The Danube Water Program has announced that 14 applications from the 71 received have been chosen to receive a Competitive Grant from the program. The grant awards (up to 75,000 Euro) will be provided to applicants from 10 different countries.

The list of projects chosen to be awarded funding are:

- **Improvement of National Benchmarking System in Ukraine** – National Commission for Public Utilities Regulation
- **Training of Managers, Engineers and Members of AMAC** – Moldova National Association of WSS Utilities (AMAC)
- **Strengthening the Water Training Centre and Water Utilities to Boost Operation Practices** - Water Training Centre – FCFPPDA (ARA) (Romania)
- **Benchmarking in the Bulgarian Water Sector** – Bulgarian Water Association
- **Improvement of Water Management Through Business Performance and Forming Association** – PUC Naissum Nis (Serbia)
- **UTVSI DVGW Technical Rules for Drinking Water Supply** – Assoc. for Water Technology and Sanitary Engineers (Serbia)
- **Editing Technical Rules for Drinking Water and Wastewater in Bosnian Language** – VIK Sarejevo (BiH)
• Development of GIS for Water and Sewage Network of East Sarajevo – UC Waterworks East Sarejevo (BiH)
• Capacity Development for Improvement of Performance of Water Utilities: Regulation, Efficiency and Quality – Macedonian Water Utility Association (ADKOM)
• Reduction of NRW – PUC Vodovod – Kumanovo (FRY Macedonia)
• Development of Young Professionals Network – SHUKOS (Kosovo)
• Developing a Framework and Business Model for a Western Balkans Training Centre – SHUKALB (Albania – Western Balkans)
• Development of a Training Course for Business Planning for Water Utility Associations – SHUKALB (Albania – DWP Region)
• Strengthening the Capacity of Water Utilities in the Region with Benchmarking of Key Performance Indicators – P.E. Vodovod Bistrica Biljelo Polje (Montenegro, BiH, Serbia)

In addition to the 14 applications chosen to receive funding a further 7 projects are still under consideration for partial funding and support through other Danube Water Program components and activities.

• Professional Training of Workers of Water Companies – Kijiv City and Ukraine Utility Association (Ukraine)
• IBNET from Implementation to Institutionalization – IPM (Serbia)
• Asset Management in Regional Water Company Pristina – Regional Water and Wastewater Company Pristina (Kosovo)
• Consulting Services for Determining ROC and Wastewater Tariffs – Water and Wastewater Regulatory Office of Kosovo
• Energy Efficiency Improvement in the City of Niksic – PUC Niksic (Montenegro)
• Strengthening the Croatian Association of Experts as a Knowledge Sharing Platform – Croatian Association of Experts Water, Sewage and Gas
• Development of a Curriculum for Qualification for WWT Operator and Realisation of Test Training - TCCC DANUBIUS

The quality of the applications for the Competitive Grants was very high and the applications extremely good. The Danube Water Program thanks all the applicants who submitted grant applications for their interest in the Program. The 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 activities.

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