

UNESCO CHAIR DETAILED WORK PLAN FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS

Title of the Chair/Network:	UNESCO Chair on Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction
Host Institution:	University of Ljubljana
Date of establishment of Chair:	05/2016 date of agreement 12/2016 date of inauguration
Work plan period:	2020–2024
Report established by:	Prof. Dr. Matjaž Mikoš, Chair holder
Work plan:	<p>In the future, the UNESCO Chair on Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Be involved in IPL activities by executing IPL projects, by contributing to evaluation of IPL project proposals and World Centres of Excellence in Landslide Risk Reduction proposals, and by contributing to the Global Promotion Committee of the IPL. – Be further working as an active member of ICL by contributing to the Kyoto Landslides Commitment 2020 (signed in September 2019 by UL FGG), contributing to the editorial work for SCI journal <i>Landslides</i> issued by ICL and Springer Nature, by co-organizing the 5th World Landslide Forum in November 2021, Kyoto, Japan, by co-organizing the 6th World Landslide Forum to be held in Florence, Italy in 2023, by proposing IPL projects, by further supporting thematic and regional ICL networks, especially the Balkan-Adriatic Network and its 5th Regional Symposium on Landslide Risk Reduction to be held in October 2021 in Rijeka, Croatia. – If approved, in November 2020 proceed to work as the World Centre of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction for the next 3 years (2020-2023) - we were given this title for the first time in 2008 and were repeatedly awarded this title ever since during the following triennial World Landslide Forums. – Proceed to implement the activities of the Erasmus Mundus international interdisciplinary Flood Risk Management master study (coordinated by IHE Delft). – Research work within the framework of the national research programme P2-0180 Water Science and Technology, and Geotechnical Engineering that we plan to prolong for the period 2021-2027. – Further support the activities of the Slovenian National Committee for IHP UNESCO (UNESCO Chairholder is also chairing the NC IHP UNESCO in Slovenia and is member of the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO, while two more members of the UNESCO Chair are members of the Slovenian NC IHP UNESCO). – Will support the work of IHP Bureau and IHP Council in Paris. We will support the IHP project World's Large Rivers Initiative (WLRI). – Further work on development and intensify research activities in experimental river basins and enhance cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean Network of Experimental and Representative Basins (ERB, https://erb-network.simdif.com/). We plan to attend the next ERB Conference in Elba, Italy, in September 2020 (postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19). – Contribute to the draft of the IXth Programme of IHP UNESCO, and continue to support activities of other UNESCO chairs within the existing network, especially through the ICL community in the field of landslide risk reduction, and through already established cooperation within the international hydrology community. – Support the forthcoming 4th Congress on Waters in Slovenia to be held in 2021. – Support water diplomacy efforts of the Slovenian Government and support the organization of the Slovenian Presidency of EU in 2021. – Proceed with digitalization of existing materials (e.g. reports and proceedings from the Danubian countries) and with production of new materials in electronic form, freely available for the hydrology scientific community. Also supporting publishing of the SCOPUS journal <i>Acta hydrotechnica</i> is part of these efforts. – Further support all kind of national and international University of Ljubljana educational efforts and activities in the field of hydrological sciences and integrated water management, as well as in flood risk management and community (society) capacity building and development through risk dialogue with diverse stakeholders. – Cooperate on development and maintenance of the Glossary of Hydrology. – Maintain and develop the existing experimental river basins (e.g. Gradaščica river catchment). <p>Moreover, Slovenia is coordinating the national committee for IHP UNESCO in the Danube River Basin and their research efforts, and a workshop is planned to be held in November 2020 in Ljubljana to host national committees of region II.</p>