

AGENDA

NATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA (NCEU-MK)

7th Session of Working Group 5, Environment (Chapter 27) and 14th Session of Working Group 1, Agriculture and Rural Development (Chapter 11)

Skopje, 9 June 2026, 09:30 – 16:00

Topic: "European Water Policies in an Era of Climate Change: Opportunities for an Integrated and Multi-Sectoral Approach in the Republic of North Macedonia"

Venue: Club of MPs

Working languages: Macedonian and English

09:30 – 10:15

OPENING REMARKS

Cvetan TRIPUNOVSKI, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of the Republic of North Macedonia;
Muamet HODZA, Minister of Environment and Physical Planning of the Republic of North Macedonia;
Iveta HRICOVA, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Republic of North Macedonia;

For NCEU-MK

Mileva GJUROSKA, National Coordinator of NCEU-MK, Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje;

Co-chairs

Maja LAZARESKA-JOVESKA, Head of the EU Sector, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;
Bojana STANOJEVSKA-PECUROVSKA, President of the Center for Climate Change, Skopje;

10:15 – 10:30

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 12:00

Panel 1: Water Security under Climate Change Conditions: European Policies and National Resilience

Expert analyses

Filip FILIPOVSKI, Director of AD "Vodostopanstvo";
Sonja LEPITKOVA, Professor, Faculty of Natural and Technical Sciences, University "Goce Delchev" - Stip;
Jane VRTESKI, Senior Consultant, Balkan Development Solutions;
Ana COLOVIC-LESOSKA, Coordinator of WG-5, Environment, Executive Director, Eco-Svest;

12:00 – 13:00

COFFEE BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS



13:00 – 14:30

Panel 2: Integrated Water Management, Agriculture and Rural Development

Ordan CUKALIEV, Professor at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University – Skopje;

Bojan DURNEV, Head of Sector at the Water Management Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;

Oscar CORONEL, Team Leader of the project "Strengthening Farmer Self-Organisation in Creating and Managing Small Irrigation Systems";

Ivan VANGELOV, "Agro-Bogdanci" Cooperative, Member of the Board of the National Farmers Federation;

Co-chairs

Maja LAZARESKA-JOVESKA, Head of the EU Sector, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;

Biljana PETROVSKA-MITREVSKA, Project Manager, National Federation of Farmers;

14:30 – 14:40

COFFEE BREAK

14:40 – 15:40

Panel 3: "What Do We Need to Know About Digitalisation in Water Management? Digitalisation of Water Registers? Institutional Interoperability? Transparent Database?"

Andreja NAUMOSKI, Professor at the Faculty of Information Sciences and Computer Engineering (FINKI) at the University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" - Skopje;

Ilber MIRTA, Head of Department for Waters, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning of North Macedonia;

Ivana BAJKOVIČOVÁ, Head of Department, Division of River Basin Management, Department of Water Planning, The Water Research Institute, Slovak Ministry of the Environment;

Co-chairs

Hristina ODJAKLIEVSKA, Graduate Engineer in Environmental Protection at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, PhD from the Institute of Geography, specialising in environmental protection;

Vasko HADJIEVSKI, Program officer, We Effect Europe;

15:40 – 16:00

CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ana COLOVIC – LESOSKA, Coordinator of WG-5, Executive Director of "Eco-Svest" – Skopje;

Biljana PETROVSKA-MITREVSKA, Project Manager, National Federation of Farmers;