

OUR VISION FOR A WATER-JUST WORLD

We are committed to a future in which a transformation has taken place in how we treat our most precious resource: Water is understood and protected as a common good. As a result, different areas of our lives have changed for the better:

Access to Water

All people have free and unrestricted access to clean water. There are well-functioning sewage systems and hygiene standards everywhere – protecting the lives of millions of people worldwide. Public spaces offer sanitation facilities and drinking water fountains so that we can stay hydrated during heatwaves.

Democratic Structures

International water agreements establish clear rules and provide a framework for countries to act. Everyone can find out who uses the water in their region and how. Information about groundwater quality is publicly accessible. This enables people to make informed decisions about water use. There are legal and political processes to help resolve water usage between countries peacefully. Our democratic structures ensure that water distribution decisions are made based on social and ecological criteria. The water supply for people and ecosystems takes precedence over industrial or economic use.

Prevention and Resilience

Our bodies of water are in excellent condition. The groundwater deficit has been balanced in all regions. We have restored wetlands to their natural state and protect our bogs and floodplains. More vegetation and fertile soils strengthen the small water cycles, make agriculture and forestry more resilient, and have a positive effect on the climate. We take precautions to protect people and the environment from droughts and floods. Our living spaces are designed for both recreation and water retention. We have

unsealed surfaces and rely on a near-natural water system: water seeps and is used where it falls as rain.

Corporate Responsibility

Companies must disclose how much water their production consumes. There are effective incentives for water-saving business practices and for protecting water resources. Pollutants are stopped before they reach the water. Polluters bear the costs for damages and the restoration of the water balance. This system promotes responsible behavior and justice.

Solidarity-Based Disaster Relief

Nature-oriented landscape planning reduces risks such as flooding. We plan disaster relief proactively and act collectively in emergencies. In extreme weather events such as floods, a broad network of volunteers and professional helpers supports those affected. Our disaster relief particularly considers the most vulnerable members of society. Government aid aims to improve the quality of life of those impacted. In our society, practical help and human support are a matter of course. Our commitment goes beyond the acute emergency – we continue to stand together, even after the greatest damages have been repaired.

Awareness of the Water Resource

We have understood that natural resources are limited. Everyone contributes to protecting and using water carefully. We work together for a sustainable future. We live in a world where water has become a symbol of life, community, and resilience.