



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
OF PUBLIC WATER OPERATORS

WORLD WATER DAY - 2021 -



APE MEMBERS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Aqua Publica Europea common message to mark World Water Day 2021:

On **World Water Day**, Aqua Publica Europea meets Prof Pedro Arrojo, **UN Rapporteur on the right to water and sanitation**, to discuss how **public water operators** can contribute to ensuring that, whichever and whatever the value of water is, **essential water and sanitation services are accessible to all citizens**.



Interview with the President of Aqua Publica Europea by ENA Research Institute for Alternative Policies, Greece.



Water as a common good: From theory to applied policies

Bernard van Nuffel, President of Aqua Publica & VIVAQUA (Brussels public water operator) interviewed on the public water operators' response to COVID-19, on the impacts of climate change on water resources and on the risks of further privatisation of water in Greece



Editorials and articles on the value of water:

- **Agua de Gaia (Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal):** Miguel Lemos Rodrigues, executive director of Águas de Gaia shares insights on public water operators' water value, [see here](#).
- **France Eau Public (France):** "Public water management: more and more elected representatives and local authorities are taking control of their water and sanitation services ", [see here](#).
- **AEOPAS (Spain):** Luis Babiano, President of the Spanish Association of Public Water Operators, open editorial "The value of public water", [see here](#).
- **PROMEDIO (Badajoz, Spain):** Interview with Raquel del Puerto, Vice President of PROMEDIO "The first 'vaccine' against any pandemic is clean drinking water", [see here](#).
- **AMAP (Catalonia):** Interview with Lluís Basteiro, manager of Catalan Association of municipalities for public water management (AMAP) "In Catalonia approximately 80% of the water is in the hands of private operators", [see here](#).
- **AMJASA (Javea, Spain):** World Water Day: "Amjasa's heroes and heroines", [see here](#).



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Events to promote the value of water:

- **19/03 Padania Acque (Cremona, Italy):** Online conference "Riflessi d'Acqua Pura" (Reflections on water) , [see here](#).
- **19-21/03 EMASESA (Seville, Spain):** Open Days at El Arboretum Botanical Garden, [see here](#).
- **19-24/03 Gruppo CAP (Milan Province, Italy):** World Water Day week: webinars and conferences, [see here](#).
- **22/03 MM (Milan Metropolitan area, Italy):** Live events at the Water Museum, Centrale dell'Acqua, [see here](#).
- **22/03 Acquedotto Pugliese (Puglia, Italy):** Online talk with the Icelandic writer Andri Snær Magnason on the cultural value of water, [see here](#).
- **22/ 03 Eau de Paris and City of Paris (France):** Conference on the utilisation of the Paris fountains [see here](#).
- **22-28/03 SMAT (Turin, Italy):** Conferences, podcasts and educational activities [see here](#).



Communication actions and materials:

- **22/03 Aguas de Gaia (Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal):** Calls to join the global "Turn the tap off for World Water Day" campaign to not consume tap water for one hour (22h-23h)
- **Scottish Government (Scotland):** Save water and energy awareness campaign, [see here](#).
- **Eau de Paris (Paris, France)** launches "Everything you need to know about water in Paris" educational kit, [see here](#).
- **Acqua Novara (Novara, Italy)** Video message on the value of water, [see here](#).
- **Aguas de Cádiz (Cádiz , Spain)** The fountain in the Plaza de Sevilla will be lit up in blue and white to celebrate #WorldWaterDay and a storytelling contest is ongoing, [see here](#).
- **Como Acqua (Como, Italy)** presents a booklet dedicated to water and its long journey from tap to treatment. [see here](#)
- **Irish Water (Ireland)** "Mini Walk for Water": to celebrate World Water Day and spread awareness of water poverty around the world. [see here](#)