

# COP25 Madrid, Spain

## Meet the Expert Session

**Time: 16:30-18:30, 9 December**

**Venue: EU Pavilion**

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### **Youth Voices Policy Choices**

presenting the outcomes from 8 national dialogues between young water professionals and decision-makers in 8 European countries

Last year, the youth of Central and Eastern Europe were engaged in several sessions at [COP24](#) where they were given the chance to share their vision, strategy and messages that resulted from [Youth Voices Policy Choices Dialogue and Summer School Towards Agenda 2030](#) held in 2018. These passionate young people built upon the success at regional level and with the support of Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe, they successfully organized National Dialogues between young professionals and decision makers on water governance in eight European countries - Bulgaria, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Ukraine.

Youth from several European countries, who have successfully conducted these national dialogues will gather at the EU Pavilion for the **Meet-the-Expert session on 9<sup>th</sup> November (16:30-18:30)**. This interactive session will showcase the urgent need for a more open dialogue between youth and policy makers on water and climate change. The young professionals will present the outcomes of these dialogues and discuss the challenges of the water and climate sector from their perspective.

The focus will be on the results of the efforts done by young changemakers in the world under a framework of innovative activities, as well as on concrete recommendations and innovative solutions from all seven countries that were identified during the national events. The session will bring a closer look not just on the policy dialogue, but also on local actions undertaken or planned by the young professionals and will explore the influence that local actions can have on policy making and vice-versa.