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## **BUDAPEST WATER SUMMIT 2019 DIGITAL AND NATURE-BASED SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS EXPO**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME  
updated on October 6 2019**

**Budapest, 15-17 October 2019**

**Venue: Millenáris Park, Building B**

**15 October, Tuesday**

**16:15 – 16:45 Wetskills Water Challenge**

**20:00 - 21:30 Cultural programme hosted by H.E. Mr János Áder, President of Hungary  
(by special invitation only)**

**16 October, Wednesday**

**9:30 – 11:00 Inauguration Session**

Welcome by Mr Balázs Hendrich, CEO, Hungarian Export Promotion Agency

Presentations of Sponsoring Companies:

Mr Pierre Victoria, Director of Sustainable Development, Veolia

Mr György Palkó, General Manager, Budapest Sewage Works Pte Ltd.

Mr Ferenc Keszler, Chief Executive Officer, Budapest Waterworks

Mr Bálint Horváth, Chief Executive Officer, Pureco Ltd

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 13:00 Hungarian companies abroad – challenges and opportunities**

Moderator: Ms Borbála Czakó, President, Hungarian Business Leaders Forum

Panel members:

Mr Richárd Vattay, Director, Water&Soil

Mr Soma Uliczki, Head of Operations, Hungarian - Colombian Rural Development Non-Profit Ltd

Mr András Szalay, Managing Director, S-Metalltech 98 Ltd

Mr Bence Fülöp, Chief Executive Officer, Trinity Enviro

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 – 15:45 Digital and Nature-based Sustainable Solutions**

Moderator: Mr András Szöllősi-Nagy, Chair, International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

Panel members:

Mr Péter Benedek, Chief Executive Officer, Blockchain Competence Center  
Mr Miklós Berzsényi, Chief Executive Officer, Controlsoft Ltd.  
Mr Márton Bálint, Chief Civil Engineer, Viziterv Environ Ltd.  
Mr Attila Bodnár, Co-founder, Organica

**15:45 – 16:45 Financing and sustainable water management**

Moderator: Mr Gergely Jákli, Chief Executive Officer, Hungarian Export-Import Bank Plc.

Panel members:

Ms Wambui Gichuri, Director for Water Development and Sanitation, African Development Bank  
Mr David Tyler, Water Sector Specialist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
Mr Nizar Zaied, Global Lead Water, Islamic Development Bank  
Mr Elemér Eszter, President, Hungarian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association

**16:45 – 18:00 Preventing water crises – issues of abundant, scarce and polluted waters**

Moderator: Mr János Tamás, Head of Department of Water and Environmental Management, University of Debrecen

Panel members:

Mr Gergely Hankó, Managing Director, Association of Environmental Enterprises, Hungary  
Mr Csaba Ilcsik, Chief Executive Officer, WaterScope International Inc.  
Mr Attila Törő, Creatiger Ltd  
Mr József Veres, Head of Department, Upper-Tisza-District Water Directorate, Hungary  
Mr Adrián Kiss, Chief Executive Officer, Hungarian Water Technology Corporation

**18:30 – 21:00 Cultural programme**

**17 October, Thursday**

**9:30 – 11:00 Hungarian companies abroad II – challenges and opportunities**

Moderator: Mr István Kenyeres, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Biopolus

Panel members:

Mr Pál Kiss, Managing Director, Thermowatt Ltd  
Ms Csilla Kopornyik, Business Development Manager, Tradeland Ltd  
Mr Balázs Varga, Export Sales Director, Pureco Ltd  
Mr László Fülöp, Managing Director, Envirotis Ltd.

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**11:30 – 13:00 The potential role of youth in solving water crises**

Moderator: Ms Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

Panel members:

Ms Sarah Dousse, International Secretariat for Water – Solidarity Water Europe

Mr Tibor Bíró, Dean, Faculty of Water Sciences, National University of Public Services, Hungary

Mr Péter Szűcs, Dean, Faculty of Earth Science and Engineering, University of Miskolc, Hungary

Ms Eszter Kun, Winner of Stockholm Junior Water Prize of Hungary

Mr Miklós Patziger, Associate Professor, Budapest University of Technology and Economics

Ms Ildikó Galambos, Director, Soós Ernő Water Technology Research and Development Center, Hungary

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**