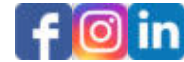




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Registration is Now Open –11th Balkans Joint Conferences and Exhibition, “Accelerating Change: Towards Safe, Reliable and Sustainable Services!”



Upcoming International Events

[11th IWA Efficient Urban Water Management Conference 2023](#)

Bordeaux, France
13-15 September 2023

[96th Annual Technical Exhibition & Conference](#)

Chicago, Illinois, USA
30 September – 4 October 2023

[IWA Digital Water Summit](#)

Bilbao, Spain
14 – 16 November 2023



SHUKALB and SHUKOS are pleased to invite you to join us at our [11th Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition](#) to be held on **7-9 November 2023**, at [Grand Blue Fafa Resort, Golem, Albania](#).

The theme of the Conference "**Accelerating Change: Towards Safe, Reliable and Sustainable Services**", is inspired by World Water Day 2023 and in particular this year by the UN Water Conference held in March in New York City, and it is about accelerating change to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), ensuring access to clean water and sanitation for all. [read more](#)

News From the Sector

The Council of Ministers of Albania Approves the National Strategy of the Water Supply and Sewerage Sector 2023-2030

On July 26, 2023, the Council of Ministers of Albania approved the National Strategy of the Water Supply and Sewerage Sector for the period of 2023-2030. The development of the Strategy was a joint initiative of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE) and the German Government, implemented through GIZ Albania.

This Strategy has been prepared with the aim of presenting the Vision, Mission, Policy Purpose and Action Plans in Albania in a clear, specific, quantitative and time-bound manner, in accordance with our country's commitments towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations. The purpose of the Strategy is to improve the quality provision of

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water supply and sewerage services for the citizens of Albania and to support the economic development of the country, based on the performance of a key infrastructure service.

You can find the full decision published in the Official Gazette at this [link](#), pages 14,141 to 14,192.

News From Our Members

Vlora Water Supply and Sewerage Company Takes Measures for Cleaning the Sewerage Pumping Stations



As part of the measures for the tourist season, Vlora WSS Company has started an action for the cleaning of its sewerage pumping stations in the city of Vlora, as well as along the coastline. The sewerage pumping stations are facilities of particular importance and are treated as such by the utility operators with full attention, especially in this period of the tourist season.

The tourist season quadruples the number of population in Vlora, which in turn increases the load into the sewerage network. [read more](#)

Mueller Switches to a More Sustainable and Environmentally Friendly Brass Following Extensive Life Cycle Assessment



A life cycle assessment (LCA) is a systematic approach for assessing the environmental impacts from a product that occur across all stages of its life. The typical evaluation framework of an LCA covers topics such as raw materials, manufacturing, distribution, and use phases of a product, including its final disposal and recycling.

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.

An LCA analysis can provide an enterprise with a better understanding of the parts of a product chain that carry the highest environmental burden, giving it a clearer picture of its environmental footprint and affording it more transparency with its corporate environmental disclosures. At the same time, a thorough examination of a product life cycle can uncover key findings into the processes and operations behind a product. [read more](#)

Other

Utility of the Future Center of Excellence



The World Bank, in partnership with the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), has recently launched the **Utility of the Future Center of Excellence** (UoF-CoE), which will among other activities support a number of utilities in the Western Balkan countries to implement the Utility of the Future methodology and provide additional financing for a limited number of best performing utilities to implement actions.

SHUKALB would like to encourage water utility companies in Albania to participate in this initiative, by pre-registering through this [Link](#). [read more](#)

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