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SHUKALB and SHUKOS Joint Training Program



Training Calendar for 2018 is Now Available!



The Training Calendar of the Joint Training Program for 2018 is now available! The list of training courses planned to be delivered this year was based on the responses collected

from the survey conducted in the beginning of this year among the water and wastewater utilities in Albania and Kosovo.

The training courses cover a range of different technical as well as managerial issues of water and wastewater services.

Registrations are now open for all water utilities' staff and other interested professionals in Albania and Kosova. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Delivers the “Financial Statements and Their Role in Decision Making” Training Course in the Framework of the Joint Training Program of SHUKALB- SHUKOS



SHUKALB has kicked off the Joint Training Program for 2018 with the delivery of the “Financial Statements and Their Role in Decision Making” Training Course, held on 15 and 16

March 2018, in Tirana, Albania.

The training was delivered by PhD. Mirela Ujkani, Lecturer of Management from the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, and it was attended by the staff of Water Utilities of Tirana, Shkoder, Fier, Patos, Permet, Tepelena, Peshkopi, and Berat-Kucove. The training course was particularly important to water utilities at this moment, as March is the month when they

Upcoming Training Courses

[Water Loss Management I&II](#)

19-20 April

[Water Quality in the Distribution System](#)

16-27 April

Upcoming International Conferences

[IFAT 2018: World's Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and raw materials Management](#)

Messe München, Germany
14 – 18 May, 2018

[Water Loss 2018](#)

Cape Town, South Africa
07 – 09 May, 2018

[10th Eastern European IWA YWP Conference](#)

Zagreb, Croatia
07 – 12 May, 2018

[IWA Regional Conference on Water Reuse and Salinity Management](#)

Murcia, Spain
11 – 15 June, 2018

submit their fiscal balance sheets to the General Directory of Taxes. [read more](#)

Registrations to D-LeaP Programs are Still Open!



Registrations to the [D-LeaP programs](#) are still open. SHUKALB and SHUKOS have joined the Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP), and as part of that they are offering the three capacity development programs:

- [Commercial Efficiency](#) (program starts in 12 April)
- [Energy Efficiency](#) (program starts in May)
- [Non-Revenue Water Reduction](#) (program starts in May)

The programs aim to improve performance of particular areas of water utilities. The format of these programs consists of three (3) workshops, each of them delivered in two (2) days, spread throughout the year. The workshops will be organized at the premises of a selected water utility, where the specific topics of the program will be demonstrated also in practice.

During these workshops, the participants will be able to analyze performance indicators of their utility, and based on this to produce an action plan with specific objectives, that can be used by the utility for making the necessary interventions.

You can register by downloading and filling out the registration form found [here](#).

For any question please contact SHUKALB at the email address training@shukalb.al or SHUKOS at shukos2001@gmail.com.

What's New at SHUKALB!

SHUKALB Supports Albanian Water Utilities Celebrate World Water Day



On this year's World Water Day, 22 March 2018, themed "Nature for Water", SHUKALB member water utilities used the opportunity to bring

attention to the need of preserving nature and exploring nature based solutions in order to overcome the water challenges in Albania, and to ensure better water supply and sewerage services and protection of the public health.

In cooperation and with the financial support of GIZ, different activities were organized in a number of cities across Albania by their respective water utilities such as Durres, Vlora, Shkodra, Lezha, Kavaja, Saranda, Peqin, Himara and Cerrik.

[13th International Conference on Hydroinformatics \(HIC 2018\)](#)

Palermo, Italy
01 – 06 July, 2018

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About SHUKALB

The Water Supply and Sewerage Association of Albania (SHUKALB), which was established in 2000, is a professional, not-for-profit Association of water supply and sewerage professionals, who wish to improve the management of the Water Supply and Sewerage Sector in Albania, making it efficient, sustainable and effective in accordance with the current laws and regulations in Albania.

In addition, activities were also organized by the water utilities in Korca and Tepelena. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Starts Its Education and Awareness Water Programs for 2018



The signing of the Cooperation Agreement between SHUKALB and the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth of Albania on 2nd of March has officially launched SHUKALB's Water Education Programs "Friends of Water" and "World Water Monitoring Day". Both of these programs will be funded by a grant that SHUKALB has received by the US Embassy in Albania.

The Friends of Water program celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year, and aims to increase awareness on water related issues among 3rd grade students of elementary schools. Every year, around 5,000 children across the country are reached through this program. The program combines instructions on key learning principles regarding water, with work activities that engage the student and reinforce the learning principles. [read more](#)

SHUKOS – SHUKALB Benchmarking HUB Participates at the First Danube HUB Benchmarking Workshop



The first Danube Region Benchmarking Workshop was organized on 21-23 March, in Žabljak, Montenegro to discuss results of the international benchmarking reports. The workshop was addressed to water supply and sewerage utilities from the Danube region participating in the Danube HUB initiated within the utility benchmarking program of the International Association of Water Utilities in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD).

SHUKALB and SHUKOS are successfully delivering the benchmarking program to water utilities in Albania and Kosovo since 2015, under a joint HUB led by SHUKOS, and have now entered the second phase of the program, for the period 2016-2018. [read more](#)

First Technical Water Glossary in Albanian – Looking for Volunteers!!!



Aiming to facilitate exchange between water professionals, improve the understanding of

technical terms, and move towards a standardized terminology, SHUKALB has taken an initiative to develop a Technical Glossary for Water and Wastewater.

In the framework of the work to develop over 40 training courses under the “Sustainable Water Sector Capacity Development Project”, the course development specialists have collected more than 18,000 water and wastewater technical terms in English language together with their definition. The goal is to document these terms in a technical glossary in Albanian language, both hard copy and online version, which can be easily accessed by all water stakeholders and professionals. [read more](#)

Hungarian Expert Delegation Visits SHUKALB



On 30 March, SHUKALB received at its offices a Hungarian expert delegation of representatives from the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority,

Ministry for National Development, Szeged Waterworks Plc, Hungarian Water Utility Association, as well as the Embassy of Hungary in Tirana.

The meeting was organized in the framework of a mission visit of the Hungarian delegation in Albania, to meet and exchange with the major water sector stakeholders on key issues of the sector as well as ongoing reforms. The delegation had prior met with representatives of the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure of Albania, Albanian National Water Supply and Sewerage Agency (AKUK) and the Albanian Water Regulatory Authority. [read more](#)

Other

USAID provides technical assistance to Elbasan Municipality and Water and Wastewater Utility in the Asset of Inventory and Evaluation

In light of the Territorial Administrative Reform Implementation, the New Municipality of Elbasan consists of a larger Administrative Service Area. Therefore, the Water and Wastewater Utility owned by the Municipality is strictly responsible for providing Water Supply and Sewerage services within the new expanded Administrative Boundaries of Elbasan Municipality.

The major and upmost leading focus of UK Elbasan recently, has mainly been to prepare a full inventory of water and wastewater asset base, as well as evaluating all the technical assets that the utility is inheriting from previous formal providers, such as utilities or local governments which previously have existed in that area. USAID's project PLGP served as technical advisor to the Municipality and Water Utility of Elbasan throughout this process.[read more](#)

Workshop on “Water Safety Planning and Crisis Management” at the IWA Eastern European Young Water Professionals Conference, 7-8 May 2018, Zagreb, Croatia

IAWD with support of the Danube Water Program and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) will organize a **short workshop on “Water Safety Planning and Crisis Management”** in the frame of the IWA Eastern European Young Water Professionals Conference taking place on 7-12 May 2018 in Zagreb, Croatia (www.iwa-ywp.eu).

The aim of the workshop, which will be organized on **7-8 May 2018**, is to give some **snapshots of the D-LeaP Program “Water Safety and Crisis Management: Business Continuity Essentials for Disaster Risk Management”**, which will be offered in the course of this year within the Danube region (for more information, please visit www.d-leap.org). In the workshop, Participants will learn how to identify operational hazards and how to plan, prepare and respond to these incidents for fast recovery in the event of a crisis or disaster. Please note that this workshop will not replace the participation in the D-LeaP Program “Water Safety and Crisis Management: Business Continuity Essentials for Disaster Risk Management”, but should promote the program among the participating utilities.[read more](#)

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