



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.

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PROGRAM NEWS

New members in the World Bank team

As previously reported, we welcome Patricia Lopez and Elvira Broeks Motta, who took over their assignments as new World Bank Program Leader and Program Analyst by mid-August. Please find more information on both of them [here](#).

Call for Strengthening the National Water and Wastewater Associations extended!

IAWD (DWP) has received and already approved a number of requests for financial support for strengthening the National Water and Wastewater Associations. The grants are focused on implementing elements of the association business plans and for those associations without a business plan helping them prepare one and carry out needed activities. IAWD (DWP) expects to receive further requests from national water utility associations and therefore extends the deadline for this Call for Applications, which can be found on the [website](#), until October 31st 2016. If you have any questions on how to apply for this Grant, please contact [Violeta Wolff](#) who leads implementation of the Water Utility Associations Strengthening Grants.

Competitive Grants Award Process

IAWD (DWP) announces that out of 13 applications from 47 received, negotiations have been concluded with 11 Grant Applicants. More details on activities foreseen in each awarded Grant will be available soon at the Danube Water Program website. In the meantime, for any further information, please contact [Violeta Wolff](#).

DWP Photo Contest - win a free registration to PI2017 and DWC 2017

The DWP launches a photo contest to gather new and representative pictures for DWP public relations material. The best picture will be awarded with a free registration for the [IWA PI2017](#) and the [Danube Water Conference 2017](#) (for more information on both events, please see IAWD News). [Further Information](#)

New Features @DANUBIS.org!

We are happy to present some changes and new features regarding the [DANUBIS.org](#) water platform. One of the main changes is the introduction of the new [Business Opportunities](#) section promoting Job Offers as well as Calls and Tenders in the region. Please find out more on [DANUBIS.org](#)!

World Bank team works on regional study on rural water services

The World Bank team has begun the second phase of data collection for the study “Serving those beyond utility reach in the Danube region” which focuses on seven countries in the region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine). The objective of the study is to (i) analyze the situation of water supply and sanitation services in areas beyond the reach of formal providers and (ii) recommend possible paths forward to improve service quality. [More Information](#)

IAWD NEWS

Roundtable of Water Utility Associations, 27-28 October 2016

The [Roundtable of Water Utility Associations](#) will convene in Vienna on 27-28 October 2016. The main focus of the meeting is the final establishment of the Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP).

[More Information](#)

IAWD will host the PI2017 Conference - Call for Papers open

Every two years the IWA Benchmarking and Performance Assessment Specialist Group ([BPA SG](#)) organizes a conference to present experiences and learn about other benchmarking and assessment projects around the world. The next PI Conference will be

hosted by the International Association of Waterworks in the Danube Catchment Area ([IAWD](#)) from 15 – 17 May 2017 in Vienna in conjunction with the Danube Water Conference 2017 (17-18 May 2017).

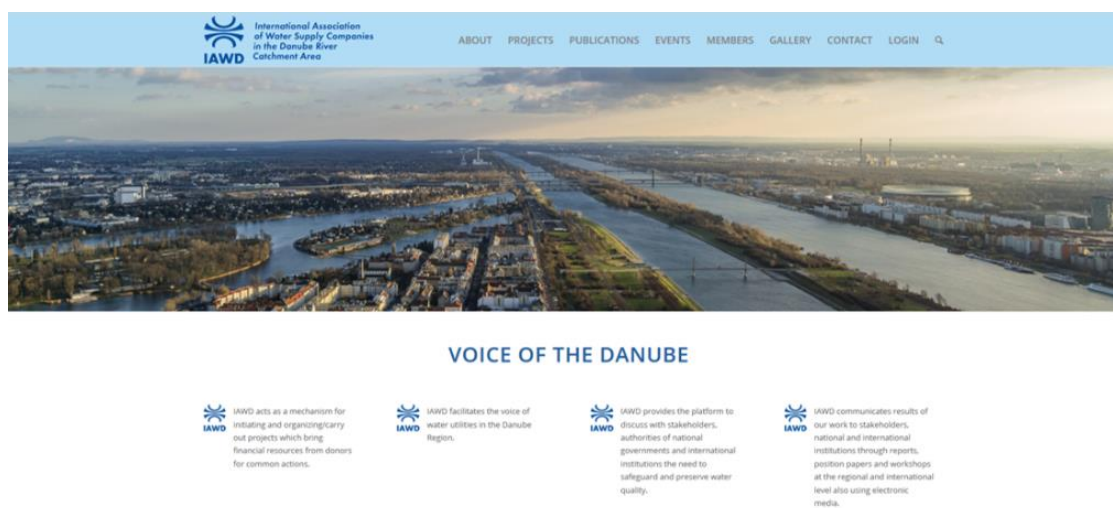
The Call for Papers is already open. Please see the [PI2017 website](#) for more information.

Relaunch of the webpage of IAWD

With the World Bank aim to strengthen the activities of IAWD in the Danube region and the financial support of the GIZ Grant "Regional Dialogue Platform" the team of IAWD succeeded to establish the relaunch of the IAWD webpage.

This information platform will grow its contents with the input of IAWD members, partner organisations and interested individuals in the near future.

Check the available information on www.iawd.at.



PROGRAM EVENTS

Danube Water Conference 2017 - Save the Date!

The Danube Water Conference 2017 will be held in Vienna on 17-18 May 2017 and will be jointly organized with the IWA Specialist Conference on Benchmarking and Performance Assessment (15-17 September 2017, [PI2017 website](#)).

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

The DWP congratulates Arlinda Ibrahimllari, UK Korca, Albania

Ms. Arlinda Ibrahimllari has been elected as the new Chairperson of the International Water Association (IWA) Emerging Water Leaders Steering Committee for the period September 2016- September 2018. Stated more simply, Arlinda has risen to become chosen by her international peers to lead them as the top Young Water Professional in the World. [More Information](#)

Water and Jobs - Balkan Joint Conference and Exhibition, 2-4 November 2016

Shukalb (the Water Supply and Sewerage Association of Albania) and Shukos (The Water and Wastewater Works Association of Kosova) organize the Balkan Joint Conference and Exhibition "Water and Jobs" to be held in Tirana, Albania on 2-4-November. [More Information](#)

Water and Exhibition Forum, 16-18 November 2016

The Association for Water Technology and Sanitary Engineering - UTVSI - organizes the Water and Exhibition Forum to be held in Belgrade, Serbia on 16-18 November. [More Information](#)



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