

Establishment and Operation of an IAWD Asset Management Regional Services Hub for selected Utilities in the Danube river basin

Danube Water Program

The Danube Water Program (DWP) is a joint initiative by the World Bank (WB) and the International Association of Water Supply Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD) supported by Austrian government to achieve 'Smart Policies, Strong Utilities and Sustainable Services' in the water supply and wastewater sector in the Danube Region. The Program works with regional, national and local stakeholders to promote an informed policy dialogue around the core challenges facing the sector; and strengthen technical and managerial capacity of the sector's utilities and institutions. One of DWP constituent elements is Asset Management (AM) Pillar. Having in mind general maturity of utilities from involved countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Macedonia, and Serbia), it is agreed that AM activities will be undertaken through establishment and operation of an AM Regional Services Hub.

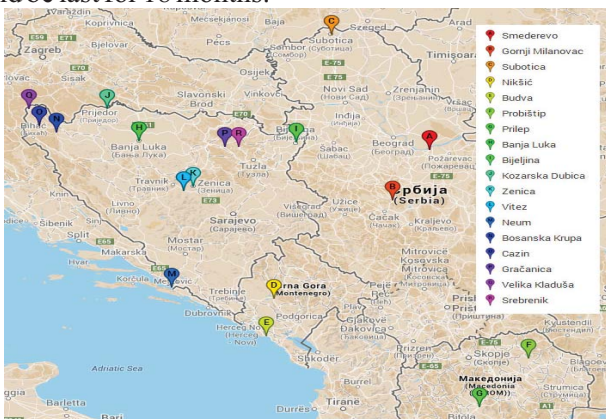
Project objective

The main objective is to create greater awareness about and improve AM practices in the Danube region. The project will create an IAWD knowledge hub for AM which will assist and guide leading utilities of the region in carrying out AM practices. With this project, and accompanying measures a critical mass shall be achieved to contribute to inclusion of AM as a mainstream topic in relevant national water services-related events and water agenda discussions within the DWP area.

Parties Involved

The lead organization will be the International Association of Danube Water Companies in cooperation with the Association for Water Technology and Sanitary Engineering, Belgrade, Serbia, Public Utility 'Belgrade Waterworks and Sewerage', and Hydro-Comp Enterprises, Cyprus.

The Project is officially launched on April 14th 2014, and should be last for 18 months.



Participatory Utilities disposition map

Introductory meeting was held on April 7th in Belgrade, with presence 16 utility representatives i.e. 33 participants.



Working atmosphere from introduction meeting

Main output

The main output of the hub will be the formation of the AM Service Centre and the completion of Management Reports aimed at combining and processing information from both the Commercial and Technical Departments of 15 Utility Partners and providing the Management of these utilities, on a regular basis, comprehensive reports on all AM aspects of operations.