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# JAHORINA 2024

## INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE

Sustainable development in the water services sector

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ▶ Water supply industry
- ▶ Wastewater collection and treatment treatment
- ▶ Reform of the public water services sector



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## THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

The International Water Conference "Jahorina 2024" is an opportunity for knowledge and experience exchange, as well as dialogue on organizational, economic, and technical issues in the management of companies that oversee water supply, sewage, and wastewater treatment systems. The aim is to contribute to better and faster problem-solving in the water sector and mutual understanding and support at the professional level in the region.

The main theme is dedicated to the necessary reforms in the public water services sector. During the debate, we will have the opportunity to learn how reforms in organizational policies and strategies can contribute to improvements and efficiency in municipal companies providing public water services.

Water quality for drinking and risk management will be discussed, focusing on new regulations, problems, and activities implemented in the region to preserve and enhance the safety of drinking water supply.

The conference will emphasize the implementation of EU directives on urban wastewater, the use of renewable energy sources (such as the construction of solar power plants), as well as funding opportunities for the sector.

Energy issues and their impact on company operations, currently a highly relevant topic in the water supply and wastewater treatment service sector, will be specially considered and discussed.

The conference is also an opportunity for the promotion and presentation of goods and services of both domestic and foreign economic entities, as well as new technologies and their applications in the water supply, sewage, and wastewater treatment sector.

Utilizing grants and credit funds from international organizations and funds requires knowledge of their usage methods and possibilities. The conference provides participants with insights into currently active and upcoming projects.



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# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF REFORMING THE WATER SERVICES SECTOR IN REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

A review of the management of the public water services sector, institutional, legal, and regulatory frameworks in Republika Srpska and BiH, reveals a highly fragmented approach and a lack of clarity regarding roles and responsibilities, resulting in poor functioning of water utility companies and questioning their sustainability.

The existing legal framework, i.e., the laws regulating the sector, are not harmonized with each other nor aligned with the Law on Local Self-Government, which should also regulate the provision of services by local communities.

Additionally, public providers of water supply, sewage, and wastewater treatment lack the necessary autonomy and responsibility to lead the process. Low tariffs and high inefficiency have led to many water utility companies not having enough revenue to be self-sustainable, thereby losing their autonomy and ability to meet citizens' expectations and EU requirements regarding compliance with directives regulating this area.

Tariffs are not set in line with cost recovery principles, are low in regional comparison, and well below the affordability threshold, jeopardizing service sustainability and hindering investments and efforts to expand public water infrastructure.

Improving sector financing through the establishment and adoption of tariff-setting methodologies is therefore a priority. This requires political will and the establishment of appropriate regulatory mechanisms. In this regard, the so-called "Water Alliance" has developed the Project for the Modernization of Water Services in BiH.

The project aims to support Republika Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina in strengthening institutional capacities at entity and local levels for improved provision of water supply, sewage, and wastewater treatment services, enabling access to water services and enhancing the efficiency of water service providers in local communities.

The reform of the water services sector in Republika Srpska has been initiated, and a significant part of the activities outlined in the reform is being implemented. The working group formed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Republika Srpska has drafted the text of the Water Services Law of Republika Srpska.

The law lays the foundation for implementing reforms in the water services sector. The conference is a good opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with the new approach to the water services sector envisaged by the defined reform and the upcoming Law on Water Services of Republika Srpska.

The "Jahorina" 2024 Conference should identify strategic priorities in the public water services sector in line with goals related to macroeconomic stability and sustainability, facilitating the achievement of standards, objectives, and tasks of the public water sector in the long term.



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## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

The participation fee of **200 KM** or **100 EUR** is paid by all conference attendees, regardless of the number of days of participation or the number of participants from each company, institution, or firm.

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- Prices do not include residence tax and insurance, which amount to **3.12** KM per person per day.

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