



**ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING YOUTH -
THE YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS
CHAPTER IN KOSOVO**

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ABOUT US



YWP-Kosovo aims to empower, mobilize and develop the professional determination of young professionals in the water sector.

We currently have 49 members.

We became a chapter of International Water Association's (IWA) Young Water Professionals in 2023.

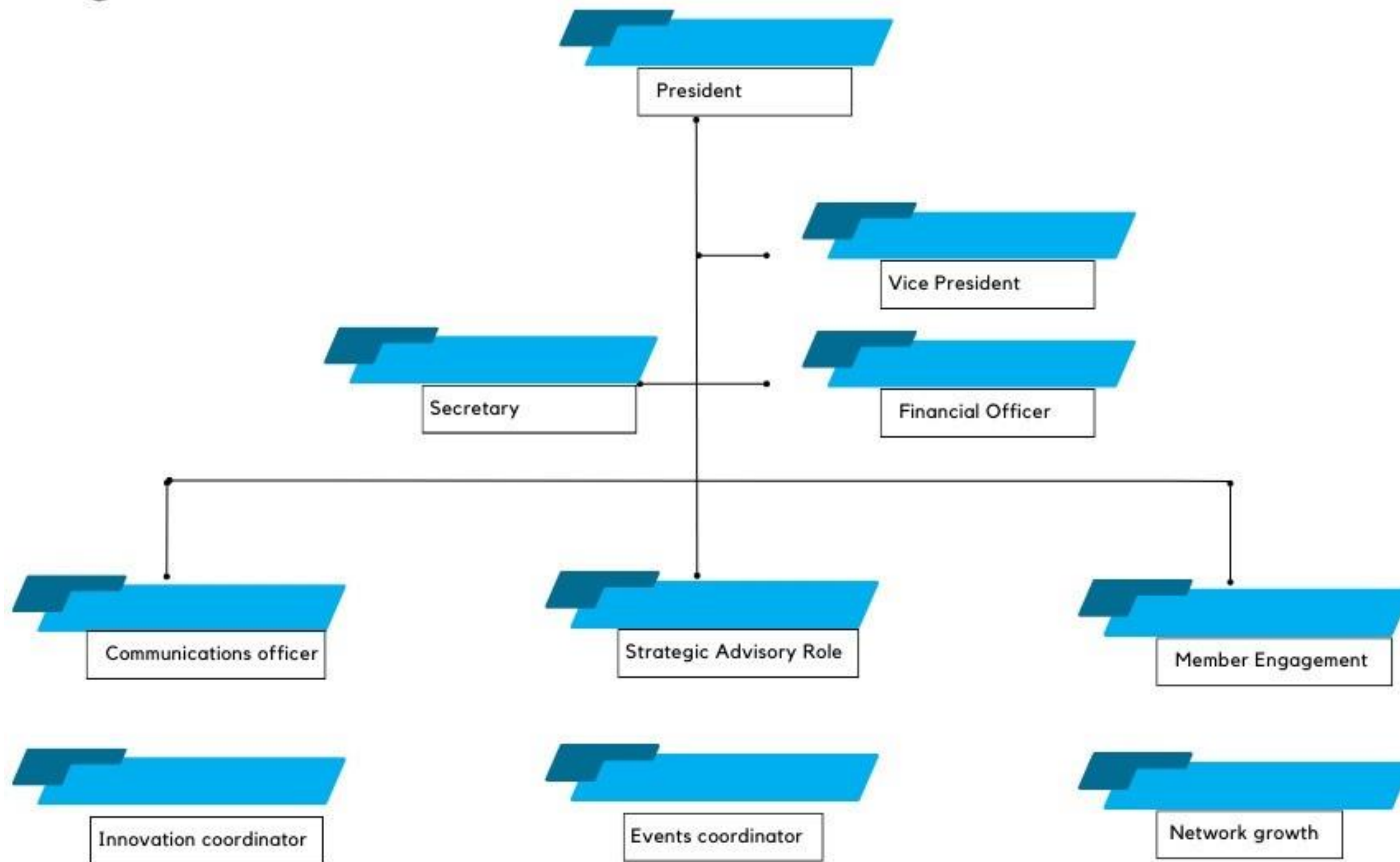
We share opportunities, organize events, and encourage our members to attend. Activities include:

- Attendance at the Danube Water Forum
- Visits to hydro-technical facilities
- Professional development training and workshops
- Grant applications

Collaborators include the IWRM-K program, IAWD, Budapest Water Works, SHUKOS, SHUKALB, University of Prishtina, and University of Gjakova, among others.

Young Water Professionals Kosovo

Organizational Chart



ACTIVITIES



01 A series of Workshops and Training on Communication Strategies, Methods, and Tools

02 Visit to the Waste-Water Treatment Plant in Prizren



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03 2022 Danube Water Forum in Tirana

04 The YWP-K Consolidation Workshop



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- 05** Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with local universities and international companies such as University of Prishtina, University of Gjakova, and Budapest Water Works



- 06** The organization of the YWP forum in the framework of the Balkans Joint Conference



€30,000 GRANT FROM SKAT CONSULTING'S IWRM-K PROGRAM

The goal of this project is to create a web application for monitoring and managing water resources that will be used primarily by regional water companies (RWCs), the River Basin District Authority, the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure, and municipalities.

MAKING THE WATER SECTOR ATTRACTIVE FOR YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS

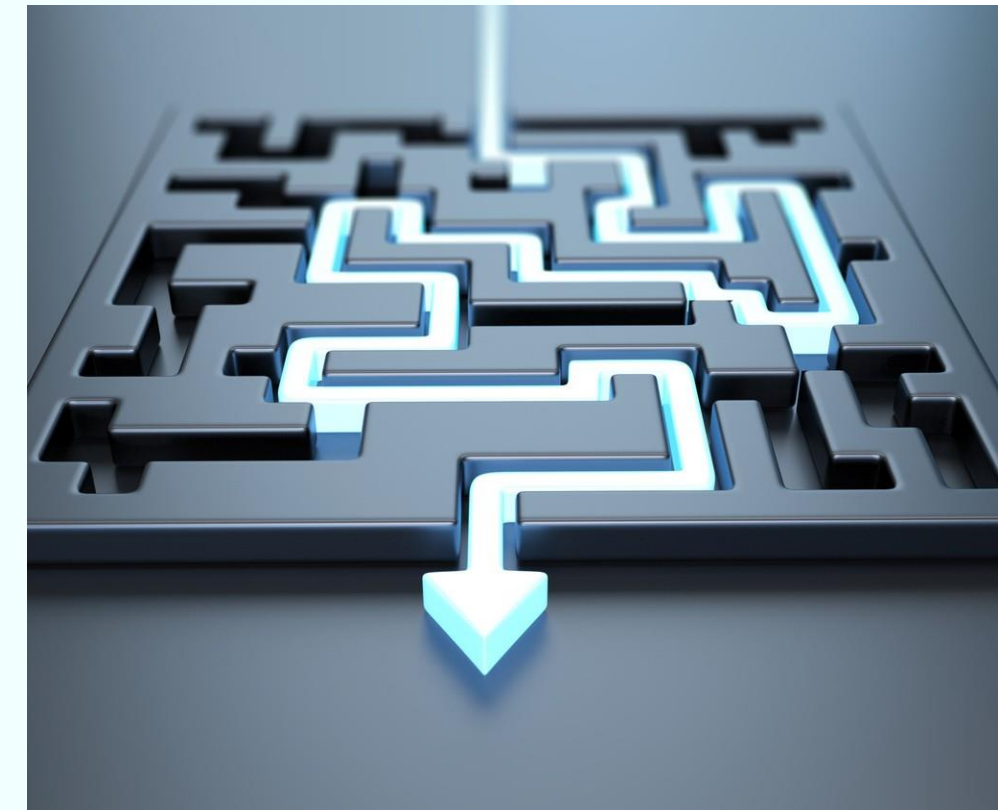
Current challenges:

- Limited career advancement opportunities
- Inadequate compensation and benefits
- Insufficient public awareness
- Gaps in skills and educational opportunities
- Lack of transparency in the hiring process



MAKING THE WATER SECTOR ATTRACTIVE FOR YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS

- Strengthen public engagement and awareness
 - Conduct public awareness campaigns to educate communities about the importance of water management and conservation.
 - Engage young professionals in community outreach programs to create a sense of purpose and connection with the sector.
- Provide skill development opportunities
 - Emphasize the need for continuous learning, training, and professional development opportunities for YWPs.



MAKING THE WATER SECTOR ATTRACTIVE FOR YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS

- Have an inclusive work culture
 - Advocate for diversity, inclusivity, and equal opportunities within the sector to foster a supportive environment for YWPs.
- Enhance collaboration and networking opportunities
 - Facilitate networking events, conferences, and platforms that bring together young professionals, industry experts, and key stakeholders.
- Develop clear career paths and progression opportunities within the water sector
- Have transparency in the hiring process



ATTRACTING MORE PEOPLE TO THE WATER SECTOR OR



- Community engagement
 - Advocate for raising awareness about water-related issues among the general public to foster a sense of responsibility and encourage individuals to join the sector.
- Education and Awareness
 - Offer scholarships and internships to encourage students to pursue careers in the water sector.
 - Showcase the impact that working in the water sector can have on communities and the environment.
- Promote cross-sector integration
 - Highlight the interconnectedness of the water sector with other sectors, such as energy, agriculture, and urban planning.

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OR



- Collaboration and partnerships
 - Foster Industry-Academia Collaboration
 - Engage water professionals as guest lecturers, mentors, or advisors in educational programs to provide students with real-world insights and connections.
- Success stories
 - Highlight the achievements and career journeys of successful professionals in the water sector, both locally and globally.

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING YOUTH IN THE WATER SECTOR: SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Youth engagement is vital for the sustainable future of the water sector.

Collaborative efforts are needed to attract and empower young professionals.

Let us work together to create an inclusive, innovative, and attractive water sector.





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