

April 2022

What's New at SHUKALB



SHUKALB Supports Albanian Water Utilities Celebrating World Water Day 2022



Every year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of water and it presents a unique opportunity to draw attention and create momentum that compels governments, the international community, civil society, and individuals to take action.

The theme chosen by United Nations for this year's World Water Day was "Groundwater – Making the Invisible Visible", drawing attention to the importance of protecting our groundwater resources. The theme is uniquely important especially for a country like Albania, which provides most of the drinking water supply from groundwater resources. [read more](#)

Development of a Project Document for the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions for

Upcoming Training Courses and CD Programs

[Water Sources and Intake Structures](#)

13 April 2022, Tirana

[Water Mains and Storage Facilities](#)

14 April 2022, Tirana

[Customer Service and Public Relations](#)

27-28 April 2022, Tirana

Upcoming International Conferences

[Virtual Conference: Wastewater, Water and Resource Recovery Conference](#)

Online
10-13 April 2022

[9th Leading Edge Conference for Strategic Asset Management \(LESAM 2022\)](#)

Wastewater Treatment in two Rural Areas in the Drin River Basin

Bordeaux, France
11 - 13 May 2022



[IFAT 2022 - World's Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management](#)

Munich, Germany
30 May – 3 June 2022

[12th Micropol and Ecohazard Conference](#)

Santiago de Compostela, Spain
6 - 10 June 2022

[Water Loss 2022](#)

Prague, Czech Republic
19 - 22 June 2022.

In February 2022, SHUKALB has become part of the project titled “Development of a Project Document for the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions for Wastewater Treatment in two Rural Areas in the Drin River Basin”. The project is implemented in the framework of the “Promoting the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in South-eastern Europe, through the use of the Nexus approach” Project, by the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med) in partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA). [read more](#)

SHUKALB Wraps Up the Rotary “Hands Across Waters” Program with the International Annual Graduation Event on the World Water Day, 22 March



Join Us!



For the second year in a row, SHUKALB has joined efforts with the Rotary Club of Haifa in Israel, Hi-Teach, and Rotary Club of Tirana International for organizing the Rotary Hands Across Waters (RHAW) innovative STEAM educational program for the high schools in Albania. The RHAW Program uses the global Water and Sanitation challenge and advanced new solutions as base for collaborative cross-cultural science education. It was developed by Hi-Teach, and it is run in association with the Rotary, hosted by the Haifa Rotary Club and many partnering Rotary Clubs, Industries, Government, Academia and NGO's, all over the world.

Tell us what you think!

As part of the program, the participating schools create twinning and establish exchanges with other schools that are part of the program, in other countries. [read more](#)



Training and Capacity Development Programs

Hurry up to Register for the Upcoming Training Courses!



SHUKALB invites you to register to the upcoming training courses that will be organized during 2022. Find more details about registrations for each training, in the below Calendar.

TRAININGS IN APRIL

WATER SOURCES AND INTAKE STRUCTURES **13 April 2022, Tirana**

The proper selection of water sources and a good management of the water storage facilities are the main factors and very important to produce low cost and good water quality. If the water quality is good at the source or reservoir, then the intake structures will transport clean water, and in an effective manner into the treatment plant or in water distribution network.



In this training course the participants will learn the basic knowledge on water sources and their characteristics. [read more](#)

Registrations to the D-LeaP Utility Benchmarking Program are now Open!

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.



Benchmarking, collecting performance indicators and then comparing performance among utilities of similar size and conditions, is a major tool to improve water utility performance.

SHUKALB and SHUKOS have been jointly offering the D-LeaP Utility Benchmarking Program for the water supply and sewerage companies in both Albania and Kosovo since 2014 in the framework of the Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP), with support from the International Association of Water Utilities in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD). [read more](#)

SHUKALB Kicks Off Its Training Program for 2022



SHUKALB has kicked off its Training Program for 2022 with the delivery of one of its most sought and important trainings, the two-day training course “Financial Statements and Their Role in Decision Making”, held in Tirana on 2 & 3 March 2022.

The training was delivered by Prof. Assoc. Mirela Miti, Lecturer, Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana and was attended by managers and specialists of the financial department of Water Supply and Sewerage Companies Malesi e Madhe, Shkoder, Durres, Peqin and Berat-Kuçove. [read more](#)

Other

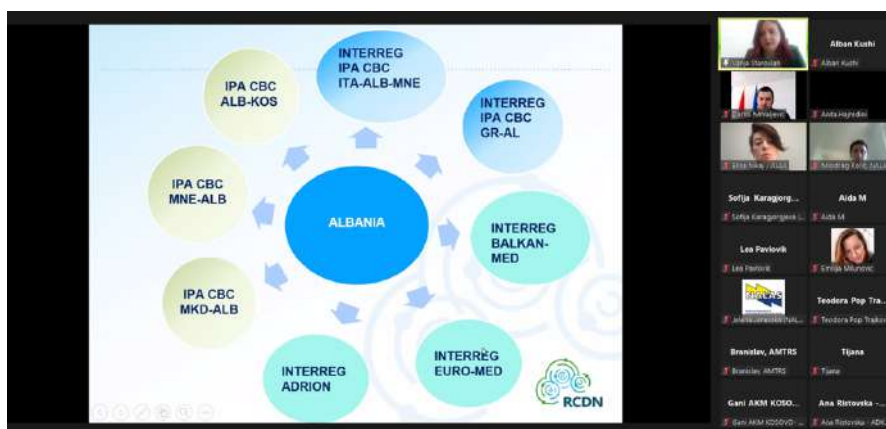
SHUKALB Attends RCDN Kick-off Meeting “Relaunch of the Waste Water CD Programmes”



On 15 March 2022, the Regional Capacity Development Network (RCDN) Project organized online the Relaunch Kick-off meeting for the elaboration of RCDN Waste Water (WW) CD Programmes.

The objective of the meeting was to ensure a proper and common understanding and clarify the overall methodology and validation process of RCDN WW CD Programmes as well as to agree on key elements of the implementing approach. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Participates at the RCDN Training on EU Funding Sources



The Regional Capacity Development Network (RCDN) Project organized on 24 February and 3 March 2022 the online Training on EU Funding Sources. The overall objective of the training was to strengthen the capacities of RCDN partner associations and their members for better absorption of EU funds.

The training was attended by fourteen representatives from RCDN partner associations of local governments (LGAs) and associations of water utilities (APUCs). SHUKALB was represented at the training by Alban Kushi, Manager of Member Services, Ermira Vasili, Finance Administrator and Arbana Kola, Project Manager of the Integrated Asset Management Project. [read more](#)

SHUKALB Participates at the RCDN Training on Management Cycle



During 23-25 March 2022, the Regional Capacity Development Network (RCDN) project organized the meeting on the RCDN Training management cycle and standards in delivery of trainings in the Western Balkans. The meeting was organized in Durres, Albania.

The purpose of this meeting was to improve the capacity of RCDN partner associations to improve and provide quality Training and Peer exchange, according to the quality standards set by RCDN. [read more](#)

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