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November 2020

Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition, 4 - 6 November 2020



The 8th Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition Just Hours Away!

Upcoming Training Courses and CD Programs



Peer Exchanges for Successful Infrastructure Waste Water Collection and Treatment Projects
December 2020

Upcoming International Conferences

The 8th Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition 2020, “**Water and Climate Change**”, which will be organized as a virtual event on **4-6 November 2020**, is just hours away. The Conference will be live-streamed and broadcasted online to participants via Zoom platform.

[Water Loss Virtual Conference 2020](#)

The Organizing and Program Committees are pleased to share below some of the highlights of the event.

Shenzhen, China
09-11 November 2020

High Level Decision Makers and Professionals

[IWA International Strategic Asset Management Forum 2020](#)

Ornela Çuçi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania will deliver a congratulatory address during the Conference Official Opening Ceremony on 4 November 2020.

Belgrade, Serbia
19 November 2020

Blerim Kuci, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Environment, Kosova will deliver a congratulatory address during the Conference Official Opening Ceremony on 4 November 2020. [read more](#)

Training and Capacity Development Programs

Two Online Peer Exchanges for Successful Infrastructure Waste Water Collection and Treatment Projects Are Coming Soon



SHUKALB is planning to organize two peer exchanges in the online format, during December 2020. The peer exchanges will be one in the national level and the other one in the regional level, and they are especially important in the situation where major Waste Water Collection and Treatment (WWCT) Infrastructure Projects are

expected to be implemented in the near future. Therefore, the experience of municipalities and utilities which have been involved in the preparation, design and implementation of WWCT projects would be beneficial to their peers. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Delivers Successfully the RCDN Training on “Capital Infrastructure Investment Projects in the Water Sector”



On 30 September, 1, 2,7,8,9 October 2020, SHUKALB delivered successfully the RCDN Training on “Capital Infrastructure Investment Projects in the Water Sector”. The training was organized in Tirana, at Grand Hotel and it was broadcasted online to participants via Zoom platform. This training was innovative as it used a more advanced technology of video and audio transmission, but also other online tools that allowed more interactivity on the part of trainers as well as of participants.

The training achieved to capacitate the staff of water utilities to carry out complex infrastructure investment projects. The training was attended by 45 participants involved in the implementation and monitoring of technical, legal and financial aspects of capital infrastructure investment projects and in charge of project implementation from the water utilities of Shkoder, Lezhe, Kukes, Kruje, Kamez, Durres, Elbasan, Cerrik,

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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.

Peqin, Korce, Pogradec, Vlore, Gjirokaster, Sarande and the line Agency, AKUM. [read more](#)

What's New at SHUKALB!

SHUKALB Organizes Online Training on Basic Maintenance Management System in Framework of the “Asset Management in Water Supply and Sewerage Utilities of Albania” Project



On 15 and 16 October 2020, SHUKALB organized an online training for the water utilities that are participating in the second level of the “*Asset Management in Water Supply and Sewerage Utilities of Albania*” project. The aim of the training was to introduce the water utilities staff to the Basic Maintenance Management System methodology.

The workshop was attended by the representative from 12 water utilities in Albania, National Water Regulator (ERRU), GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Hydro-Comp Enterprises from Cyprus and SHUKALB.

The training was delivered by Ms. Maria Christodoulou from Hydro-Comp Enterprise, via Microsoft Teams Platform. [read more](#)

Other

Identifying Opportunities for Women in Albania’s Wastewater Sector



Since 2013, SHUKALB has been collaborating with Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), USA, on a number of projects related to the water sector and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education that involve a team of WPI students working in Albania for a period of 8 weeks. This year, the WPI team is focusing on women in the wastewater industry.

The wastewater sector in Albania has historically been viewed as a male-dominated industry, particularly in technical and management roles. There are many potential reasons for this discrepancy, including lack of female interest in the field, gender gaps in hiring, and low representation of female role models in leadership roles. The students hope to identify opportunities for women in Albania's wastewater sector and to reduce gender bias for women working in the industry. [read more](#)

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