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# **11<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**30 June 2023**

# **Agenda – OoB (Order of Business)**

- 1. Opening of the Plenary and appointment of the Chair**
- 2. Approval of the Record of the last General Assembly**
- 3. New WAMU-NET Members: presentation and welcome**
- 4. Winners' announcement of the 4th Edition of the Youth Prize Contest 'The Water We Want'**
- 5. The contribution of WAMU-NET to the UN 2023 Water Conference in NY (22-24 March)**
- 6. IHP Phase IX (2022-29) – Priority 2 'Water Sustainability Education': expected activities from WAMU-NET and its members reported at the OETWG 2 (Open-Ended Thematic Working Group n.2)**
- 7. New Working Group on IHP Phase IX and follow up of the WGs established in Marrakech**

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- 9. Status of 2023 annual Membership contributions (received until June 26th)**
- 10. Report on 2022 annual Membership contributions**
- 11. Approval of the final budget for the year 2022 (art.16): financial statements with revenues and costs**
- 12. New 'regional branch' of WAMU-NET (art.1 of the Charter) based at the Autonomous Province of Trento**
- 13. AOB – Proposals and suggestions from the members**
- 14. Closing of the meeting**

# OoB n. 1 - Opening of the Plenary and appointment of the Chair

Eddy  
Moors  
Netherlands



Chen  
Yongming,  
China



Sara  
Ahmed,  
India



Abdenbi  
El Mandour,  
Morocco



**OoB n.2**

**Approval of the Record  
of the last General Assembly**

**10th GA – General Assembly**

**16 December 2022**

# **OoB n.3**

## **New WAMU-NET Members: presentation and welcome**

**14 new members from:**

**Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, Finland,  
Indonesia, Italy, Slovenia, and USA**

**OoB n.4**  
**Winners' announcement**  
**4th Edition 2023**  
**Youth Contest 'The Water We Want'**

**Welcome by**

Francesco Fioretti (President of HYDRA  
Multimedia Museum, Marmore Waterfalls, Italy)

**Presentation by**

Lucrezia Gigante



**INTERNATIONAL  
YOUTH CONTEST AND AWARD  
4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION 2023**

**the  
water  
we  
want!**



**HYDRA**

Museo Multimediale  
Cascata delle Marmore

**Restyling of the home page  
by  
Giuseppe La Spada**



# Main partners 2020-2022

**3rd Edition - Year 2022**



**2nd Edition - Year 2021**



**1st Edition - Year 2020**



# Main partner year 2023



Museo Multimediale  
Cascata delle Marmore

**The partnership allows for cash prizes  
to be awarded to the 6 winners**

**Full acknowledgement of the supporting partner  
with its:**

**1. Logo on the WAMU-NET web site**

**[www.watermuseums.net/partner/](http://www.watermuseums.net/partner/)**

**2. Logo on the TWWW web site**

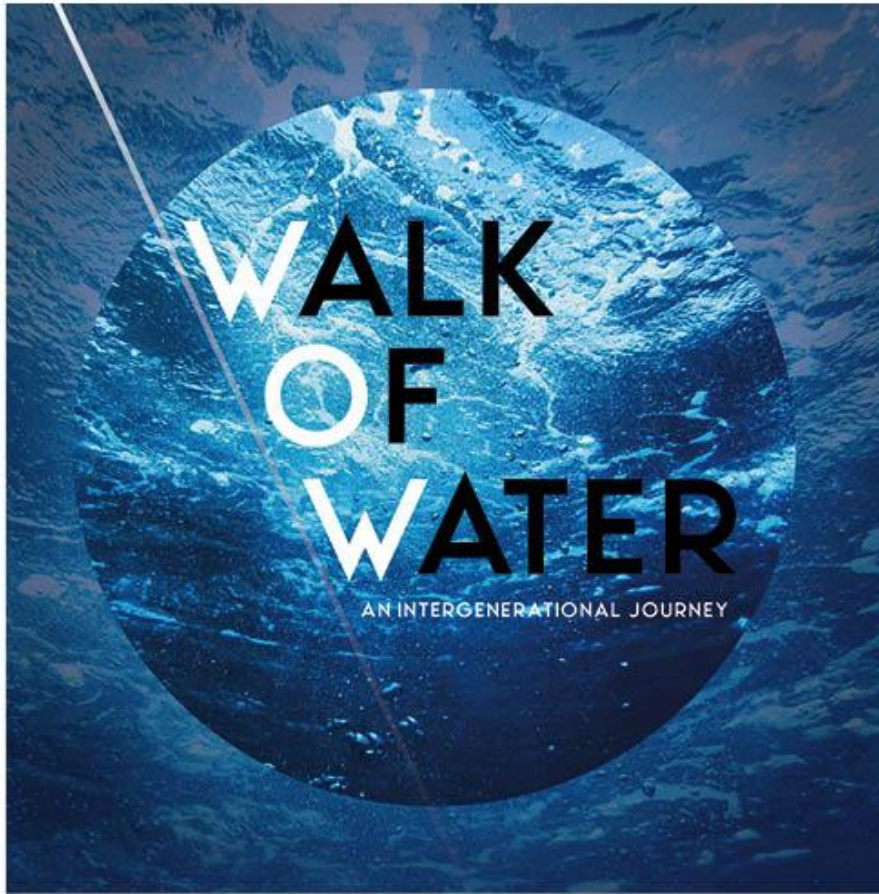
**[https://thewaterwewant.watermuseums.net/  
about/partners/](https://thewaterwewant.watermuseums.net/about/partners/)**

**3. Press release and certificates of awards**

# OoB n.5

## The contribution of WAMU-NET to the UN 2023 Water Conference in New York (22-24 March)





# An Intergenerational Journey

## Past, Present, and Future of Water

3 sections (60 images)  
adaptable to the needs  
of various members

Can be implemented in  
your museum under  
WAMU-NET's guidance



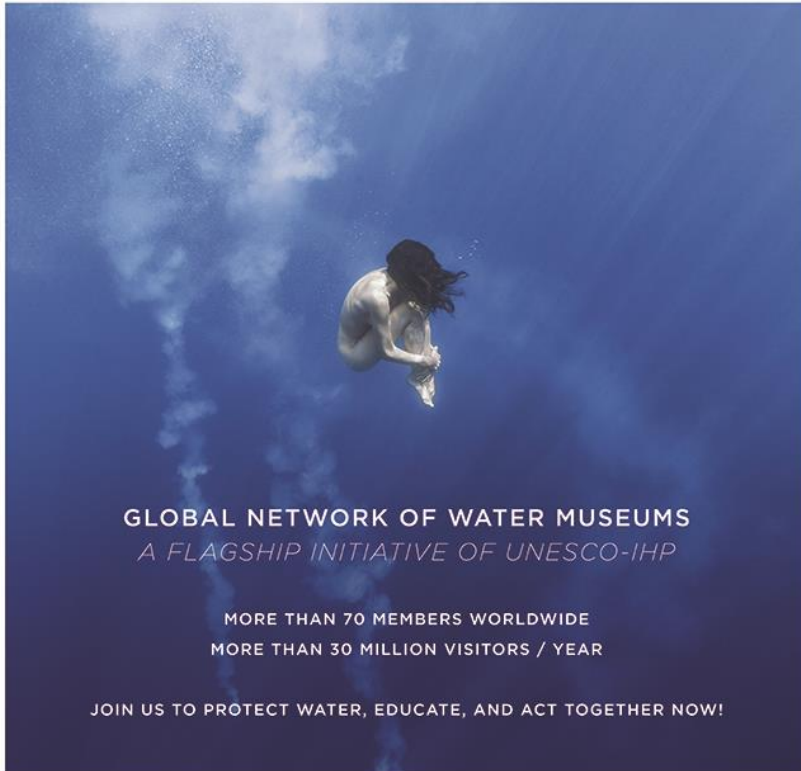
**OoB n.6**  
**IHP Phase IX (2022-29) - Priority 2**  
**‘Water Sustainability Education’ :**  
**expected activities from WAMU-NET**

WAMU-NET is included among the “Key Activities and outputs” of Priority Area n.2

WAMU-NET and all members’ activities will be reported at specific thematic Working Groups within IHP



Kingdom of the Netherlands



The Global Network is active to reconnect humanity to the tangible and intangible heritage of water, including its scientific, social, cultural, ecological, artistic, and spiritual dimensions.

Resolution n. XXIII-5 of the Intergovernmental Council of UNESCO-IHP titled "Global Network of Water Museums and UNESCO-IHP in support of water sustainability education and water awareness efforts"



<http://watermuseums.net/>



# IHP Resolution n.2-XXV (2022): 25th Session of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme

«CONTINUATION OF FLAGSHIP  
INITIATIVES DURING IHP-IX »:

The IC decides to continue “in  
view of its compliance with the  
IHP Flagship Initiative  
Framework ... the Global  
Network of Water Museums”

# IHP-IX

## Strategic Plan

of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme

Science for a Water Secure World  
in a Changing Environment

Ninth Phase 2022-2029

# Phase 9 of IHP Strategic Plan (2022-2029)

Five priorities:

1. Research
2. Education
3. Knowledge gap (...)

WAMU-NET is listed among the «Key activities and Outputs” on Water Sustainability Education

# PRIORITY 2 OF IHP PHASE 9: «WATER SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION»

*“UNESCO-designated sites and the Global Network of Water Museums will be mobilized in raising awareness and improving water culture of citizens.” (§ 119, p.25)*

“IHP-IX encourages a broad conception of water education .... to favor a change in behaviors towards a society with greater eco-social awareness [...] supporting the development of interdisciplinary materials such as guidelines, briefing papers, and case studies on leading practices in water education for mass media contributing raising awareness of public at large.”

<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000381318>



# IHP 9 – Key activities reported at Open-Ended Thematic Working Group n.2

- **2.1 Public's awareness at all levels raised towards better understanding their contribution to the important multi-functions of water in domestic life, ecosystems and productive development.**
- **2.1.4. Use of networks and partnerships to increase coverage in mass media and social media, including cooperation with journalists on water topics, using easy-to-understand facts, statistics, infographics, and video clips by public figures, also making use of the Global Water Museums Network (WAMU-NET)**

# **IHP 9 – Key activities reported at Open-Ended Thematic Working Group n.2**

- **2.2 Development and implementation of transdisciplinary research collaborations and educational approaches by UNESCO Water Family promoted to enhance participatory holistic practices**
- **2.2.4. Elaboration of formal, non-formal and informal education at all levels towards a better understanding of the importance of water for livelihoods and communities, through the mobilization of WAMU-NET and others, and implementation of Transformative Experience in informal science learning programs.**

# OoB n. 7

## **New Working Group on IHP Phase IX and follow up of the WGs set in Marrakech**

### **➤ New Working Group on IHP 9 (OETWG n.2)**

#### **Other WGs established in Marrakech :**

- 1. Water Sustainability Education (A.Otte)**
- 2. Worldwide Inventory (J.Morato)**
- 3. African Network (A.Benqlilou)**
- 4. Cross border engagement (V.Croitoru)**
- 5. Museums responses to crises (J.Lessa)**

## **OoB n. 8**

# **Discussion on ongoing projects and next planned activities**

- 1. WAMU-NET's contribution to the next World Water Forum in Bali, May 2024**
- 2. The CoP on Ancestral Hydrotechnologies**
- 3. EU-funded (small scale) project 'CREDIT' (Creative Digital Waters)**

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Ancestral Hydrotechnologies as a Response to  
Climate, Health and Food Emergencies

1st Conference (March 2023): Barcelona, Spain



[https://www.youtube.com/  
embed/0QA8x8407TM](https://www.youtube.com/embed/0QA8x8407TM)



> Creation of a CoP (Community of Practice) with  
other UNESCO Chairs to **focus on AHTs as NBSs**

# Valuing Ancient Water Cultures



## An Inspiring Source of Innovations for Sustainable Groundwater Management

Learning from past practices and knowledge to make the invisible visible: from Indian stepwells to Omani *aflaj*, Moroccan *khattaras*, Algerian oases, Chilean *socavones*, Mexican *tecuates*, and Mediterranean cisterns and wells

# VANS Digital Exhibition

[www.watermuseums.net/campaigns/valuing-ancient-water-cultures](http://www.watermuseums.net/campaigns/valuing-ancient-water-cultures)

## WIN project (2021 IHP Resolution n.7-XXI)

«UNESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF  
DEVELOPING FURTHER THE  
WAMU-NET»

[www.watermuseums.net/  
world-inventory/](http://www.watermuseums.net/world-inventory/)

(Activities > World Inventory)

- [The 2-step Toolkit](#)
- [Pilot Inventories](#) with two case studies (ITL and NL)



## **Small-scale project funded under the Creative Programme**

*Digitization of water-related natural and cultural heritage of museums*

### **Lead Partner**

DOC Servizi (IT)

### **5 Partners**

DOC Creativity, Virtual GEO, WAMU-NET, and 3 water museums (HYDRIA Greece; AQUATIKA Croatia; Water Factory Bologna Italy)

### **Activities**

training courses, workshops and digitization campaigns

### **New digital tools**

Digital routes and audioguides; 3D models; educational tools for kids;  
empowered tools for social media



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### **Results**

Digital tools co-designed for each participating museum

Web platform to host the tools and promote interaction with +museums

### **Opportunities for all WAMU-Net members**

- Open participation to n.3 training activities (from 2024)
- Open access to new educational media for kids and adults
- Social wall open to all WAMU-NET members
- Final agreement (2024-25) involving at least 12 WAMU-NET members



# **OoB n. 9**

## **Status of 2023 annual ordinary Membership contributions**

**Total membership contributions 2023 (collected until  
June 26<sup>th</sup> + including 15 new members): € 28.032**

**Expected memberships at 31.12.2023: € 34.000**

***Still pending from old members (to be paid in 2023):  
€ 6.000***

	FEES REGISTERED MEMBERSHIPS	MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023 (as of 27th June)				
	Museums	Director / Referent	Country	City	Payment details	
					amount	date
1	Danube Water-Adventure, Marktgemeinde Engell	Karin Wundsam	Austria	Engelhartzell	€ 300	03/02/2023
2	One Body of Water Association	Regina Hügli	Austria	Vienna	€ 200	27/02/2023
3	Water Museum, Bangladesh	Farah Kabir, Shubhomoy Haque, Avaya Dutta, Ali Shamsher	Bangladesh	Kalapara		
4	Hidrodoe	Hilde De Laet	Belgium	Herentals	€ 500	09/03/2023
5	Musee de l'Eau et de la Fontaine	Julie Marbaix, Cloe Laurent	Belgium	Ottignies	€ 300	26/01/2023
6	Musée des Egouts /Brussels Sewer Museum	Laurent Denis	Belgium	Brussels	€ 500	20/01/2023
7	Federal University of Tocantins	Luis Eduardo Bovolato	Brazil	Palmas	€ 440	26/06/2023
8	Musee de l'Eau	Alassane Samoura	Burkina	Ouagadougou		
9	Canadian Museum of Water - Musee canadien de l'eau	Dan Travers	Canada	PortMcNicoll	€ 198	24/05/2023
10	National Water Museum of China	Chen Yongming, Yumei Li (Emily)	China	Hangzhou		
11	The Changjiang Civilization Museum	Zhang Xiaowen (Tina), Zhixin Yu	China	Wuhan		
12	Chongqing Baiheliang Underwater Museum	Bangde Yang, Yan Li (Sharry)	China	Chongqing		
13	Yellow River Museum	Jianping Wang, director - Jiajia (traduttrice.)	China	Zhengzhou	€ 800	22/02/2023
14	AQUATIKA-Freshwater Aquarium	Margarita Maruškić Kulaš - Ivana Kaleb Vuletić	Croatia	Karlovac	€ 500	22/02/2023
15	National Institute of Hydraulic Resources (INRH)	Osvaldo Martinez Torres, Fermin Sardui	Cuba	Havana	€ 448	31/03/2023
16	Yaku Parque Museo del Agua	Luisa Ambrosi Turbay	Ecuador	Quito	€ 300	27/03/2023
17	Musée des Egouts / Paris Sewers Museum	Nicolas Londinsky	France	Paris		
18	Water Museum of Bavaria "Haus am Strom"	Ralf Braun, Gaby Rieger	Germany	Jochenstein	€ 400	25/01/2023
19	Historisches Klaerwerk Krefeld	Christoph Becker	Germany	Krefeld	€ 300	31/01/2023
20	World Water Museum	Keti Haliori	Greece	Athens/ <i>travelling</i>		
21	HYDRIA Water Network	Michael Scoullou - Vicky Malotidi	Greece	Athens		
22	Danube Museum/Hungarian Water Management	Istvan Horvath	Hungary	Esztergom	€ 400	14/06/2023
23	Water Museum of Udaipur, Rajasthan	Sushmita Singha	India	Udaipur		
24	Living Waters Museum ( <i>Digital Museum</i> )	Sara Ahmed	India	Ahmedabad	€ 100	07/03/2023
25	Subong Aqua Flores Digital	Hee Sook Lee-Niinioja	Indonesia		€ 100	09/02/2023
26	Museum Mandala Mathika Subak	Ismail Widadi	Indonesia	Bali	€ 450	26/06/2023
27	Yazd Water Museum	Mohammadmahdi Javadianzadeh	Iran	Yazd	€ 100	27/08/2021
28	Water Museum of Ireland	Mrs. Deirdre Crowe	Ireland			
29	Ecomuseum Martesana	Edo Bricchetti - Benigno Calvi	Italy	Milan	€ 200	07/02/2023

# OoB n. 10

## Report on 2022 annual Membership contributions

**Membership contributions collected in 2022:**

**€ 28.145**

**82 members (71 institutions + 11 individuals)**

**Still pending memberships (2022)**

Musée des Egouts, *France*; Kahramaa Awareness Park *Qatar*; World Water Museum, *Greece*; Water Museum of Kalapara, *Bangladesh*; Jeju Water Exhibition, *South Korea*

**5 pending memberships totaling € 1.950**

FEES REGISTERED MEMBERSHIPS	MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022 (as of 31 Dec.)					
Museums	Director / Referent	Country	City	Payment details		Receipt n.
				amount	date	
Danube Water-Adventure, Marktgemeinde Engelhartszell	Karin Wundsam	Austria	Engelhartszell	300,00	01/04/2022	39/22
Water Museum, Bangladesh	Farah Kabir, Shubhomoy Haque, Avaya Dutta, Ali Shamsheer	Bangladesh	Kalapara			
Hidrodoe	Hilde De Laet	Belgium	Herentals	500,00	10/03/2022	24/22
Musee de l'Eau et de la Fontaine	Julie Marbaix, Cloe Laurent	Belgium	Ottignies	300,00	04/08/2022	75/22
Musee de l'Eau	Alassane Samoura	Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou	100,00	04/05/2022	53/22
Canadian Museum of Water - Musee canadien de l'eau	Dan Travers	Canada	Port McNicoll	203,73	17/02/2022	11/22
National Water Museum of China	Chen Yongming, Yumei Li (Emily)	China	Hangzhou	800,00	02/03/2022	20/22
The Changjiang Civilization Museum	Zhang Xiaowen (Tina), Zhixin Yu	China	Wuhan	800,00	22/03/2022	31/22
Chongqing Baiheliang Underwater Museum	Bangde Yang, Yan Li (Sharry)	China	Chongqing	800,00	29/03/2022	36/22
Yellow River Museum	Jianping Wang, director - Jiajia (traduttrice.)	China	Zhengzhou	800,00	11/03/2022	26/22
AQUATIKA-Freshwater Aquarium	Margarita Maruškić Kulaš - Ivana Kaleb Vuletić	Croatia	Karlovac	500,00	15/02/2022	7/22
Yaku Parque Museo del Agua	Luisa Ambrosi Turbay	Ecuador	Quito	300,00	12/04/2022	44/22
Musee des Egouts	Nicolas Londinsky	France	Paris			
Water Museum of Bavaria "Haus am Strom"	Ralf Braun, Gaby Rieger	Germany	Jochenstein	400,00	14/02/2022	6/22
Historisches Klaufwerk Krefeld	Christoph Becker	Germany	Krefeld	300,00	25/07/2022	72/22
World Water Museum	Keti Halioti	Greece	Athens/travelling			
HYDRIA Water Network	Michael Scoullou - Vicky Malotidi	Greece	Athens	200,00	06/09/2022	58/22
Danube Museum/Hungarian Water Management Museum	Istvan Horvath	Hungary	Esztergom	400,00	28/06/2022	68/22
Water Museum of Udaipur, Rajasthan	Sushmita Singha	India	Udaipur	100,00	24/02/2022	15/22
Living Waters Museum ( <i>Digital Museum</i> )	Sara Ahmed	India	Ahmedabad	-	Gold Membership 2021-22	
Yazd Water Museum	Mohammadmahdi Javadianzadeh	Iran	Yazd	100,00	27/08/2021	5/22
Water Museum of Ireland	Mrs. Deirdre Crowe	Ireland		300,00	02/03/2022	19/22
Ecomuseo Martesana	Edo Bricchetti - Benigno Calvi	Italy	Milan	200,00	16/02/2022	10/22
Opificio delle Acque - Water Factory of Bologna	Andrea Bolognesi, Chiara Soldati	Italy	Bologna	300,00	25/02/2022	16/22
MUSE - Science Museum	Lanzinger, Tardio	Italy	Trento	800,00	24/02/2022	14/22
Water Museum of Venice	Erierto Eulisse	Italy	Venice	200,00	26/05/2022	55/22
River Navigation Museum (TVB)-Museo Civico d. Navigazione	Maurizio Ulliana - Sonia Sottana	Italy	Battaglia Terme	300,00	14/06/2022	65/22
University of Venice Ca' Foscari	F. Vallerani - Silvia Lovatti	Italy	Venice	650,00	08/04/2022	42/22
Natural History Museum, Fondazione Musei Civici	L. Mizzan - P. Genovesi - M. Fusco	Italy	Venice	500,00	16/06/2022	66/22
Parco Regionale Veneto Delta del Po	Marco Gottardi, Sara Bianchi	Italy	Rovigo	650,00	10/08/2022	77/22
Associazione Paese dell'Acqua	Marco Iamiceli	Italy	Sassinoro (BN)	200,00	22/03/2022	32/22
Ecomuseo della Risaia - Italy	Barbara Chilesi-Filippo Mantovani	Italy	Castel d'Ario (MN)	300,00	03/06/2022	62/22

# OoB n. 11

## Approval of the final budget for the year 2022 (art.16)

Loss for the year 2022 : (-) € 938

*Considering the 5 memberships still pending for 2022 (totalling € 1.950), the final budget would register a final surplus of approx. (+) € 1.000*

<b>Revenues and costs at</b>		<b>31/12/2022</b>		<b>sintetic</b>		
<b>INCOMES (REVENUES)</b>		importo €		<b>EXPENSES</b>		importo €
<b>MEMBERSHIP WAMUNET</b>		<b>50.195</b>		<b>Travel expenses and missions</b>		<b>4.093</b>
Membership Fees paid				<b>Cash Prize The Water We Want</b>		<b>1.800</b>
				<b>Expenses (web site maintenance)</b>		<b>895</b>
<b>Membership year 2021</b>		<b>1.500</b>		<b>Activities Sottana S.</b>		<b>4.180</b>
paid 2022				<b>Activities e expenses team</b>		<b>1.978</b>
				<b>Other Activities</b>		<b>11.200</b>
<b>Other Incomes</b>		<b>29.289</b>		<b>Schiavon Stefania - Administration &amp; secretary</b>		<b>4.816</b>
				<b>Communication Team</b>		<b>17.480</b>
				<b>Activities Charlerey M. P.</b>		<b>6.267</b>
				<b>Other expenses</b>		<b>1.635</b>
				<b>Membership of WAMU-NET to Civiltà dell' Acqua</b>		<b>22.500</b>
				<b>Office supplies</b>		<b>230</b>
				<b>Fiscal external services (st Lenarda remuneration)</b>		<b>1.521</b>
				<b>Accountancy Management (Linden)</b>		<b>1.830</b>
				<b>Other taxes</b>		<b>1.237</b>
				<b>Bank account expenses</b>		<b>258</b>
Total Incomes		<b>80.984</b>		Total Expenses		<b>81.922</b>
Difference		<b>- 938</b>		Surplus		

## **OoB n. 12**

# **New 'regional branch' of WAMU-NET (art.1 of the Charter) based at the Autonomous Province of Trento**

**ADEP (Water and Sewage Agency of Trentino)  
today hosts a new independent branch office  
of WAMU-NET located at the  
Autonomous Province of Trento.**

**The move coincides with the termination of  
collaboration with the Venice University.**

## **OoB n. 13**

# **Proposals and suggestions from the Members**

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## **OoB n. 14**

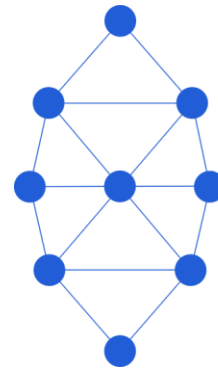
# **Closing of the Meeting**



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