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March 2020

What's New at SHUKALB!



SHUKALB Organizes the 2nd Workshop of the “Asset Management Advisory Services to Water Utilities in SEE” Project



On 6th and 7th February 2020, at Hotel Hilton Garden Inn in Tirana, SHUKALB and SHUKOS (The Water and Wastewater Works Association Kosovo) organized the second workshop of the “Asset Management Advisory Services to Water Utilities in South East Europe (IAM)” Project for Water Utilities in Albania and Kosovo.

The workshop was jointly organized with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Hydro-Comp Enterprise (HCE), Cyprus, and it was supported by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy in Albania and the International Association of Water Utilities in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD).

On 6th February 2020, at the same venue prior the workshop, the HUB Centre organized the second Steering Committee meeting. During the meeting it was discussed on the progress of the Project implementation, lesson learnt and proposals to be addressed in Albania and Kosovo, including the Project Plan and a short description of the next stage (Gold Level). [read more](#)

Upcoming Training Courses

[Water Loss Management I&II](#)

28-29 April 2020

[Leakage Control](#)

30 April 2020

Upcoming International Conferences

[5th Regional Conference of Aquasan Network: Water Service Sector Reform in B&H](#)

Banja Luka, Bosnia and Hercegovina
25-26 March 2020

[IWA Digital Water Summit](#)

Bilbao, Spain
27 – 30 April 2020

[6th IWA International Symposium on Water, Wastewater and Environment in Ancient Civilizations: Traditions and Cultures](#)

Istanbul, Turkey
28 – 30 April 2020

[IFAT 2020 - World's Leading Trade Fair for Water,](#)

SHUKALB Launches Its Education and Awareness Water Programs for 2020



SHUKALB officially launched in January 2020 the implementation of two of its most exciting education and awareness programs, “World Water Monitoring Challenge” and High school “Science Fair” Program, both implemented under an agreement and in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth of Albania. Both programs are implemented with the support of the “Customer and Performance Oriented Drinking Water and Sanitation Services” program, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

On 31 January 2020, in Tirana, SHUKALB organized a training session with the participation of the biology and chemistry teachers of the elementary schools that participate at the “World Water Monitoring Challenge” program. [read more](#)

SHUKALB and SHUKOS Joint Training Program

Registration to D-LeaP Energy Efficiency Program Is Now Open!



In the framework of the joint cooperation under the Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP), SHUKALB and SHUKOS have planned to deliver for the first time the Energy Efficiency Program starting at the end March 2020. The registration to the Program is now open!

[Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management](#)

Messe München, Germany
04-08 May 2020 | 2020

[13th IWA Specialist Conference on Design, Operation and Economics of Large Wastewater Treatment Plants](#)

Vienna, Austria
10-14 May 2020 | 2020

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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.

High energy costs often contribute to unsustainable operating costs that directly affect the financial health of water supply and sewerage utilities and affordability of their services. The Energy Efficiency program supports water supply and sewerage companies in collecting, auditing and analyzing data related to their energy use and developing investment programs based on that data to support the reduction of energy costs and increase energy efficiency. The Program also assists in securing the financial resources to match the investments needs for energy efficiency. [read more](#)

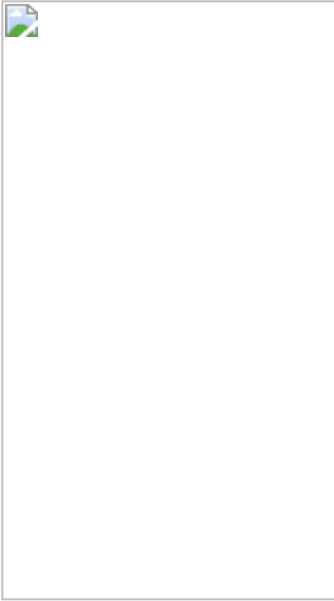
Mark Your Calendar for Training Courses to Be Delivered in April and May 2020



SHUKALB has planned to deliver four more training courses during April and May 2020.

On 9 April 2020, SHUKALB will deliver for the 1st time a 1-day workshop on “**Introductory Integrated Asset Management**”. This training is a capacity development product provided and delivered in the framework of the project “Regional Capacity Development Network (RCDN) for Water and Sanitation Services”. The overall objective of the training is on the participants recognizing the need for and benefits of effective Integrated Asset Management (IAM) of Water and Sanitation Services (WSS) infrastructure and identifying how to plan and implement key IAM activities at the Local Government Unit (LGU) level.

The training will address the General Aspects, Legal Aspects and Institutional Aspects of Integrated Asset Management, and is particular targeted to LGU decision makers (mayors, speakers, and councilors), staff of LGU departments responsible for communal affairs (water services), PUC top and middle management, line agencies and regulators from Albania.



On 28-29 April 2020, it is planned to be delivered the “**Water Loss Management I & II**” training course. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Delivers Successfully Two Training Courses in February, 2020



During February 2020, SHUKALB successfully delivered the first two training courses for this year. The first training course on “Sampling and Laboratory Procedures for Water and Wastewater” was held on 26 February, in Tirana. The training was attended by the laboratory and technical department staff of water supply and sewerage utilities of Shkodra, Lezha, Fier, Përmet and Saranda. The training was delivered by Prof. Tania Floqi, Expert in Water Quality and Lecturer at European University of Tirana.

The training course addressed topics related to the importance of proper use of laboratory equipment, identification of potential laboratory hazards and understanding of different laboratory tests including alkalinity; chlorine residual; chlorine demand; coliform; hardness; jar test; ph; temperature and turbidity.

Apart from the presentations the participants were engaged in discussions on the laboratory procedures used by each of their utility, and practical cases were brought by the trainer on the importance of laboratory safety.

The training combined a field visit, to the Biochemical Laboratory of Tirana Water Supply and Sewerage Utility, where the participants were shown and explained the laboratory equipment, the practices, sampling devices and techniques performed at the Laboratory. A laboratory test on chlorine residual was carried out for demonstration for all the participants. [read more](#)

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