

Launch of the RA VI Support Exchange Platform: Instructional Webinar

18 June 2026 at 13:00 – 14:30 (CEST), online

Background:

The Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative emphasizes regional cooperation and capacity development. Within WMO Regional Association VI (Europe), significant gaps remain among some of the 50 Members in terms of technical expertise, training opportunities, equipment, infrastructure and service delivery capacity. While many National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in RA VI have highly developed capacities and may have the possibility to offer support, others continue to face capacity gaps that limit their ability to further develop services and applications. In line with the Early Warnings for All Road Map in RA VI, there is a clear need to promote practical exchange, peer support, and strengthen solidarity among NMHSs across the region ensuring that RA VI, as a whole, benefits collectively from shared capacities, expertise, and experiences.

The RA VI Management Group has requested a structured and transparent mechanism to assess needs that could be matched with offers of support from other NMHSs in a timely, efficient way. At the same time, there was a recognition of the value of creating further opportunities for cooperation among the RA VI Members through joint activities and collaboration, especially in areas of common interest across the region. In response, the development of such a mechanism was taken forward as an action item of the RA VI High-Level Task Team for EW4All, leading to the preparation of the RA VI Support Exchange Platform. The platform was presented to the Management Group, and it was agreed to launch a pilot across all 50 states.

The webinar is intended to introduce the RA VI Support Exchange Platform to Members, showcase its functions, and outline its overall objectives. In particular, the webinar will present the platform as an online mechanism for WMO RA VI that promotes voluntary, no-cost collaboration among NMHSs by matching requests with support offered by other Members through a peer-to-peer approach. Requests that go unmatched and benefit from targeted financial input by WMO may be moved for consideration to the Voluntary Cooperation Program by the Secretariat.

The webinar will also include real examples, shared from the perspective of participating Members, to demonstrate the kind of offers and requests that may be presented and exchanged through the platform in practice.



Access to the platform:

RA VI Support Exchange Platform will be open in an initial round to all Permanent Representatives, Hydrological Advisors and Agency Approvers from RA VI.

Registration for the webinar:

Register via this [link](#) by 17 June 2026

Agenda:

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Moderation: Sari Lappi, Coordinator, WMO Regional Office for Europe			
Nr	Item	Presenter	Time
1	Opening		
1.1	Opening Remarks	Elena Mateescu (president of RA VI)	13:00-13:05
1.2	Opening Presentation: From EW4All Priorities to Platform Development	Mark Rieder (Chair of the RA VI High-Level Task Team on Early Warnings for All, vice-president of RA VI)	13:05-13:15
2	Perspectives of Members		
2.1	Live Demonstration of the Exchange Platform	Matthieu Kohl (Scientific Officer, Early Warning Services, WMO)	13:15-13:30
2.2	RA VI Members Perspective: Practical examples of current needs, offers and platform expectations	Invited RA VI Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Syrian Arab Republic</i> Hashem Sharba and Chadi Jawich, National Center of Meteorology - <i>Armenia</i> Amalya Misakyan, Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Center - <i>Czechia</i> Martin Benko, Hydrometeorological Institute - <i>Hungary</i> Tóth Róbert, HungaroMet 	13:30-14:10
2.3	Q&A	All participants	14:10-14:25
3	Launch of the pilot phase		



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3.1	Launching the Exchange Support Platform: Looking Ahead	Kornélia Radics (Director of the WMO Regional Office for Europe)	14:25-14:30
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