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## Capitalizing on water research to overcome current and future water crises



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Water is a key resource for the 21st century. Already now, and even more so in the medium to long term, a sustainable use of water resources and aquatic ecosystems is unattainable under current practices. On top of this, we are facing the now manifest effects of climate change on the water cycle, which will further intensify in the future.

Overcoming the water crises is a systemic challenge that requires new ways of "valorizing" water research in order to bring the diverse and substantial innovations to the water sector, water users, and civil society more quickly, efficiently, and in a way that supports solutions.

The Water Research Horizon Conference 2024 marks a starting point for the "Water Science Community" to promote strategic thinking and to discuss potentials and obstacles with stakeholders from different sectors along the lines of key themes and to establish "valorization initiatives".



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