



Danube Water Program supports policy dialogue and capacity development to achieve Smart Policies, Strong Utilities, Sustainable Services in the water supply and wastewater sector in the Danube Region. The program is jointly run by the World Bank and IAWD, with funding from the Government of Austria.

## NEWSLETTER / June 2017

### PROGRAM NEWS

### 2017 Danube Water Conference Report is available

After a successful 2017 Danube Water Conference, the Danube Water Program Team is happy to present the [Conference Report](#). The report together with the presentations held at the Conference as well as the pictures can be found on the [website](#).

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### New Study on Wastewater Management in the Danube Region

The World Bank with the assistance of the consultant Umweltbundesamt GmbH, Wien has initiated the study *Wastewater Management in the Danube Region: Challenges and Opportunities of EU accession*. The objective of this study is to assess the results of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD) in the Danube Region, taking into account environmental, economic, sustainability and affordability aspects.

Further Information as well as a summary of the exclusive Session held at the 2017 Danube Water Conference can be found [here](#).

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### Update on Study "Serving those beyond utility reach"

The activities under the "Serving those beyond utility reach" continue to progress and contribute to the analysis. The first and second phase of data collection have been completed for most countries and now the team is focusing efforts on developing the country and regional reports. Initial results were presented in an exclusive session at the annual Danube Water Conference in May, 2017. A summary of the session as well as further information on the study can be found [here](#).

Final products are expected by September 2017.

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## BiH signed DANUBIS DCM MoU at 2017 DWC

The Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Water Utility Association of Republic of Srpska, the Association of the Employers of Utility Companies in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and IAWD have signed the DANUBIS DCM (Data Collection and Management) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the frame of the 2017 DWC. [More Information](#)

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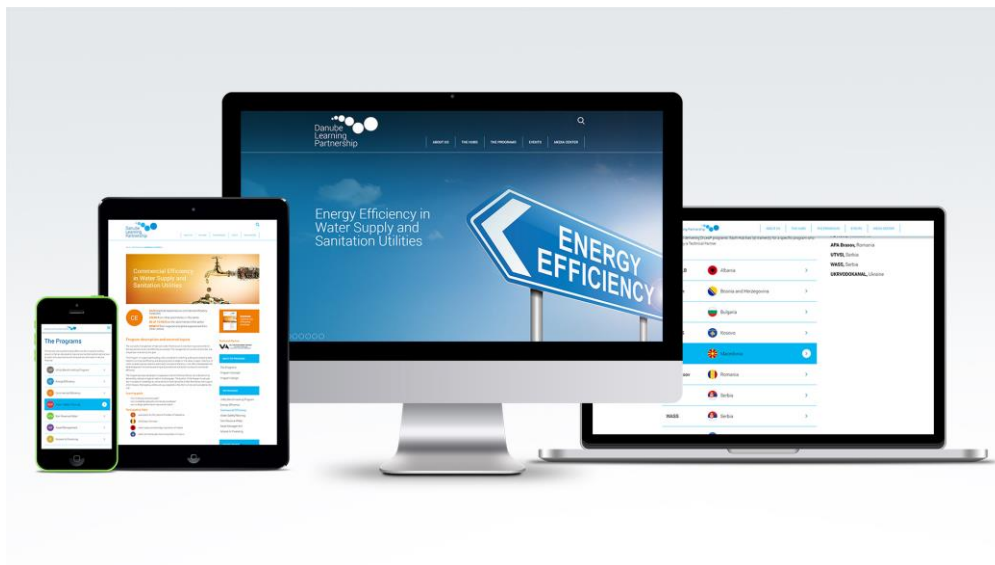
## First Committee Council meeting of the Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP)

The first official meeting of the newly established [D-LeaP Committee Council](#) was held in the frame of the Danube Water Conference on 19 May 2017. [More Information](#)

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## Launch of Danube Learning Partnership Website

The Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP) is proud to present its brand-new [website](#) with information on the Danube Learning Partnership, the Programs and the Hubs.



## Kick-off Meeting of the Regional Capacity Development Network (RCDN) for Water and Sanitation Services

The official [kick-off meeting](#) of the Regional Capacity Development Network (RCDN) for Water and Sanitation Services took place in the frame of the 2017 Danube Water Conference on 19 May 2017.

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### IARD and IWA sign MoU

In the frame of the 2017 Danube Water Conference, the International Water Association (IWA) and IARD presented their recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which will strengthen the cooperation between the two associations for mutual benefit. With this MoU, IARD officially steps into the role to organize IWA activities in the Danube Region. Among them is the coordination and further development of the Young Water Professionals (YWP) Initiative in the region, which was kicked-off with the first [IWA YWP Danube Regional Workshop](#) on 19 May attached to the 2017 DWC. More Information and pictures can be found [here](#).

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### IARD welcomes new Members!

IARD's membership has expanded significantly with four new utility members joining, which are Sofia Waterworks (Bulgaria), Bijeljina Water Company (BiH), Szeged Waterworks (Hungary) and the Regional Water Supply Company of Montenegro. In addition, ten water utility associations have joined as extraordinary members and Siemens as a corporate member. [More Information](#)

### Sustainability of Water Services in Bosnia and Herzegovina

On 5 and 6 April 2017 a regional conference on „Sustainability of water services in Bosnia and Herzegovina" was organized by the Association for Water and Environmental Protection Sector „Aquasan Network in B&H", Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations in B&H, Association „Waterworks RS", Association of Employers of Utility Companies of the FB&H", and the Association of Cities and Municipalities of the FB&H and the Association of Municipalities and Cities of the RS. The conference was held in Banja Luka. [More Information](#)

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### Initial Ex-YU Utility Benchmarking Workshop 2017

The [Initial Ex-YU Utility Benchmarking Workshop 2017](#), which acts as the kick-off event for utility benchmarking in Ex-YU countries, took place on April 26, 2017.

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### Training of Trainers for Commercial Efficiency Program

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The Training of Trainers event for [Commercial Efficiency in Water Supply and Sanitation Utilities](#) took place on 26-28 April 2017 in Korca, Albania. [More Information](#)

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## Utility Performance and Financing Course at 2017 DWC

The Utility Performance and Financing Course was offered by the World Bank under the D-LeaP Partnership on May 15-16, 2017 prior to the 2017 Danube Water Conference. [More Information](#)

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## DANUBIS.org Breakfast held at 2017 DWC

IAWD and World Bank organized a breakfast on the Danubis.org water platform to introduce this tool to the water community. [More Information](#)

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## Water Days

The [Water Days](#) consisting of a Water Fair and an international professional conference on "Energy efficiency in waterworks systems" are organised by the Association for Water Protection and Preservation in the South of Serbia (WASS) and took place in Nis, Serbia on 8-9 June, 2017.

**EVENTS AND NEWS FROM THE REGION (More at [DANUBIS.org](#))**

## 14th IWA/IAHR International Conference on Urban Drainage (ICUD)

The 14th IWA/IAHR International Conference on Urban Drainage (ICUD) is organised by the IWA/IAHR Joint Committee on Urban Drainage (JCUD) and will take place in Prague on 10-15 September, 2017. The ICUD conference aims to present the latest advances and innovative approaches in fundamental and applied research on urban drainage, taking into account meteorological, hydrological, hydraulic, water quality and socio-economic aspects worldwide. [More Information](#)

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## 10th Micropol & Ecohazard Conference

The 10th Micropol & Ecohazard Conference is organised by the IWA Specialist Group on Assessment and Control of Hazardous Substances in Water (ACHSW) and will take place in Vienna on 17-20 September 2017. [More Information](#)

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## Current issue in water supply and sewage

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The conference on "Current Issues in water supply and sewage" will take place in Vodice, Croatia on 4-8 October 2017. [More Information](#)

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