

Dear colleagues and professionals,

The 51st International Symposium on Water Supply and Drainage for Buildings, CIB W062, is organised by the University of Maribor, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering and Architecture, with the support of the International Council for Research and Innovation in Buildings and Construction (CIB) and the CIB W062 Commission, coordinated by Bart Bleys of Buildwise, Belgium.

This Symposium will take place in Maribor, Slovenia, from 18th to 20th of August 2026.

For more than half a century, the CIB W062 Symposium has brought together researchers, engineers, practitioners, and industry experts dedicated to advancing knowledge and innovation in water supply and drainage for buildings. It is therefore a particular privilege for the University of Maribor to host the 51st edition of this long-standing international event.

It is a special honour to host you in a country shaped by water, from the peaceful River Mura in the east to the Adriatic Sea in the west. Here in Maribor, the River Drava has shaped the city's history, identity, and development for centuries. During your stay and throughout our programme, you will have the opportunity to experience this remarkable river firsthand.

This close relationship with water and the environment is deeply reflected in the University of Maribor's values, where academic excellence goes hand in hand with environmental responsibility, sustainable development, and respect for natural resources.

These principles have also guided the organisation of this Symposium. We have made every effort to organise it as a plastic-free event, and our social programme reflects our commitment to sustainability through carefully selected venues, including Green Key-certified establishments and local cuisine prepared from fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

As water experts, you will certainly appreciate one of Slovenia's greatest natural assets: our exceptionally high-quality drinking water. Fresh, safe, and available directly from the tap, we warmly invite you to enjoy it throughout your stay.

This Symposium aims to disseminate the latest international research and innovation in building water supply and drainage while strengthening collaboration across our global community. Throughout the programme, participants will explore a broad range of topics, from sustainable water management, water conservation and reuse, and building system performance to digitalisation, public health, and resilient infrastructure. Together, these themes reflect both the diversity of our discipline and the challenges shaping its future.

We are delighted to welcome participants from around the world and sincerely thank all authors, members of the International Scientific Committee, and our sponsors for making this Symposium possible.

We hope this symposium will inspire new ideas, encourage meaningful discussions, and strengthen the international collaborations that make CIB W062 such a valued community.

Thank you for joining us in Maribor. I wish you an inspiring symposium, an enjoyable stay, and many memorable moments over the coming days. I look forward to meeting you all.

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