congress is a global benchmark forum gathering numerous scientists and engineers from various countries and cultures who will interact and explore ways to face the old and new global and regional challenges to water resources and ecosystems, for the benefit of present and future generations.

A wide range of topics addressing the most critical aspects of environmental sustainability, water resource management and risks will be presented and discussed in Congress. We welcome contributions from researchers from all aspects of water sciences who are keen to look beyond their research perspective and who like to discuss their research findings in relation to other approaches.

The Congress will be organized into several specialized Sessions around the following topics:

- Hydrological Processes in a Changing Environment
- Extreme Weather Events: Floods, Droughts, Geomorphic, and Coastal Risk Management
- Data and Models for Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Risk Assessment
- Geo-information and Water Resources
- Climate and Land Use Changes
- Environmental Vulnerability and Risk
- Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus
- Water Pollution and Eco-systems Conservancy
- Sustainable and Adaptive Water Resources Management
- Remote Sensing, Artificial Intelligence, and New Technologies in Water Sciences
- Water Distribution and Water Treatment
- Groundwater Hydrology and Contamination
- Non-Conventional Water Resources, Wastewater Reuse, and Desalinization
- Social, Political, Institutional, Legislative Aspects, and Ethics
- Ecohydrological Approaches for Enhancing Water Resource Sustainability
- Water Resources in Natural Ecosystems: Monitoring, Modelling, and Conserving Biodiversity

## TOPICS



There are three different ways to present a contribution to Congress:  
a) Oral, b) Poster, and c) Distant.

All types of contributions should be described in a “short paper” written according to the strict guidelines presented in the template of the Congress available on the [website of EWRA2025](#). Short papers should not exceed 2 pages, following the general structure and using the font type, margins and instructions presented in the template. All types of short papers will follow a peer-review process and authors will be asked to revise their short papers according to the reviewers’ comments.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Short papers from all categories are considered equivalent and will be included in the Proceedings of the Congress, which will be available to the participants during the Congress. All Papers will be evaluated for possible invitation to be extended and improved to be published as full articles in the journals of EWRA (with the consent of the authors). This process will take place after Congress.

A specially designed platform will be available soon for the submission of short papers on the website of the Congress.

Distant contributions (“Distant Papers”) may be submitted by scientists and engineers from any distant country of the world in order to promote the participation of researchers from low-income countries. The concept behind the “Distant Paper” submission is to give the opportunity to a wider audience of people from distant countries to participate in this benchmark event. Distant Papers may be submitted on all topics of the Congress. They will be treated as regular contributions submitted for oral presentation in the Congress, included in the Proceedings, and evaluated for possible publication (after expansion and amendment) in the EWRA journals. The guidelines for writing a “Distant Paper” are the same as for all the other types of papers (e.g., oral or poster). Also the deadlines for the Distant Papers submission are the same as for all the other types of papers. The authors of Distant Papers are obliged to send their presentation on video after the final acceptance of their paper.

## DISTANT PAPERS

Distant Papers will be treated as oral papers without the presence of the authors. The presentation of these Papers will be done via high-quality videos with sound prepared by the authors and submitted after the final acceptance of the paper. Videos of 10 minutes containing no more than 15 slides are required for each presentation. A rapporteur will be responsible for the presentation of the papers.

## LANGUAGE

The language of the Congress (papers, presentations, and discussions) will be English. No translation to any other language will be available.





## CONGRESS STRUCTURE

The Congress will be organized into different Sessions. Each Session will have one or more sub-sessions. Sub-session conveners will be responsible for the oral presentation of the papers by the authors and the discussions that follow at the end of each session. Oral presentations will have a duration of 12–15 minutes. Keynote presentations by prominent experts will also be delivered.

Special sessions will be organized for the poster and presentations.

## PUBLICATIONS

All accepted papers (oral, poster, and distant contributions) will be included in the Proceedings of the Congress.

A selected number of papers will be invited to be written as full papers to be published in the journals of EWRA (i.e., Water Resource Management, Environmental Processes, Water Utility Journal, European Water). As for the past editions of the Congress, it is envisaged that about 200 Papers will finally be selected to follow this procedure.

## PROGRAMME OF ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

A rich program for the accompanying people will be organized during the days of the Congress. Through guided tours, the accompanying people will have the opportunity to visit important monuments, museums, and other tourist sites in Palermo and surrounding areas.

A program of nighttime entertainment will also be organized for the participants and the accompanying people.

## ACCOMMODATION

A list of hotels will soon be available to participants for booking accommodation. All selected hotels will give special rates to the participants in the Congress. Needless to say, in Palermo, there are numerous hotels of all classes that the participants may select for their stay.

## SPONSORSHIP

The types of sponsorship available will be presented on the [website of the Congress](#) in due course. Interested organizations willing to offer sponsorship to the Congress can contact Prof. Leonardo V. Noto, Chair of EWRA2025 organizing committee ([leonardo.noto@unipa.it](mailto:leonardo.noto@unipa.it)).



Registration fees for EWRA and Non-EWRA participants include delegate materials, a gala dinner, coffee breaks, and light lunches. Students' registration fees include delegate materials, coffee breaks, and light lunches; the fee for the students who want to attend the gala dinner is increased by 50 €. The 1-day participation registration fee includes delegate materials, coffee breaks, and light lunches during the day of attendance. For the people registered for 1-day participation who wish to attend the gala dinner, an extra charge of 50 € is required. All details are summarized in the following table.

## REGISTRATION FEES

	Early* (up to 30 April 2025)	Regular* (after 30 April 2025)
EWRA members	300 €	380 €
Non-EWRA members	350 €	430 €
Students	170 € (220 € with gala dinner)	210 € (260 € with gala dinner)
1-Day participation	170 €	220 €
Distant paper participants	170 €	-
Accompanying persons	50 €	60 €

\* All prices exclude VAT. The standard VAT rate in Italy is 22% and will be applied at the time of payment.

After the Congress is over, all participants will receive their certificate of attendance via email, upon request.

For a presentation to be included in the scientific program, at least one of the authors of each paper should be registered to the Congress by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Each paper/presentation requires at least one registration, and the same registration cannot be used for another presentation. In case a participant wishes to present a second paper, an additional charge of 100 € is required (VAT included).

## TYPES OF PAYMENT

The possible types of payment will be presented shortly on the [website of the Congress](#).

## INSTITUTIONAL FEES

Each Institution (university, organization, institute, research center, ministry, public agency, company, NGO, etc.) is eligible for a 20% reduction in fees for its participants if it participates in the Congress with five (5) or more participants (not counting the students and accompanying people for whom special rates have been set). To achieve reduced fees, an institution must inform the organizers directly, provide a list of participants, and pay the total (reduced) amount for all of them.

## FEES OF ACCOMPANYING PEOPLE

The fee for accompanying people covers only the participation in the gala dinner or other similar events (e.g., reception) available to all participants. Coffee breaks and daily lunches are not covered. The participation of accompanying people in other social events, such as guided tours and excursions, will be possible at an additional low cost.



## COMMITTEES

### International Scientific Committee

The full list of the members of the International Scientific Committee is available on the [website of the Congress](#), and it includes more than 45 esteemed experts from different EU and non-EU countries.

### Organizing and Scientific Committee

Noto, L.V. ( <i>chair</i> )	University of Palermo (Italy)
Ciraolo, G. ( <i>vice-chair</i> )	University of Palermo (Italy)
Francipane, A.	University of Palermo (Italy)
De Marchis, M.	University of Palermo (Italy)
Alongi, F.	University of Palermo (Italy)
Arena, C.	University of Palermo (Italy)
Treppiedi, D.	University of Palermo (Italy)
Vangelis, H.	National Technical University of Athens (Greece)
Tigkas, D.	National Technical University of Athens (Greece)

### Organizing Bodies

The principal organizers of the Congress are the *Department of Engineering* and the *HYCLIC Lab* of the *University of Palermo (Italy)*, together with the Italian National Consortium for Hydrology - CINID (*Consorzio Interuniversitario per l'Idrologia, Italy*).

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ Deadline for submission of short papers: **15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**
- ✓ Notification of acceptance and comments for revision: up to **15<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

### CONTACT

Interested scientists may contact the Organizing Committee at: [ewra2025@ewra.net](mailto:ewra2025@ewra.net).

Detailed information on the paper submission will be presented on the Congress website in October 2024.

Please direct queries regarding submissions to Prof. Antonio Francipane ([antonio.francipane@unipa.it](mailto:antonio.francipane@unipa.it)).

### WEBSITE

<https://ewra2025.ewra.net/>

