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CONFERENCE

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the National University of Public Service and the Embassy of the United States in Hungary, in association with the U. S. Water Partnership

on the subject of

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– Lessons of transboundary water governance in the United States and in European Union –

Topic: around 40% of the world's population lives in the catchment of international rivers and another 40% in federal river basins. Managing such shared water resources in a peaceful and sustainable way will be one of the key challenges of the 21st century worldwide. The conference aims at a critical assessment of two successful, but highly divergent models of multi-layered water governance: the United States and the European Union. The speakers, both leading experts of transboundary water management, will address the two regimes with a view to identifying mutually beneficial lessons.

Program

- 14.15-14.30 Arrival, registration
- 14:30-14.40 *U.S. diplomatic engagement in transboundary water issues in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans*
by **Mr. Raffi V. Balian** - Director, Regional Environment, Science, Technology & Health Hub Office of the US Embassy in Hungary
- 14.40-15.10 *Lessons from the US federal experience of water governance*
by **Dr. Sarah Michaels**, professor, Nebraska Public Policy Center, University of Nebraska
- 15.10-15.40 *Governing transboundary rivers in the European Union: risks and opportunities*
by **Dr. Gábor Baranyai**, Senior Researcher, International Water Governance Centre – National University of Public Service, Hungary
- 15.40-16.00 Questions & Answers, Open Discussion Section
- 16.00 Coffee break