



# Water4All & Ecohydrology: Synergies for Water Resilience WORKSHOP

01 – 02 July 2026, Łódź, Poland

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## Workshop rationale

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The meeting aims to provide a dedicated platform for Water4All projects to exchange knowledge, identify synergies, and strengthen the role of ecohydrology and nature-based solutions (NBS), including blue–green infrastructure (BGI), in addressing hydroclimatic extremes across diverse environmental and socio-economic contexts.

The concept of the workshop builds directly on the **Ecohydrology Programme of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP)**, where ecohydrology has been demonstrated as both a conceptual and operational foundation for integrated and adaptive water management. The workshop in Łódź **will bring together Water4All-funded projects with UNESCO IHP Ecohydrology Programme and Water4All Programme Specialists** to jointly explore how ecohydrology can enhance scientific coherence, societal relevance, and the implementation potential of Water4All research outcomes.

The event will also explicitly contribute to the celebration of the **30th anniversary of Ecohydrology within UNESCO IHP**, highlighting ecohydrology as a transdisciplinary science integrating water (W), biodiversity (B), climate resilience (R), ecosystem services (S), and cultural and educational dimensions (C) to build water security. In this way, the workshop will support alignment between Water4All strategic objectives and UNESCO IHP priorities.

Beyond presentations and thematic discussions, the workshop will emphasise learning through demonstration. This will include site visits to blue–green infrastructure and nature-based solutions implemented on the University of Łódź campus, as well as a field excursion to the Radom City Ecohydrology Demonstration Site, marking **20 years of UNESCO IHP Ecohydrology Demosites**. The concept and future development of Ecohydrology Demonstration Sites will be discussed during the meeting, with the aim of exploring opportunities to link Water4All projects to this international network.

The proposed workshop will be organised as part of the **SPRINGINESS (Water4All) project – Management of rainwater runoff in urban areas for tackling extreme hydroclimatic events**, and hosted by the **University of Łódź, UNESCO Chair on Ecohydrology and Applied Ecology**. The SPRINGINESS project provides a concrete and operational framework for these discussions.

**Registration link:** [Water4All Ecohydrology Workshop](#)

Registration deadline: **22 May 2026**

Organizers reserve the right to contact Water4All projects to limit the number of representatives participating due to the limited number of places (approximately 40).

## Preliminary agenda

**Tuesday, 30 June 2026 – Arrival and accommodation**

**Workshop Day 1 – Wednesday, 01 July 2026**

**08:30–09:30** | Registration and welcome coffee at the Conference Centre of the University of Lodz  
*Address: ul. Stefana Kopcińskiego 16/18, 90-232 Łódź, Poland*

**09:30–09:45** | **Opening session:** Welcome message - Water4All / UNESCO IHP / University of Łódź / UNESCO Chair on Ecohydrology and Applied Ecology

**09:45–10:20** | **Keynote lecture: Transdisciplinary Ecohydrology as a framework for innovative water projects** – contribution to the **30th anniversary of Ecohydrology in UNESCO IHP** - *Prof. Maciej Zalewski, Vice-Chairman of the UNESCO IHP Council*

**10:20–11:00** | **Coffee break**

**11:00–12:00** | **Water4All Partnership: priorities and future calls** – *Benjamin Lopez, Water4All CEO*

**12:00–13:00** | **Water4All projects session I**

**13:00 – 14:00** | **Lunch**

**14:00–15:30** | **Water4All projects session II**

**15:30–16:00** | **Coffee break**

**16:00–17:00** | **Round-table discussion - synergy between Water4All projects and SDGs** – moderated by Stefano Fazi and Enrique Navarro, Water4All

**17:00–18:00** | **Field visit to the Water4All implementation site at the Campus of the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection, University of Lodz**

**Workshop Day 2 – Thursday, 02 July 2026**

**08:00–17:00** | **Field visit – LIFE RadomKlima project** (<https://www.life.radom.pl/en/>)

- Celebrating **20 years of ecohydrology demo sites**
- Field session with conclusions from the meeting
- Linking long-term ecohydrological practice with Water4All objectives

The LIFE RadomKlima project (LIFE14 CCA/PL/000101), titled “Adaptation to climate change through sustainable management of water in the urban area of Radom City,” aims to enhance the city’s climate resilience by implementing innovative blue-green infrastructure solutions for urban stormwater management and flood risk mitigation. The project focuses on restoring and creating multifunctional retention areas, renaturalising urban watercourses, and demonstrating new runoff control measures on impermeable surfaces to reduce local flooding and improve water quality, while also integrating biodiversity enhancement and micro-habitat creation throughout the city. It incorporates vulnerability assessment tools and interactive GIS platforms to support climate adaptation planning and decision-making, and includes pilot actions such as modular retention ponds (e.g., “Climaponds”), habitat restoration, and tree planting across urban areas. LIFE RadomKlima serves as a replicable model for other cities seeking cost-efficient, nature-based responses to hydroclimatic extremes.

## Workshop venue

The workshop will take place at the newly renovated Centrum Szkoleniowo-Konferencyjne Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, located in the vibrant city of Łódź. Known for its unique blend of industrial heritage and modern creativity, Łódź charms visitors with its revitalized factories, lively cultural scene, and the famous Piotrkowska Street. The city is also recognized as a demonstration site of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme in ecohydrology, highlighting its role in innovative water management and sustainable urban development.

We offer hotel rooms with breakfast at the workshop venue (50 EUR per night / 210 PLN):

<https://www.csk.uni.lodz.pl/centrum-szkoleniowo-konferencyjne-kopcinskiego>



Poznański Palace in Łódź - Photo: Paweł Augustyniak // [www.pawelaugustyniak.pl](http://www.pawelaugustyniak.pl)

Łódź (LCJ) can be reached by direct flights mainly operated by Ryanair. Additionally, from Warsaw Chopin Airport, you can easily reach Łódź in about 1.5-2 hours. The most convenient option is to take a train from Warsaw (Warszawa Centralna or Warszawa Zachodnia stations), which are accessible from the airport by train, bus or taxi. Direct trains to Łódź run frequently. Alternatively, you can travel by FlixBus or take a taxi/private transfer directly from the airport. If you need support to organize your travel please contact: [pawel.jarosiewicz@biol.uni.lodz.pl](mailto:pawel.jarosiewicz@biol.uni.lodz.pl)

