



**DANUBE
WATER
PROGRAM**

Smart policies, strong utilities, sustainable services

Competitive Grants Award Process

The Danube Water Program announces that 13 applications from 47 received have been chosen to be further evaluated and negotiation to begin to receive a Competitive Grant from the Program. The grant awards (up to 50,000 Euro) will be provided to Applicants from 10 different countries.

The list of the projects chosen to be further evaluated are (*please note that projects are listed alphabetically per country and order of receipt*):

- **Albania**: Developing a Utility Management Training Program Curricula Framework for the Water and Wastewater Utility Managers in the Danube Region (*SHUKALB*)
- **Albania**: Improving service quality and efficiency via implementing a GIS monitoring system and a wide information campaign in the new regionalised service area (*Korca Water Supply and Sewerage Company*)
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: The establishment of center for monitoring and reduction of losses (*JSC Vodovod Banja Luka*)
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: The active control of losses in water supply system of East Sarajevo (*UC VIK East Sarajevo*)
- **Bulgaria**: Elaboration of design of DMAs for the city of Stara Zagora and implementation of 1 pilot DMA (*VIK EOOD Stara Zagora*)
- **Bulgaria**: Improvement of the asset management in Sofiyska Voda JSC through elaboration of a new assets valuation methodology (*Sofiyska Voda JSC*)

- **Croatia**: Leak Detection Competition (*Croatian Water and Wastewater Association*)
- **Kosovo**: Implementing a selected list of commercial efficiency improvements as identified in phase I of the Danube Water Program (*Hidrodrini JSC Peja*)
- **Serbia**: Preparation for introduction of technical safety management in Serbia water supply public utility companies (*UTVSI – Association for Water Technology and Sanitary Engineering*)
- **FYR Macedonia**: Capacity development for business planning (**ADKOM**)
- **Moldova**: Advanced training for customer relation services' employees **AMAC's** members (*Technical University of Moldova*)
- **Montenegro**: Preparatory activities for the implementation of reforms in the area of utility services in Montenegro (*Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism*)
- **Ukraine**: The Quality Management System implementation for the improvement of customer service level (*Ivano -Frankivskvodoekotekphrom Utility*)

All of the above Applicants will be contacted for further clarifications regarding content and indicated budget.

After the above mentioned clarification process, final winning Applicants will be announced individually and at the Danube Water Program website.

Quality of the received Applications was extremely high and there are in total 31 Applications which passed a threshold of 65 points as indicated in the Guidelines for Applicants.

Therefore the Danube Water Program Secretariat remains committed to working with the applicants for projects not accepted for funding under the program to be considered for involvement in other relevant Danube Water Program capacity building activities.

Furthermore, the Danube Water Program Secretariat will endeavour to commit additional financial resources in order to finance implementation of additional successful competitive grants.

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