



Wetskills Romania 2019

Announcement for participants

Join the 4th Wetskills Water Challenge in Romania (Bucharest)

For the fourth time, the Wetskills organization invites last year Bachelor, Master, PhD students and graduates to apply for the Wetskills event in Bucharest, Romania. *Apply for this great opportunity!*

Wetskills Romania event in Bucharest, 3 – 14 June 2019

This event is aligned to the Official Opening of the Flood Proof Romania Polder (in Facau, 40 minutes southwest of Bucharest), a look-a-like testing facility as the Flood Proof Holland in Delft ([read more](#)). The event's theme is about 'testing and implementing smart water management innovations'. The final presentations will be organized at the Brigaid Conference (13 June 2019) and the winning team will be announced during the Opening of Flood Proof Romania Polder.



The participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of four to five people, to develop innovative concepts to the case studies provided by the water sector during an extensive two-week program.

The program will start with team building activities for the first two days to allow participants to get to know each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites both in Bucharest and surroundings. An intensive period will follow that will focus on working on the assigned study case. Dutch and Romanian supervisors will guide you during the weeks and facilitate your team to find its own innovative concept. Finally, the teams will pitch their results during the closing conference for the H2020 project **BRIGAIID**.

Since 2010, more than 650 students and young water professionals from about 150 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the more than 330 Wetskills Water Challenges organized in Asia (China, Taiwan, Indonesia and India), North Africa & Middle East (Iran, Oman, Morocco, Israel and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (Romania & the Netherlands North America (United States & Canada) and Latin America (Colombia).

The winning team will be announced and awarded the next day during the opening of the flood proof polder site.

Application and selection (extended) deadline: 1 April

Afterwards every two weeks a selection of the new applications till the program is full. (First Come, First Served)

Who can apply?

Any Young Water Professionals (up to 5 years of working experience) and last year Bachelor, Master or PhD student and recent graduates from European universities or organizations with passion for water and intercultural teamwork.

How can I apply?

Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to www.wetskills.com, fill in the online application form on the website and submit it.

Selection criteria

The Wetskills organization will make a final selection among applications received, based on quality of motivation & resume.



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What are the costs?

The participation fee for the programme for participants is € 275,- excl. VAT. This participation fee includes accommodation, teambuilding weekend activities, some lunches & dinners, field trip, workshop, entrance fees and working locations. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (plane tickets, local travel, etcetera), meals during working days and other personal costs. For applicants (from Politehnica and UTCB) with accommodation in Bucharest, the participation fee is € 50,- excl VAT. *During past editions participants often successfully arranged financial compensation for their Wetskills participation from their university or employer. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to inquire about funding opportunities to compensate the costs (university mobility funds, travel allowance etc.).*



What do I get?

A unique learning experience where you will tackle real-world water challenges!

- You will increase your skills in: international cooperation; problem solving, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary teamwork, networking and presenting (pitch & poster);
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit Bucharest and surroundings; water-related sites & water professionals;
- You will learn and experience more about the Romanian water sector, the main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities;
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program.

More information

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