
EU Commission: “water is a human right, securing it means securing peace and sustainability”

In the run-up to World Water Day that is celebrated on 22nd March, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs of the European Union Josep Borrell and Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius issued a joint statement: “the health and prosperity of people and the planet rely on the stability of the global water cycle. Climate change, biodiversity loss, unsustainable management and pollution have an impact on water resources across the globe”, they state. “Water scarcity” triggers a process that “threatens stability among and within nations through conflicts, displacement, or migration. And water is also far too often used as a weapon of war. There can be no peace without universal access to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation for all”. The EU calls all partners and the parties concerned “to take these discussions further also during the [2024 EU Green Week](#) on 29-30 May”. “Universal access to water and sanitation are human rights. Securing water means securing peace and sustainability”.

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