



## UNITA Universitas Montium Seminar 1

Introduction to water management under climate change: challenges from technical, legal, economic, social perspectives

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 9:00-13:15**

**University of Beira Interior (UBI), Portugal**

HYBRID event, online and room 7.20, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, FCSH

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# Program

Water management is among the sectors most vulnerable to climate change, requiring an interdisciplinary approach to address its challenges. This seminar is the first in a series of three aimed at exploring the role of research across different fields of expertise, intending to develop a common language to understand and propose solutions for policies and the circular economy that support equitable water management under climate change. In the seminar, we will examine the key challenges currently affecting water management and discuss how climate change is reshaping water governance. The seminar will be held in a hybrid format. Participation is free and open to all.

**Registration link:**

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- 09:00 Registration**
- 09:30 Project presentation**  
Diogo Pereira (UBI)  
Marta Domini (UniBS)
- 09:50 Welcoming session**  
Arminda do Paço (UBI)  
Sónia Neves (UBI)  
Diogo Pereira (UBI)
- 10:10 Understanding Water Governance**  
Alan Nicol (IWMI)
- 10:25 Economic and social challenges**  
10:25 Economic challenges in water governance  
Samara López (UVa)  
10:40 Social challenges in water governance  
Greta Balliu (HES-SO)  
10:55 Q&A
- 11:05 Coffee break**
- 11:30 Legal challenges**  
11:30 Legal challenges in water governance  
A focus on water supply service in Italy: Italian perspective  
Vera Parisio (UniBS)  
11:45 The Romanian perspective  
Flaminia Stârc-Meclejan (WST)  
12:00 Q&A
- 12:10 Technical challenges**  
12:10 Challenges in water supply and treatment  
Pedro Dinis Gaspar (UBI)  
12:25 Challenges in water availability and use under climate change  
Stefania Tamea (PoliTo)  
12:40 Q&A
- 12:50 Closing ceremony**

**13:15 Lunch**

*In-person participants and speakers are invited to join the lunch offered at the FSCH canteen*

## SPEAKERS

**Greta Balliu**, Haute École Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale, CH

**Marta Domini**, Department of Civil, Environmental, Architectural Engineering and Mathematics, University of Brescia, IT

**Arminda do Paço**, President of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, University of Beira Interior, PT

**Pedro Dinis Gaspar**, Department of Electromechanical Engineering, University of Beira Interior, PT

**Samara López**, Institute of Sustainable Processes, University of Valladolid, ES

**Sónia Neves**, President of the Management and Economics Department, University of Beira Interior, PT

**Alan Nicol**, Principal Researcher in Policy and Governance, International Water Management Institute

**Vera Parisio**, Law Department, University of Brescia, IT

**Diogo Pereira**, Management and Economics Department, University of Beira Interior, PT

**Flaminia Stârc**, Law Faculty, West University of Timisoara, RO

**Stefania Tamea**, Department of Environment, Land and Infrastructure Engineering, Politecnico di Torino, IT