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Launch of the *Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition in Europe and Central Asia 2024* report

1:15-2:15 p.m. 2 April 2025, Geneva

– *Background and agenda* –

ABOUT THE REPORT

In 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) renewed the commitment to ending hunger and malnutrition and reducing premature mortality caused by non-communicable diseases. With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its ambitious goals for a more sustainable and equitable world, countries committed to regularly monitor and report on the progress.

Since then, FAO has also increased its efforts to monitor food security and nutrition related SDGs in Europe and Central Asia through the publication of the annual Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition report.

The 2024 edition was prepared jointly by the seven members of the Issue-based Coalition on Sustainable Food Systems for Europe and Central Asia: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia; the International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD); the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia; the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe; and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Office for Europe.

THE REPORT LAUNCH

The **Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2024** report will be presented at 13:15 p.m. on 2 April in Geneva (Palais des Nations, Room III) and online ([FAO YouTube](#)), when FAO and the co-publishing partners will reveal the latest food security and nutrition trends for Europe and Central Asia and present the specific subtheme of the report 'Managing water resources sustainable for improved food security and nutrition.' The hybrid event will feature a panel discussion with high-level representatives to discuss the main findings of the report.

Under the central theme – water security – the report highlights the water sector's connections to agriculture, food security, and nutrition, going beyond water scarcity, as it unpacks and quantifies water security.

AGENDA

When?	What?	Who?
13:15 – 13:18	Opening by the moderator	Mary Kenny, FAO Food safety and consumer protection officer
13:18 – 13:25	Welcome and introductory statement from FAO	Viorel Gutu, FAO Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia
13:25 – 13:31	Introductory video on the report	
13:31 – 13:38	Summary presentation of the main findings of the report	Tamara Nanitashvili, FAO Senior policy officer, lead author of the report
13:38 – 14:04	Moderated panel discussion: Sharing perspectives on water for life, water for nutrition	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Naoufel Telahigue, Regional Director a.i., IFAD Near East, North Africa Europe and Central Asia Division▪ Steliana Nedera, Director, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub (<i>via Zoom</i>)▪ Kornelia Radics, Director, WMO Regional Office for Europe▪ Marco Keiner, Director, UNECE Environment Division▪ Gabriele Fontana, UNICEF Regional Health Advisor (<i>via Zoom</i>)▪ Oliver Schmoll, Programme Manager on Water and Climate, WHO Regional Office for Europe
14:04 – 14:13	Moderated question & answer session with the panel members	
14:13 – 14:15	Closing remarks	Viorel Gutu, FAO Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative