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Albanian National Agency for Water and Waste Management and the Association of Boards of Certification in USA Sign a Test Services Agreement in the framework of the Test-Based Certification Program for Water and Sewerage Utilities in Albania .



On 5-8 March 2019, an Albanian delegation composed of Ms. Lindita Sotiri, Director of the Program Development Directorate on Water Supply, Sewerage, and Waste Infrastructure, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE), Mr. Arben Skenderi, former Deputy Director, National Water Supply-Sewerage and Waste Infrastructure Agency (AKUM), as well as Ms. Elisabeta Poci, Deputy Executive Director, SHUKALB, attended the Utility Management Conference, organized by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and Water Environment Federation (WEF), in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

As part of this visit, and in the framework of SHUKALB's USAID funded project "Sustainable Water Sector Capacity Development", AKUM signed a memorandum of understanding with the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) in the USA, for the administering of the testing services for the Test-Based Certification Program for water and sewerage utilities in Albania. As part of this agreement, ABC will host the pool of certification questions and tests, and will provide AKUM with online testing services for the candidates that will be subject to the certification program in Albania.

What's New at SHUKALB!

SHUKALB Organizes a Close Out Ceremony for the "Sustainable Water Sector Capacity Development in Albania" Project"

Upcoming Training Courses

[Management](#)
29-30 April

[General Safety for Water and Waste Water Professionals](#)
15-16 May

Upcoming International Conferences

Edinburgh – United Kingdom
10 – 14 June 2019

[12th IWA International Conference on Water Reclamation and Reuse](#)

Berlin, Germany
16 - 20 June 2019

[9th IWA Specialised Membrane Technology Conference and Exhibition for Water and Wastewater Treatment and Reuse](#)

Toulouse, France
23 - 27 June 2019

[International Young Water Professional Conference](#)



SHUKALB organized a close out event for its USAID funded project grant “Sustainable Water Sector Capacity Development in Albania”, on 28 March 2019, at Hotel Xheko Imperial, Tirana.

The event was opened by Ms. Elisabeta Poci, Deputy Executive Director of SHUKALB, who thanked all

the stakeholders in Albania, all the local experts in Albania and Kosovo, as well as the other partner organizations in the region and in the US, for their cooperation and support during the implementation of the Project. After that, Ms. Poci went on highlighting some of the major accomplishments of the Project.

Attending the ceremony, to deliver congratulatory remarks was Ms. Mikaela Meredith, Country Representative, USAID Albania; Ms. Lindita Sotiri, Director, Program Development Directorate on Water Supply, Sewerage, and Waste Infrastructure, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, and Mr. Zef Maçi, Board Member of SHUKALB, and Director of Lezha Water Supply and Sewerage Company. [read more](#)

SHUKALB and SHUKOS Organize the First Train of Trainers and Training of Users in the Framework of the “Asset Management Advisory Services for Water Utilities” Project



SHUKALB and SHUKOS conducted the first Train of Trainers for their staff and the first Training of Users for the Water Utilities staff in the framework of the “Asset

Management Advisory Services for Water Utilities” Project, both held on 26 – 29 March 2019, at Hotel Mondial, in Tirana.

The trainings were delivered from Hydro-comp Enterprise and were focused on the Basic Network Data Management System Methodology, using the EDAMS Software.

Besides the representatives from the Albanian and Kosova water utilities participating in the Project, SHUKALB and SHUKOS, the second training was attended as well by representatives from the respective National Water Regulators from Albania and Kosova and GIZ ORF. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Supports Albanian Water Utilities Celebrating World Water Day 2019



Every year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of water and is a unique opportunity to draw attention and create momentum that compels governments, the

United States of America
23 – 27 June 2019

[16th IWA World Conference on Anaerobic Digestion](#)

Delft, Netherlands
23 – 27 June 2019

[Annual Conference & Exhibition 19 – Innovating the Future of Water](#)

Colorado Convention Center, Denver, USA
09 – 12 June 2019

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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

international community, civil society, and individuals to take action.

the current laws and regulations in Albania.

This World Water Day, 22nd March, was about tackling the water crisis by addressing the reasons why so many people are being left behind. Access to water underpins public health and is therefore critical to sustainable development and a stable and prosperous world. We cannot move forward as a global society while so many people are living without safe water.

As traditionally, SHUKALB supported its water utility members to organize public awareness and education activities in the cities of Saranda, Korça, Berat and Kuçova, by conveying the messages of World Water Day. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Participates at The “Water and Energy” Workshop and the 5th Meeting of the WATenERgy Cycle Project



SHUKALB participated at the Technical Workshop “Water and Energy”, organised in the framework of the WATenERgy Cycle project, on 6 March 2019, in Sofia, Bulgaria. The workshop was organised back to back with the Water Tech Expo Exhibition for Industrial and Public Water Management, on 6-8 March 2019.

SHUKALB was represented at the workshop by Anisa Aliaj, Course Development Specialist for Wastewater Collection and Treatment.

WATenERgy Cycle project is part of the BalkanMED Programme 2014 – 2020 between Albania, Greece FYROM, Bulgaria and Cyprus. Its character is strongly oriented towards cross-border action. Albania is represented in this project by Korca Water Supply and Sewerage Company (UKKO). UKKO is one of the 8 implementing partners of the project, while SHUKALB is one of the two observer partners. [read more](#)

SHUKALB and SHUKOS Joint Training Program

SHUKALB Delivers the “Sampling and Laboratory Procedures for Water and Wastewater” Training Course



The “Sampling and Laboratory Procedures for Water and Wastewater” training course was delivered on 21 March 2019, in Tirana, and it was attended by the staff

responsible for sampling and lab procedures, of water and

sewerage utilities of Durres, Saranda, Shkodra, Cerrik dhe Tepelena.

The training was delivered by trainer Adela Kulla, Professor at the Agricultural University of Tirana, and Biologist at Bovilla Water Treatment Plant. [read more](#)

Registrations to the Training Courses to Be Delivered in April and May 2019 are Now Open!



SHUKALB has planned the delivery of two more training courses during the months of April and May 2019, “Management” and “General Safety for Water and Wastewater Professionals” training courses.

The “Management” training course will be delivered on 29-30 April, in Tirana, Albania, and will address issues related to managers’ daily responsibilities such as communication, team building and management, problem solving, and decision-making. The training course is particularly useful for general directors of water supply and sewerage companies, technical directors and managers. [read more](#)

News From Our Members

Varus Dooel Organizes a One Day Conference on Water and Food Monitoring



On 4 April 2019, at the Adriatik Hotel in Durres, Varus Dooel, a private member of SHUKALB, and the exclusive representative company of Merck Millipore and Sigma

Aldrich portfolio for the territory of Albania and Kosovo, organized a one day Conference titled “Water and Food Monitoring”. The Conference was organized with the support of SHUKALB and SHUKOS was focused on water monitoring and everything related to it.

The conference gathered around 100 participants coming from the water supply and sewerage companies from Albania and Kosovo, Albanian Water Regulatory Authority, the Waterworks Skopje, the Institute of Public Health of Macedonia, the Institute of Public Health of Kosova, and other stakeholders. [read more](#)

Other

UNLEASH LAB 2019

UNLEASH is a global initiative aiming to create the world’s largest innovation lab for the UN Sustainable Development



Goals. Every year leading up to 2030, UNLEASH will gather 1,000 young talents from across the world to problem-solve, innovate and collaborate on new solutions to global challenges. This year

UNLEASH will take place in

Shenzhen, China on 6 to 13 November. For more information see the link <https://unleash.org/>.

This is a high competitive program and every year receives thousands of application from young talents all over the world. To become part of UNLEASH LAB 2019, talents must fill an application form online. Among other information is required having a solid and personal insight about one of SDG Sustainable Development Goals. Applications are closed on 18 April. Don't miss this opportunity APPLY NOW on the link www.platform.younoodle.com

As a partner of UNLEASH LAB 2019, SHUKALB has the right to nominate the best youth from their organization and network to attend UNLEASH. These candidates will have more chances to get accepted for UNLEASH LAB 2019 since they skip the first round of selection, and go directly to the final round.

We are opening a completion to get a nomination code from SHUKALB, among all young professionals working in the water sector that are motivated to go through the application process for UNLEASH LAB 2019. Send the last essay of the UNLEASH application "How will UNLEASH help you archive your broader career goal and inspiration" on the email member@shukalb.al. SHUKALB is going to review these essays and will give the nomination code to the most motivated candidates.

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