

# VOICE OF THE DANUBE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATER SUPPLY COMPANIES IN THE DANUBE RIVER CATCHMENT AREA (IAWD)

## IAWD FACILITATES THE VOICE OF WATER UTILITIES IN THE DANUBE REGION.

IAWD **communicates** results of its work to stakeholders, national and international institutions through reports, position papers and workshops at the regional and international level also using electronic media.

IAWD **connects** the stakeholders, authorities of national governments and international institutions to discuss the need of safeguarding and preserving water quality on a sustainable basis.

IAWD **capacitates** its members through a variety of offerings including the Danube Learning Partnership.

## STRENGTH THROUGH COOPERATION

IAWD, the International Association of Water Supply Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area, is the prime association of water and wastewater utilities in the Danube region. Established in 1993, IAWD has built a strong network of cooperation in the region, which goes beyond national, cultural and linguistic borders.

IAWD supports the utilities directly and through its partners, the national water utility associations, to secure the water quality of the Danube and its tributaries, to make the utility services sustainable, to represent the utilities' interests and be an established and attractive platform for donors covering the entire region.

IAWD is aware that only joint action, joint standards and universally binding regulations will safeguard the quality of water resources in the Danube region. It is therefore IAWD's common concern to show solidarity in managing water services and ensuring their high quality.

IAWD invites you to become a member and to participate in the programs and activities of IAWD to create a strong voice for improving water services and utility operation in the Danube region.

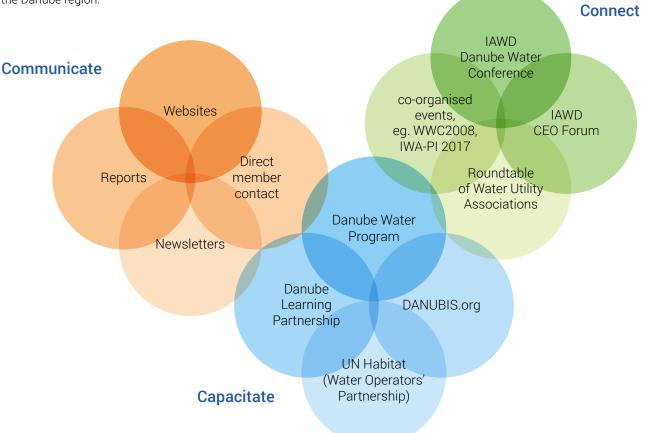
### **IAWD'S OFFER**

IAWD acts as a regional platform for information exchange, peer to peer networking and knowledge sharing and coordinates its work around three basic principles: **communicate, connect, capacitate**.

IAWD enhances information exchange through a number of websites (e.g. www.iawd.at, www.danube-water-program. org, www.danubis.org), regular newsletters, direct member contacts as well as reporting.

IAWD co-organizes conferences and events including its signature event, the annual IAWD Danube Water Conference, to enable peer to peer networking among the sector's stakeholders in the Danube region.

IAWD's activities and programs are designed to support the knowledge sharing among water and wastewater utilities to strengthen their technical and managerial capacities (e.g. Danube Water Program, Danube Learning Partnership, UN Habitat - WOPs). With DANUBIS.org (Danube Utility Benchmarking and Information Sharing) IAWD created an open online knowledge space of resources on water and wastewater services in South-East, Eastern and Central Europe.



## **IAWD'S SERVICE**

- IAWD Members participate in a regional platform that offers opportunities for information exchange, peer to peer networking and knowledge sharing among the water sector's stakeholders in the Danube region.
- IAWD Members **communicate** with each other and partners on key activities regarding the water sector and receive regular up-to-date information on news and activities through a variety of printed and online communication tools.
- AWD Members join a strong peer to peer network and **connect** with the water sector's stakeholders, such as governments, regulators, utilities, donor agencies, businesses supporting the water industry, and water utility associations.
- IAWD **capacitates** its members by inviting them to participate in the capacity building programs offered by IAWD and its partners (e.g. Danube Water Program and Danube Learning Partnership) and by offering the open online knowledge space DANUBIS.org.

#### **Danutiu Stegerean**

CEO, Apaserv Satu Mare, Romania:

"IAWD serves as the dynamic knowledge hub for water utilities to support their development and as communication platform in the region."

#### **Christian Hasenleithner**

Managing Director, Energie AG Oberösterreich Wasser GmbH, Austria:

"IAWD is the ideal platform to share experience and transfer know how to politicians, regulators, water associations and operators. That's the reason, why we are member and are joining IAWD in improving the quality of water and waste water services in SEE."

#### Ivan Ivanov

President, Bulgarian Water Association, Bulgaria:

"The BWA's participation in IAWD gives us many possibilities to communicate with our colleagues from the Danube region and find solutions to many problems that enables us to help our members."



Dipl. Ing. Vladimir Taušanović IAWD President:

"Joining IAWD will provide you access to the prime network of the water sector's professionals in the Danube region. It is our strong believe that our strategy to communicate, connect and capacitate can contribute to a strong, reliable and sustainable water sector in the region. You are welcome to join us "

## TYPES OF IAWD MEMBERSHIP

#### **Ordinary Members**

Only legal entities active in the field of public water supply and waste water management in the Danube and Balkan region. They are full voting members at the IAWD - General Assembly.

#### **Supporting Members**

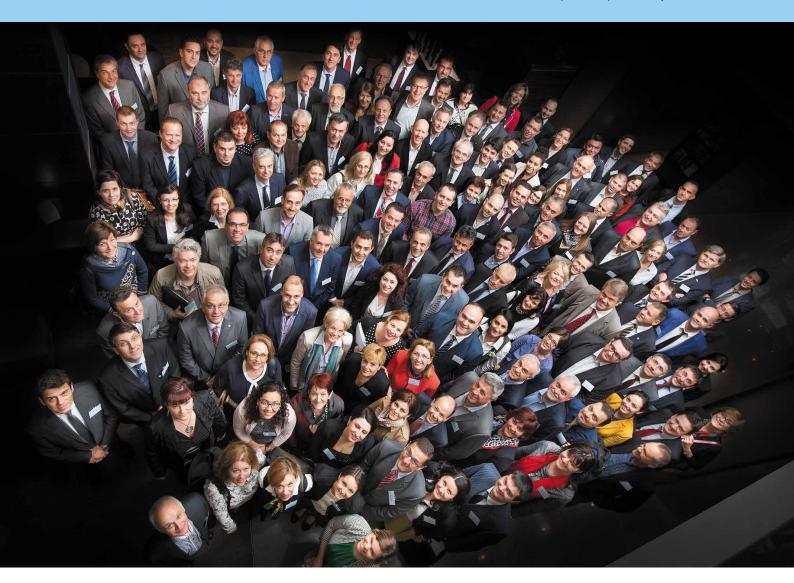
All physical persons and legal entities who support the activities of the Association. They receive observer status at the IAWD - General Assembly.

#### **Extraordinary Members**

Physical persons and legal entities deemed appropriate to promote the objectives of IAWD through their work. They receive observer status at the IAWD - General Assembly.

Study Contributions* (€/a)	Annual Water Sales (Mm³/a)				
	<2	2-10	10-20	20-50	>50
Ordinary Members	730	1460	2190	2920	5110
Supporting Members	730				
Extraordinary Members	730				

<sup>\*</sup> Membership Fees are paid as Study Contributions





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