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## June 2021

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### Issues in Focus



#### Aggregation Alternatives in Water Supply and Sewerage Sector in Albania



The WSS sector in Albania is quite fragmented with 57 WWS utilities, where only 2 of them (Tirana and Durres) cover about 40% of the total number of customers in the country. The sector needs to aggregate in order to benefit from economies of scale, hence allowing a reduction in the operating costs, increases quality of services, opportunity for more qualified staff, and generating liquidity

for small investments needs. As a consequence, Albanian utilities may become more financially sustainable and attractive for donors to realize the needed investments on a strategic scale.

In the national financing strategy of the WWS it is estimated that in the next 22 years, the state budget can cover less than 50% of the investment needs in the sector.

Albania is expected soon to open negotiations for accession into EU. The accession to the EU will be accompanied by the allocation of significant funds to the water sector in order to comply with the requirements of the European legislation *acquis* on water. [read more](#)

#### Upcoming Training Courses and CD Programs

[Water Quality in the Distribution System](#)  
16-17 June 2021

[Financial Management for Non-Financial Managers](#)  
23-24 June 2021

#### Upcoming International Events

[EWA 40th Anniversary Water Online Conference on Micropollutants \(EWA Spring Conference\)](#)

Online  
22 June 2021

[The 4th Global Water Operators Congress](#)

Online  
18-29 October 2021

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### Training and Capacity Development Programs

**Hurry up to Register for Training Courses to Be Delivered during June 2021!**

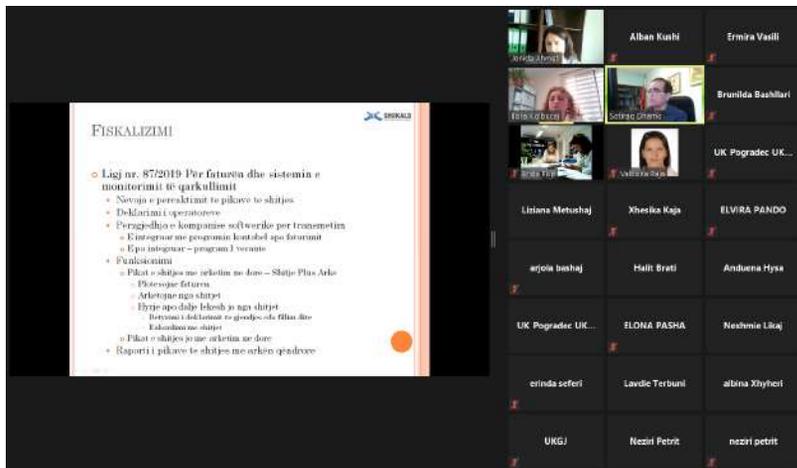
SHUKALB invites you to participate in two excellent training courses that will be delivered during June 2021. More details about the registrations can be found below.

**[Water Quality in the Distribution System](#)**  
16-17 June, 2021

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23 – 24 June, 2021

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**The Financial and Fiscal Reporting for Water Utilities, Challenges and Solutions Webinar – Responded to Water Utilities Needs**



On May 26, 2021, SHUKALB successfully delivered the webinar on “Financial and Fiscal Reporting for Water Utilities – Challenges and Solutions”. The webinar achieved to inform water utilities representatives on the financial and fiscal reporting, as well as discuss on the challenges being faced and the solutions to actual problems in the field of financial and fiscal reporting.

The webinar was attended by 33 managers and specialists working in the commercial and financial departments of Shkodër, Lezhë, Korçë, Vlorë, Berat-Kuçova, Tiranë, Gjirokastrë, Kamëz, Pogradec, Krujë, Lushnjë, Maliq, Malësi e Madhe, Mat, Mirditë, Peqin, Pukë, Klos and Cërrik water utilities.

The webinar was delivered by Prof. Dr. Sotirajq Dhamo, Lecturer, Accounting Department, Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana. [read more](#)

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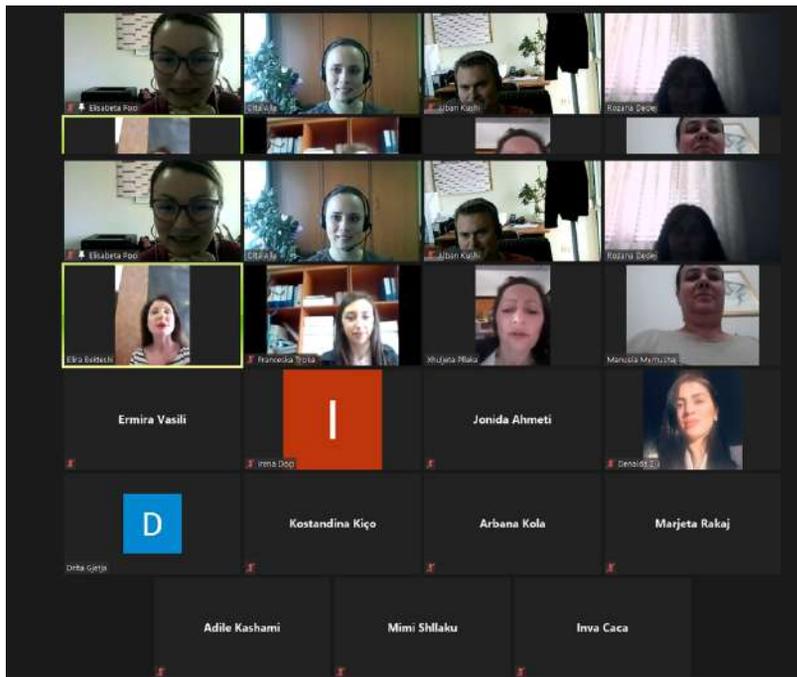


## About SHUKALB

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.

## What's New at SHUKALB

### SHUKALB Launches Its High School “Science Fair” Program for 2021



SHUKALB launched the implementation of one of its most exciting education and awareness program, the High School “Science Fair” Program, by organizing on 7 May 2021 a virtual training session with the participation of the biology, chemistry and physics teachers of the high schools participating in the Program.

The High School “Science Fair” program targets 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and includes 9 high schools from Shkoder, Lezhe, Durrës, Kavaja, Vlora, Saranda, Himara, Cerrik and Peqin. The program goal is to encourage analytic thinking and experimental working between students. This program is a competition in which students create and conduct research through scientific methods. They enable students to investigate a scientific topic by seeking information or by talking to professionals and their teachers. [read more](#)

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## News From Our Members

**On the Eve of the Summer Season, Pogradec Water Supply and Sewerage Company Guarantees Quality Services**



Thanks to the support of the German Government and that of the Albanian Government, Pogradec Water Supply and Sewerage Company (Pogradec WSSC) has accomplished its goal and vision of ensuring 24/7 supply with quality drinking water for the Pogradec city and Buçimas Administrative Unit, as well as 100% coverage with sewerage network for the city of Pogradec.

Lake Ohrid is one of the oldest lakes in the world and it is well known for its unique aquatic ecosystem of worldwide importance, with more than 200 endemic species. Due to its unique properties, the lake has been designated UNESCO world heritage status. As such, the protection of water quality and the whole aquatic environment of the lake are of utmost importance to the Pogradec WSSC. All three phases of “Environmental Protection of Lake Ohrid” Project, implemented in 2004 – 2018, have consisted in the installation and coverage of the city of Pogradec and the Administrative Unit of Buçimas with potable water network and sewerage system. [read more](#)

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## Other

### **European Green Deal: An Ambitioned Plan for Zero Air, Water and Soil Pollution**



On 12 May, the audience of the DWP KnowNow Webinar on the European Green Deal received a condensed version of the ambitious EU plans for a Corona recovery with strong focus on a healthy environment and digital change. On the very same day, the European Commission adopted the EU Action Plan “Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil”.

The EU Action Plan sets out an integrated vision for 2050: a world where pollution is reduced to levels that are no longer harmful to human health and natural ecosystems. It also outlines a viable path towards this challenging goal, tying together all relevant EU policies to tackle and prevent pollution, with a special emphasis on digital solutions.

Jointly with the [Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability](#) adopted last year, the action plan translates the EU's zero pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment into action. It will work hand in hand with the EU's equally ambitious goals for climate neutrality, health, biodiversity and resource efficiency, building on initiatives in the fields of energy, industry, mobility, food, circular economy, and agriculture.

To learn more about the EU Action Plan “Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil” follow this link:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/strategy/zero-pollution-action-plan\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/strategy/zero-pollution-action-plan_en)

To receive more updates from the [Voice of the Danube](#) we encourage you to sign up at this link [www.iawd.at/#registration](http://www.iawd.at/#registration)

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