

Announcement – Call for Young Water Professionals (YWP) from Western Balkan Countries

Are you 35 or below, working in or studying water related fields AND from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia or Serbia?

- interested to connect with young water professionals (age 35 or below and involved in water) internationally
- passionate about the water sector and its future
- keen to build your network and skills and
- willing to contribute (your time) to the position of young water professionals in the sector

9 Month Peer to Peer Exchange

Under RCDN*, a 9-month Peer to Peer Exchange is established to support Young Water Professionals (YWP) from the 6 Western Balkan countries. The aim is to facilitate the strengthening (or establishment) of Young Water Professional country networks (YWP chapter) through facilitation of two guided workshops between YWP representatives of these six countries. Additionally, the YWPs are guided into developing a joint action plan and position paper on a relevant topic (chosen collaboratively during the workshops).

- End of June / Beginning July 2024 – Kick off meeting online & Workshop in Vienna (depending on availability of participants this could be moved to August)
- July 2024 – January 2025 – Jointly working on actions and position paper (including at least two online working meetings of 1 hour).
- February/ March 2025 – Second workshop (Location TBD and time to be jointly agreed upon)

Eligibility Criteria:

- You are a Young Water Professional = 35 of age or below and active in the water sector / studying water related subjects
- You are working / studying in Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina or Montenegro
- You have availability during the 9-month period - to attend 2 workshops (see proposed timeline) and contribute your time to the joint work and meetings
- Actively involved in the Young Water Professionals chapter/ national water / wastewater association OR interested to engage actively in the future.

This call is open for self-submission and submission by recommendation.

Submit your cv, a short motivation (two written paragraphs or video), and one recommendation (half page max). In Countries where a Young Water Professionals chapter exists, it is recommended to have the YWP chapter (or association) endorse your submission.

Submit to milunovic@iawd.at and kirsten@impactfulfacilitation.org by 17 June 2024

****RCDN:** “Regional Capacity Development Network (RCDN) for Water and Sanitation Services” aims at increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Associations of Public Utilities (APUCs) and of Local Governments (LGAs) in the six Western Balkan countries, which contributes to better service provision for and by their members, ultimately allowing to deliver equitable, safely managed drinking water and sanitation services to the population, in line with international standards. The YWP Peer to Peer exchange is executed by IAWD under its current RCDN grant period.*