

WATER4ALL
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Water4All:
Water security for the Planet
INFORMATION WEBINAR
23 September 2022

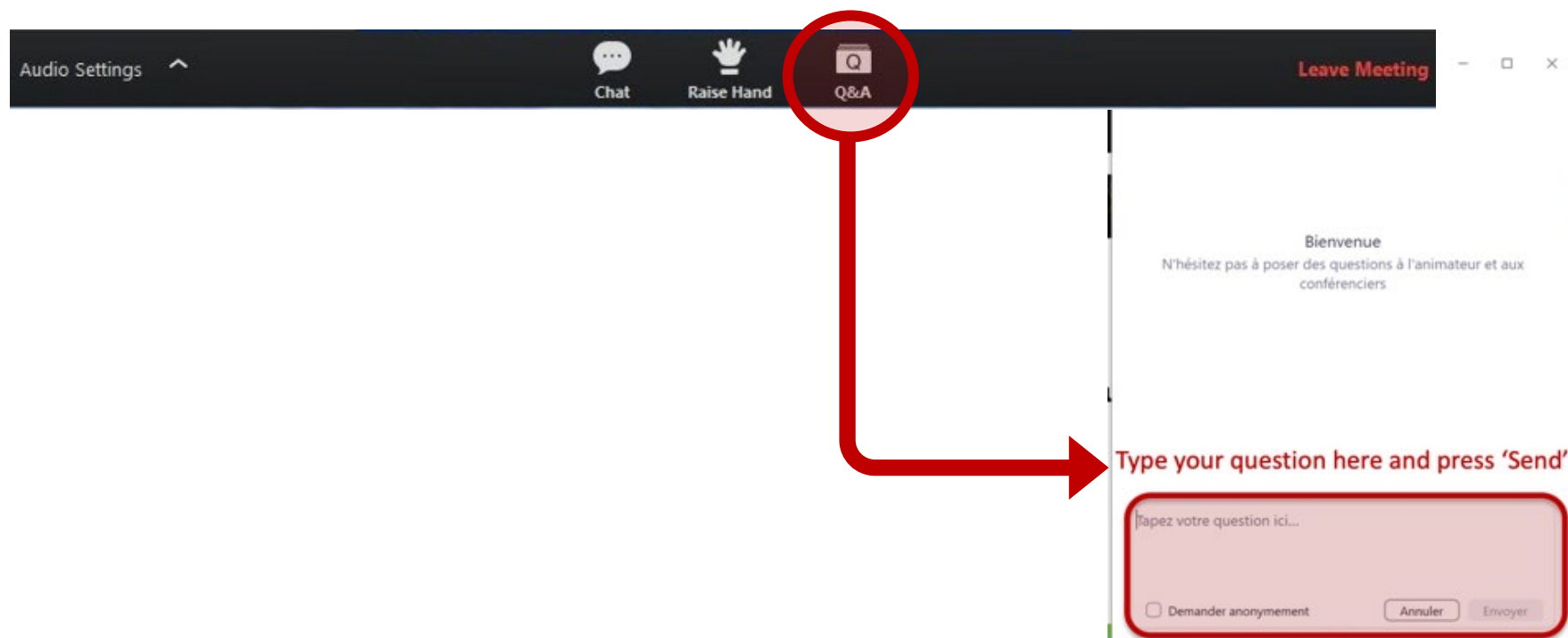
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Speakers

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Webinar Instruction

- 1 For your information: the webinar is recorded and will be available on the Water4All / Water JPI website
- 2 Audio available to the presenters only
- 3 For any question: **USE "Q&A" FUNCTION**



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1. Quick presentation of the Water4All Partnership

A co-funded partnership under Horizon Europe

- National/regional research funders and policy makers
- in association with other research and economic actors
- From 2022 to 2029 and beyond
 1. Launch: 1st June 2022
 2. Some activities may last until 2032
- 79 partners
 - 23 EU MS + 8 non-EU countries



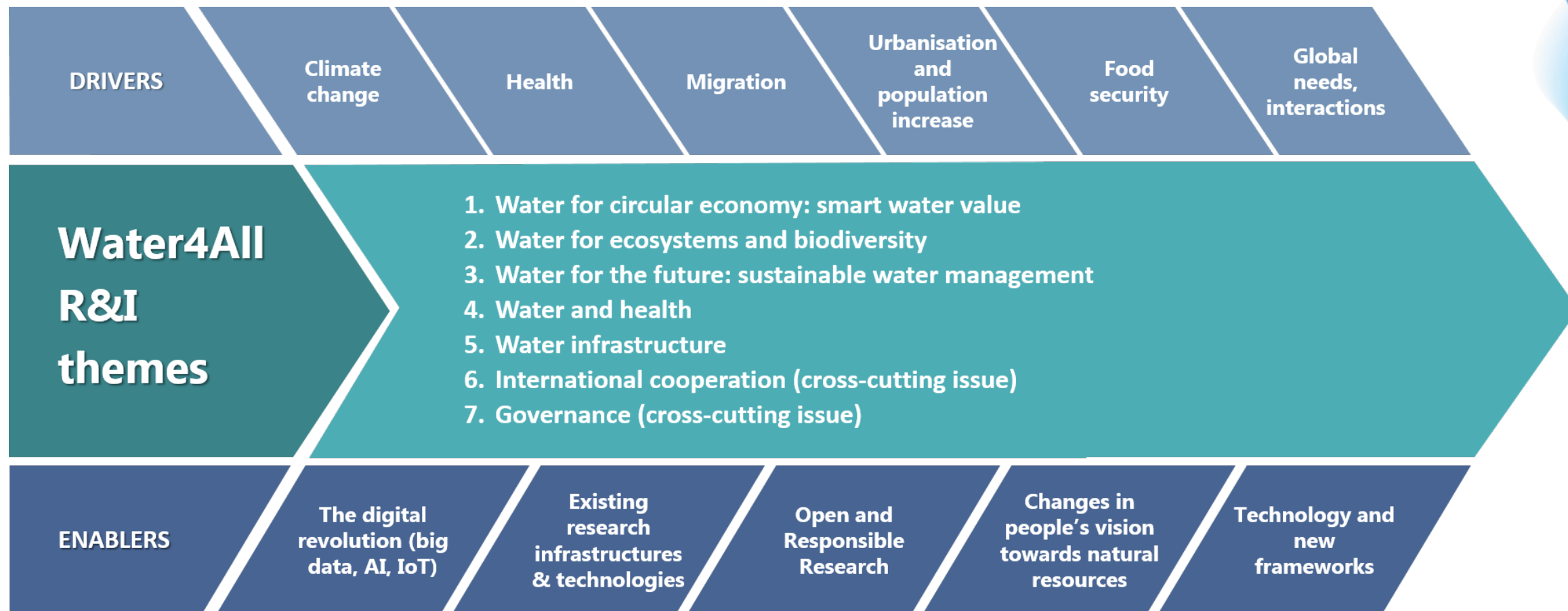
| Category | Number of partners |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| R&I ministries / agencies | 34 |
| Sectoral ministries /agencies | 13 |
| Local authorities | 3 |
| EU networks | 3 |
| National/regional networks | 8 |
| Research Performing Organisations | 18 |

Aiming at concentrating water R&I actors and its funding in Europe and beyond

Vision:

- Systemic transformations across the water research and innovation pipeline, fostering the matchmaking between problem owners and solution providers.
- Ensuring water security for all in the long term

Water4All's RDI themes: SRIA



SRIA Themes addressed through a variety of actions

E. Internationalisation

Developing international cooperation agreements
Engaging with UN Water and other international stakeholders
Developing innovative tools for cooperation

B. Research and innovation Development

Joint transnational calls
Thematic annual programming
Young researchers calls
Demo/transfer calls

A. Joint vision & SRIA

SRIA Development
Mapping of programmes and impacts
Development of synergies
Dissemination

D. Demonstrating Solution efficiency

Water Living Labs (LLs) & demos atlas
Network of LLs/demos and roadmap for demonstration implementation
Support to development of new LLs
Market uptake support
Liaising with investors

C. Science – Policy - End-users interface

Knowledge hubs, policy WGs
Support to start-ups creation
PhD scheme; mobility scheme
Vocational training
Capacity building on systemic thinking
Link to research infrastructures
Toolbox for managing water data

2. Functioning a European Partnership Joint Transnational Call

How does a Joint Transnational Call work?

Funding Organisation #1
Funding Organisation #2
Funding Organisation #3

...

Funding Organisation #N



Co-funding from the
European Commission (EC)



One joint Call

With one single joint (international) evaluation

- One ranking list
- Funding of the best top projects



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1. TOPIC & SCIENTIFIC CONTENT OF THE CALL

“Management of water resources: resilience, adaptation and mitigation to hydroclimatic extreme events and management tools”

Topic 1: Resilience, adaptation and mitigation to hydroclimatic extreme events

1.1 Addressing knowledge gaps in our understanding of the causes of water scarcity, drought events, seasonal variability in climate impacts to develop adaptation and mitigation measures, taking climate change into account.

1.2 Developing and demonstrating innovative (or improved) societally acceptable adaptation and mitigation strategies to cope with hydro-climatic extreme events and their increase in length and duration. This includes floods and droughts, although is not limited to them, adopting a regional or a basin scale wide approach.

1.3 Improving resilience and adaptation capacity of water infrastructure (e.g., industrial water facilities, urban networks, wastewater treatment facilities, stormwater management systems and rural systems) to hydroclimatic extreme events.

Topic 2 Tools for water management - in the context of hydroclimatic extreme events

2.1 Developing tools (e.g., multi-risk approach, decision support tools, monetary/non-monetary costs valuation) to support the design and implementation of strategies for adaptation and mitigation to hydroclimatic extreme events, especially floods (including “flash-floods”), heat waves and droughts in a catchment to sea perspective.

2.2 Generating new methodologies, tools and models for water resources assessment/modelling for water bodies in scarcely monitored /data scarce areas. A combination of physical and digital solutions is expected, and opportunities provided by citizen science should be seized.

2.3 “Smartening the water system” and use of innovative digitalization, including improved/new sensors, models, communications and computing technologies.

Topic 3 Improved water governance in the context hydroclimatic extreme events and international contexts

3.1 Undertaking an analysis and developing robust Governance models for the management of water resources in the context of extreme events, is critical increasing the decision-making capacity of institutions and involvement of citizens. This should include ways of improving coordination between water managers to increase our capacity to reduce vulnerability to extreme events, as well as effectively respond to them.

3.2 Addressing and encouraging international cooperation in the field of water, including management of transboundary water resources and contribution to Water Diplomacy.

Selected notes from Call Announcement:

- It is not compulsory to address all subtopics within a topic in the proposals.
- It is possible to submit comprehensive proposals addressing more than one topic and subtopic.
- Focus on solutions for hydroclimatic extreme events.
- The effects of hydroclimatic extreme events can relate to both water quality and/or quantity.

2. EXPECTATION TOWARDS APPLICANTS

Proposals are expected to:

- Be **scientifically excellent**: The proposals can focus on the development of new knowledge through basic research and/or the implementation of solutions and tools, not duplicating past efforts and results.
- Be **multi-disciplinary**, where relevant: Consortia should also crosscut scientific disciplinary boundaries (multi- or interdisciplinarity), combining exact sciences with social sciences and humanities.
- Demonstrate a **transnational added value**: approaches should avoid focus on local cases and solutions that cannot be used or scaled-up elsewhere. Activities are not restricted to Europe, unless the national rules state otherwise.
- The results should contribute to the implementation of evidence-based, global, EU and national water management policies and strategies.

Proposals are expected to:

- Clearly demonstrate **knowledge transfer**.
- Clearly demonstrate **impact** of the deliverables in at least the overall impacts defined:
 - Improved water availability and optimisation of water quality and quantity for all uses in Europe, while maintaining ecosystems needs.
 - Improved resilience of European populations to water-related hazards, extreme events and climate change.
 - Supporting the implementation of the UN SDGs and ensuring a Just Transition for all.
- See note on “Theory of Change” in the Call Announcement.

3. CALL PROCESS & ELIGIBILITY RULES

Participating countries

| Country | Funding Organisation | National budget |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Austria | FWF | 700.000,00 |
| Belgium | VLAIO | 800.000,00 |
| Belgium | FWO | 700.000,00 |
| Belgium | F.R.S.-FNRS | 300.000,00 |
| Brazil | CONFAP | 963.400,00 |
| Brazil | CNPq | 100.000,00 |
| Czechia | TA CR | 700.000,00 |
| Denmark | IFD | 1.000.000,00 |
| Estonia | ETAg | 150.000,00 |
| France | ANR | 1.700.000,00 |
| Germany | BMBF | 1.000.000,00 |
| Hungary | NKFIH | 330.000,00 |
| Ireland | EPA | 500.000,00 |
| Italy | MUR | 2.700.000,00 |
| Italy | MISE | 3.000.000,00 |
| Israel | MoE | 400.000,00 |
| Latvia | LZP | 500.000,00 |
| Lithuania | LMT | 150.000,00 |
| Luxembourg | FNR | 350.000,00 |
| Malta | MEEE | 300.000,00 |
| Moldova | NARD | 100.000,00 |
| Netherlands | NWO | 1.128.000,00 |
| Norway | RCN | 1.000.000,00 |
| Poland | NCBR | 1.000.000,00 |
| Portugal | FCT | 500.000,00 |
| Romania | UEFISCDI | 1.000.000,00 |
| Slovak Republic | SAS | 240.000,00 |
| South Africa | WRC and DSI | 90.000,00 |
| Spain | AEI | 1.500.000,00 |
| Spain | CDTI | 1.200.000,00 |
| Sweden | FORMAS | 2.000.000,00 |
| Switzerland | SNSF | 900.000,00 |
| Turkey | TUBITAK | 500.000,00 |
| United Kingdom | EPSRC UKRI | 299.546 |

34 funding organisations from 29 countries

Total funding for the Call:

over 34M€
(+ EU Contribution)

The funding organisation may have defined maximum allowed budget per partner and/or project

➤ **CONSULT THE NATIONAL REGULATION ONLINE:**

http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2022-water4all/water4all_national_regulation_master_07092022.pdf

➤ **CONSULT THE LIST OF NCP ONLINE:**

http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2022-water4all/national_contact_points_water4all.pdf

Third countries and other countries

Timeline

!! Do not wait until the last minute to submit !!

| First Step: Submission of pre-proposals | |
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| 30 June 2022 | Pre-announcement |
| 1 Sept. 2022 | Call Publication 1 st Step opening |
| 31 Oct. 2022 | Deadline for submission of the pre-proposals |
| 2 - 30 Nov. 2022 | General and National eligibility checks by the CS and FPOs |
| 20 Jan. 2023 | Notification to the applicants of the 1st step outcomes |
| Second Step: Submission of full proposals | |
| 20 Jan. 2023 | 2nd step opening |
| 20 Mar. 2023 | Deadline submission of the full proposals |
| 21 - 27 Mar. 2023 | Eligibility check of full proposals by Call Secretariat |
| 31 May - 1 Jun. 2023 | Evaluation Panel Meeting – Ranking list |
| 5 Jun. 2023 | Meeting CSC for selection of proposals recommended for funding |
| 6 Jun. 2023 | Notification to the applicants of the 2nd step outcomes |
| 6 - 20 Jun 2023 | Period for appeal |
| 5/6 Jul. 2023 | Final approval of the proposals recommended for funding |
| Last quarter 2023 / 1st quarter 2024 | Start of the RD&I projects |

Submission procedure

- **STEP 1: Mandatory submission of pre-proposals** through the Online Submission Platform
 - !! Applicants cannot enter the procedure at a later stage !!
 - Eligibility check (Call Secretariat and related Funding Organisations)
 - First evaluation by independent evaluation experts according to the following criteria:
 - Excellence*
 - Impact*

Minimum threshold, i.e., 3 out of 5 in each criterion.

- **STEP 2:** Applicants invited to step 2 have to **submit a full proposal via the Online Submission Platform**
 - Eligibility check (Call Secretariat)
 - Evaluation by external experts and an independent evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
 - Excellence*
 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation*
 - Impact*

Threshold on the final score is 10/15

Consortium Composition

- Each consortium must be composed of at least a minimum of **three eligible partners that request funding from participating Funding Partner Organisations from three different countries.**
 - In addition, part of the eligible Partners, **at least two must be from different EU Member States or Associated Countries (AC)** participating in the call (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf)
- **The upper limit of eligible project partners per consortium is 7 (including 1 self-funded partner).**
 - No more than one self-funded project partner per consortium is allowed.
 - The applicants have to prove their willingness to self-fund their own activities or the willingness of other partners to fund their activities by sending a letter of intent/commitment together with the **full proposal**.
 - A self-funded partner cannot coordinate a project.
- **The maximum number of partners from the same country within the consortium must comply with national/regional regulations.**

A consortium including organisations from Portugal, Italy and Brazil (Non EU member BUT participating in the Call)

Eligible

- ✓ 2 different EU MS and AC (Portugal and Italy) & Partners from 3 different participating countries (Brazil)

A consortium including organisations from France, Spain and Greece (as self-funded partner)

Not Eligible

- ✓ 2 different EU MS and AC (France and Spain) & Partners from 3 different countries (Greece) whose one not requesting funding
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Other general eligibility rules

Project duration: 3 years

- The Consortium Coordinator must be eligible for funding by a Funding Partner Organisation (FPO) of this call.
- The Principal Investigator acting as **Consortium Coordinator** can only participate in one proposal of this call, i.e., he/she cannot participate in any other proposal, neither as a Consortium Coordinator nor as Principal Investigator of a partner. In roles other than that of a Coordinator, the applicants can participate in several proposals, as long as this is in line with their funding organisation's eligibility rules.
- Proposals must be written in **English**.

Eligibility of international research institutions

- **The Joint Research Centre (JRC)** can participate in a proposal as a self-funded partner.
- **Institutions from countries not participating in the Call** may join consortia only as partners (not as coordinator). Participation will be at the institutions' own expense.
- **International institutions** need to investigate their respective national eligibility guidelines if they are eligible to participate as funded partners and make sure they would be able to fulfil the duties of funded projects (i.e. signature of consortium agreement).

Changes allowed between pre & full proposals

!! The information given in the pre-proposals is binding**!!**

- **No major changes regarding the proposals' content** will be allowed between the pre-proposals and full proposals.
- Regarding the administrative details, a limited number of changes may be allowed provided they are in line with the general rules of the call and the rules of the Funding Partner Organisations (FPO). Participant shall contact the call secretariat via e-mail and their NCP.
 - **Minor change of budget** if allowed by the relevant FPO.
 - **No changes of coordinator** (P.I. Principal Investigator in charge) will be allowed, except in case of force majeure. A request of **change of coordinator must be submitted to the Call Secretariat, at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals** and it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

Changes in the consortium composition

- **A limited number of changes in the consortium composition** maximum 2 changes of Project Partners in proposals with more than 5 partners; maximum 1 change of project partner in proposals with 5 or less partners, provided approval by the concerned Funding Organisations.
- **In terms of procedure:** The eligibility of new research Partners must be confirmed before the full proposal submission deadline. Changes must be asked first to the NCP, who needs to check the eligibility and agree with the change.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED AS A CHANGE?

- **addition, removal or replacement of a Partner** (incl. subcontracted and self-financed partners).
- Please note that the maximum number of changes applies to **“Partner”, i.e., the independent legal entity** participating in the Transnational RD&I project

Funding organisations' financial rules and eligibility criteria

Each National / regional Funding Organisation funds its own national / regional team

!! Applicants must comply with their funding organisations' eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items)

Applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules **!!**

➤ Consult the Funding Organisations' Contact Points here:

water4all2022_callsecretariat@mur.gov.it

AND National Regulations

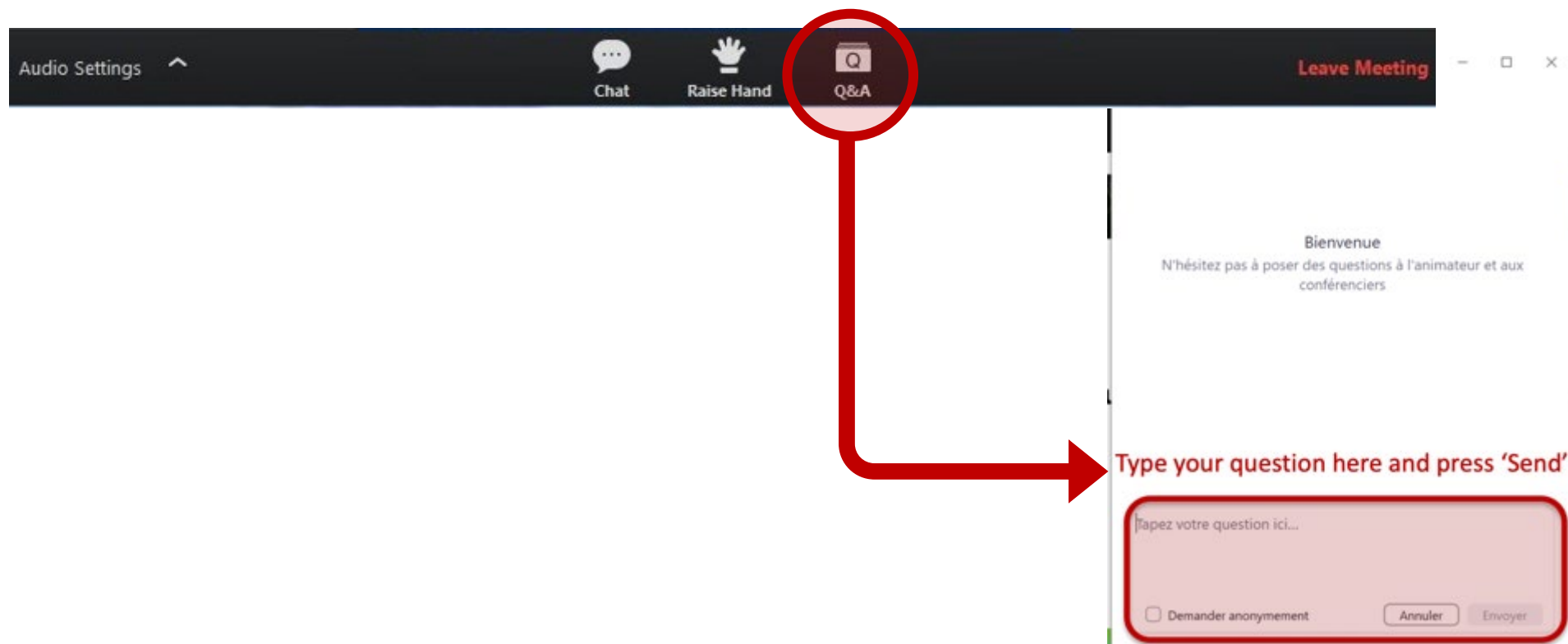
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Q&A Session

Ask your questions online **via the Q&A section**



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Bienvenue
N'hésitez pas à poser des questions à l'animateur et aux conférenciers

Type your question here and press 'Send'

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Submission Platform and Partner Search Tool

- Use the **Water4All Partner Search Tool**

You simply have to fill in a Partner / Project Search form on the Online Submission Platform (**in English**)

Link: <https://water4all2022-submission.mur.gov.it/Partnering-Offers/>

- ❖ Your form will be visible on the platform and you may be contacted by other applicants

- ❖ Have a look at the forms submitted through a **user-friendly search function**: search for partners or projects to join on the platform according to different criteria: country and keywords

- **Water4All Online Submission Platform**

- ❖ Preproposal Submission Guidelines and Preproposal Template available

Link: <https://water4all2022-submission.mur.gov.it/>

Resources available online



<https://water4all-partnership.eu/>



EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP WATER4ALL – WATER SECURITY FOR THE PLANET



<https://water4all2022-submission.mur.gov.it/>

Search for Partner / Project



➤ Consult the **CALL DOCUMENT** containing the following information:

- Call Announcement (call text)
- National Regulations
- National Contact Points

➤ Consult the **Online Submission Platform** containing the following information:

- Call Document
- Preproposal Submission Guidelines
- Pre-proposal application form (for information; to be accessed via Online Submission platform)
- Data policy
- **Partner Search Tool**

➤ Coming Soon: Webinar recording, PPT and **FAQ**

Thank you for your participation!

Find out more about the call:

<http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2022-water4all>

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