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SHUKALB's 2021 Year in Review – Message by Elisabeta Poçi, Executive Director



Dear Members, Partners, and Friends,

As we prepare to step into the New Year we would like to use the opportunity and wish you all a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year in 2022.

Despite the difficulties we faced this year, due to the continuation of the COVID pandemic, SHUKALB managed to meet its mission objectives, by successfully carrying out its activities and adapting to the situation. I am pleased to share with you a summary of some of the highlights of the major activities and events that SHUKALB undertook this past year.

During 2021, in the framework of its **Training Program**, SHUKALB delivered 12 training courses, 4 of them delivered online, attended by 210 participants from 30 water utilities across Albania covering topics such as water quality, leakage control, management, financial management, water loss management, financial statements, business planning, financial and fiscal reporting, customer service, public relations, and wastewater treatment. [read more](#)

Upcoming International Conferences

[Introduction course to EU Water Policy and Legislation](#)

Online
25- 26 January 2022

[The German Water Sector - focus on Water Supply and Wastewater](#)

Online
25- 27 January 2022

[LET2022- The 17th IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies](#)

Reno, Nevada, USA
27 March - 02 April 2022

Training and Capacity Development Programs

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



Join Us!



On 9, 16, 17 December 2021, in Tirana, SHUKALB delivered successfully the RCDN Training on “Capital Infrastructure Investment Projects in the Water Sector”. The training was attended by 25 participants from the technical, commercial, legal and administrative departments of Water Supply and Sewerage Companies of Tirana, Shkodra, Saranda, Korça, Vlora and Gjirokastra.

Tell us what you think!

This training was organized in the framework of the project “Regional Capacity Development Network for Water and Sanitation Services (RCDN). [read more](#)



What's New at SHUKALB!

SHUKALB Organizes the End of the Year Workshop of the “Asset Management Advisory Services to Water Utilities in South East Europe” Project



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.

On 17th December 2021, SHUKALB in collaboration with SHUKOS (the Water and Wastewater Works Association of Kosovo) organized the End of the Year Workshop of the “Asset Management Advisory Services to Water Utilities in South East Europe” Project. The workshop was organized online through MS Teams Platform, and it was attended by managers and

staff from the water utilities from Albania and Kosovo, representatives from central and local government institutions from both Albania and Kosovo, as well as donors.

The objective of the workshop was to present the progress of the project during 2021, and inform about the activities that will take place in 2022. [read more](#)

Arbana Kola, IAM Project Manager, Elected as Member of the Management Committee of the IWA Strategic Asset Management Specialist Group



SHUKALB is proud to announce that Arbana Kola, Project Manager of the Integrated Asset Management Project, has been recently elected as the new Member of the Management Committee of the IWA Strategic Asset Management Specialist Group for the Period of November 2021 – November 2024.

The Strategic Asset Management Specialist Group (SAM SG) is a group for water professionals to work together and share knowledge in terms of infrastructural asset management of urban water services at the strategic, tactical and operational levels, aiming at achieving a balance between performance, risk and cost in the long term. Another important aspect is the engagement of the developing countries and young water professionals, and the promotion of the regional initiatives. [read more](#)

Elisabeta Poçi, Executive Director of SHUKALB, Participates at the 2nd European Forum on the Regulation of Water Services



SPEAKERS **WATER CHALLENGES IN THE BALKANS**

PANEL 4 - 4.15

Ndricim Shani
ERRU

Walter Kling
IAWD

Georgi Hristov
GIZ

Elisabeta Poci
Shukalb

Philip Weller
IAWD

Madalina Ivanica
EU Commission

Guillemette Vachey
EU Commission

WAREG **ARENA**

2nd EFRWS
Better regulation for a greener Europe

ONLINE EDITION
December 1st, 2021

On 1st of December 2021, the European Association of Water Regulators (WAREG) organized the 2nd edition of the European Forum on the Regulation of Water Services (EFRWS). The 2nd EFRWS was organized around the green transition and the actions taken by European institutions and by national regulators to improve circular economy-based activities in the water sector.

SHUKALB was represented at the forum by Elisabeta Poçi, Executive Director, who was featured as a speaker at the Panel 4: Water Challenges in the Balkans, sharing SHUKALB's experience with its Training and Certification Programs. The panel focused on some of the main challenges, achievements and urgent needs in the water and wastewater sector in EU Candidate Countries, and the role of national regulators in implementing the EU legislative acquis on water. The panel was co-moderated by Ndrizim Shani, Chairman of the Albanian Water Regulatory Authority, and Walter Kling, President of the International Association of Water Service Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD). [read more](#)

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