

We kindly invite you to the Opening conference of the Project titled:

Improvement of drought and excess water monitoring for supporting water management and mitigation of risks related to extreme weather conditions
Acronym: WATER@RISK

that will be held on **17th January 2018. with the beginning at 10:00 h**
at the **Conference Hall of The Vojvodina Chamber of Commerce (3rd floor)**
Hajduk Veljkova street 11, Novi Sad

Organized by the Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad

Conference agenda			
10:00	10:30	Registration, press conference	
10:30	10:50	Welcome speech	
10:50	11:05	Objectives and outcomes of the WATERatRISK Project	Dr Viktória Blanka, Dr Zsuzsanna Ladányi, University of Szeged
11:05	11:20	WATERatRISK: challenges of monitoring and management of drought and inland excess water in the HUSRB region	Prof Dr Gábor Mezősi, University of Szeged
11:20	11:35	Water management extremes	Dr Péter Kozák, Lower-Tisza District Water Directorate
11:35	11:50	Planned Project activities of the Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad	Dr Minučer Mesaroš, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences
11:35	11:50	Refreshment - coffee break	
11:50	12:05	Planned Project activities of the Agriculture Faculty, University of Novi Sad	Dr Atila Bezdán, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Agriculture
12:05	12:20	Water-related plant stress	Dr Borivoj Pejić, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Agriculture
12:05	12:20	Real time data collecting for high precision mapping and monitoring of excess water inundation	Milan Njegomir, Vode Vojvodine
12:20	13:20	Lunch break	
13:20	15:00	<i>SESSION 2 - closed meeting of Project experts related to soil moisture measurement</i>	

The official language of the conference will be Serbian and Hungarian, with presentations written in English and simultaneous translation provided to the participants. The conference is open for the public.

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Project Summary

Weather extremes, intensified by climate change, can more and more frequently lead to the development of hydrological hazards. Among these drought and inland excess water inundation have the largest areal coverage and also the greatest regular impact on the agro-economic potential and sustainable development of the Cross border region. In spite of several earlier initiatives the estimation and mitigation of related risks has not reached an operative level yet.

The Project aims at the development of innovative and harmonized monitoring solutions and water management operational plans to facilitate early warning through the establishment of a joint Hungarian-Serbian Cross Border Drought and Excess Water Management Centre, responsible for further research and development, implementation of new monitoring techniques to water management and agriculture, communication and networking. Project outcomes will highly contribute to the development of cross-border water management and risk prevention systems, to the improvement of the ecological and quantitative status of water bodies and to the minimization of drought and inland excess water inundation risks. Moreover, the results will also support the sustainable development and climate resilience of strategic sectors and the entire CB region as well.

The project is implemented by the most important sectorial research centres and water management authorities of the region to ensure the successful elaboration of outlined professional and communication objectives.

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Project partners:

Lead Beneficiary: University of Szeged (Szegedi Tudományegyetem)

Beneficiary 1: Lower-Tisza-District Water Directorate (Alsó-Tisza vidéki Vízügyi Igazgatóság)

Beneficiary 2: University of Novi Sad Faculty of Sciences (Univerzitet u Novom Sadu, Prirodno-matematički fakultet)

Beneficiary 3: University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Agriculture (Univerzitet u Novom Sadu, Poljoprivredni fakultet)

Beneficiary 4: Public Water Management Company Vode Vojvodine (Javno Vodoprivredno Preduzeće Vode Vojvodine)

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