

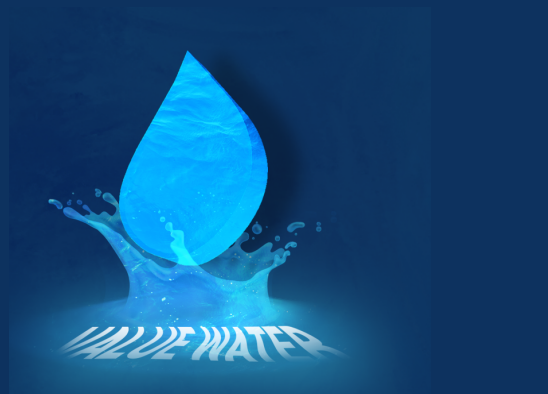
A BLUE NEW DEAL

WATER'S ROLE IN A SUSTAINABLE FAIR FUTURE

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VILA NOVA DE GAIA, PORTUGAL AND ONLINE

15:30 - 18:30 | CENTRAL EUROPE TIME



PROGRAMME

15:30 - 15:40 OPENING REMARKS

Eduardo Victor Rodrigues - Mayor of Vila Nova de Gaia

15:40 - 16:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Inês dos Santos Costa - Portuguese Secretary of State for Environment, Government of Portugal

SESSION 1

A sustainable management of water resources as a pillar of a fair climate transition

16:00 - 17:20 SETTING THE SCENE

Bettina Döser - Head of Unit 'Clean Water', European Commission

Stakeholder's perspective

- **Dan Lert** - Deputy Mayor of Paris, President of Eau de Paris
- **Afonso Do O** - Water Practice Coordinator, WWF Portugal
- **Vera Eirò** - Board Member of ERSAR (Portuguese Water Regulator)

*Followed by Q&A moderated by **Barbara Silva**, Chief Editor of Capital Verde EcoNews*

15:40 - 16:00 e-coffee break

SESSION 2

Public water services as drivers of the ecological transformation

17:30 - 18:30 SETTING THE SCENE

Mark Weinmeister - Member of the Committee of the Regions and Secretary of State for European Affairs of the State of Hessen (Germany)

The role of public water operators in:

- **Contributing to Circular Economy**
Kim Augustin, Head of Quality and Energy Management, HAMBURG WASSER
- **Bridging the skills gap and green jobs in the water sector**
Paul Campbell, Head of Learning & Organisational Development, Scottish Water
- **Fostering the advancement of scientific knowledge in water**
Beatrice Coloru, Researcher, Research Centre, SMAT
- **Connecting water to the smart city**
Miguel Lemos Rodrigues, Executive Director, Águas de Gaia

*Stakeholders' expectations - **Ricardo Campos** - President, Energy and Climate Forum*

*Moderated by **Barbara Silva**, Chief Editor of Capital Verde EcoNews*

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