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News From Our Members



Lezha Water Supply and Sewerage Company Receives Positive Appraisal during the Albanian Government Meetings in Lezha



On January 12, 2018, in the city of Lezha, the government of Albania organized the first meeting of its cabinet for the year 2018, and on the following day held

a meeting with the head of the central and local institutions of Lezha. During the meeting, the Prime Minister, Edi Rama, among other issues, focused on the recent water reform as a very important element of this year's governing process and expressed the determination of the central government towards the progress of this reform.

During his speech, Prime Minister Rama conveyed clear messages on the implementation of the water reform, emphasizing: *"We determined by government decision here in Lezha to provide financial support to all families in need for installing water meters free of charge and afterwards, in order to subsidize water payments it is necessary to continue awareness increase related to the fact that this is the last month when those consumers, both businesses or families who have illegal water connections to make them legal, place water meters without any penalty. It will be acted similarly, kicking off from February, but penalties and consequences are involved pursuant to the law to all those caught under water-theft criminal offense"*. [read more](#)

Water Supply and Sewerage Companies in Action for the Implementation of Water Sector Reform

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

Skills Training Courses for 2018

Join Us!





After the launching of the water sector reform and the “Action for Water” by the Albanian Government in the beginning of November 2017, the water utility

members of SHUKALB have immediately taken the necessary measures for its successful implementation.

Every water utility has informed its customers through their communication channels regarding the aim of the Action for Water, the necessary steps to be taken by the customers, and the respective deadlines. During this period the water utilities have been encouraging their customers to declare their illegal connections, and legalize the relationship with the water utility through a service contract.” [read more](#)

Upcoming Training Courses

Financial Statements and Their Role in Decision Making



As the Water Utilities are preparing their fiscal balance sheets to submit to the General Directory of Taxes, SHUKALB has prepared a training course that addresses the needs of

the financial managers and financiers of the water and wastewater utilities.

Some of the objectives of this training course are:

- To identify the whole set of financial statements and the information in each of them
- To explain the role of financial statements in the decision-making process for senior management levels
- To understand the financial statement information characteristic for the water supply and sewerage companies

The training course is planned to be delivered in the beginning of March 2018. Specific training dates will be provided soon.

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

More information on the training course can be found [here](#).

Tell us what you think!



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.

Other

SHUKALB Delivers the Train of Trainers (TOT) Course



On January 25th and on February 1st, SHUKALB delivered a Train of Trainers Course (ToT). The ToT was organized in the framework of the “Sustainable Water Sector Capacity Development” Project, with the financial support of USAID. The ToT targeted SHUKALB’s subject matter experts engaged in the training course development process within the Project, and the delivery of training in the framework of the Joint Training Program, run by SHUKALB in cooperation with SHUKOS. The participants were professionals from water and wastewater utilities in Kosovo and Albania, academics, as well as freelance consultants.

The training was prepared and delivered by Mr. David Turner, together with Mr. Joshua Miekley and Mrs. Entela Kishta, experts on facilitation skills for adult learners from the Lincoln Center Organization in Albania. [read more](#)

Regional Workshop on Joint Benchmarking HUB Program



The regional workshop for the 3rd cycle of the Joint Benchmarking HUB program for Kosovo and Albania was held on 25 and 26 January 2018, in Durres, Albania. The two days workshop was attended by the coordinators of the participating water utilities in the Benchmarking HUB that include Tirana, Durres, Vlore, Shkoder, Prishtina, Peja Mitrovica, Ferizaj and Gjilan, along with representatives of SHUKALB and SHUKOS. Invited to attend were also other water utilities that are not part of the program yet, from which the Kamza Water Supply and Sewerage Company was present.

On the first day of the workshop, held at Hotel Bonita, Durres, the coordinators of participating utilities were engaged in an exercise where it was introduced the final report of their utility, in which the performance as per the financial, economical and technical indicators, was compared with those of other participating utilities, as well as with the average of the foreign

utilities chosen as a reference. In addition, the program coordinator, Nadire Vitija, presented several comparisons generated by the EBC platform and demonstrated in practice the way to conduct a research and to generate output by the platform.[read more](#)

10th International Conference on “Water and Waste – Reality and Challenges”, 24-26 April 2018, Ohrid, Macedonia

We would like to inform that **ADKOM** – Association of Providers of Communal Services of the Republic of Macedonia, is organizing the 10th International Conference on “**Water and Waste – Reality and Challenges**”, **which will be held on 24-26 April 2018, in Ohrid, Macedonia, at Hotel Metropol.**

The tenth international conference with the presented papers should give an answer and directions for the operation of the public utility companies in the Republic of Macedonia responsible for water supply of the population, drainage of fecal waste water, collection and disposal of waste where they are located in their development and what level is their provision of services to citizens and of course the satisfaction of citizens as beneficiaries.[read more](#)

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