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Backstopping Mandate to the “Inter-Ministerial Water Council of Kosovo”

To advance the country’s water sector reform, the Government of Kosovo established in 2008 the Water Task Force (WTF): an inter-ministerial decision-making body shaping the sector’s policy & strategy frame-work and related action plans, as well as coordinating the domestic and external sector actors. The Swiss Government supported the WTF by funding through SECO long-term consultants, short-term experts and a backstopping mandate to Skat since 2009. To transform the successful WTF into a permanent institution, an Inter-Ministerial Water Council (IMWC) was introduced into Kosovo’s Water Law of 2013.

Project Facts

Country:

Republic of Kosovo

Project Period:

2014 - 2017 (Phase 2)

2009 - 2013 (Phase 1, BSM "Water Task Force")

Name of Client:

[State Secretariat for Economic Affairs \(SECO\)](#)

Services Provided:

[Backstopping & Technical Advice](#)

- Backstopping (thematic and methodological)
- Coaching

Name of Staff involved and functions performed:

Project Manager (team leader): [Roger Schmid](#)

Project Officer (team member): [Florian Klingel](#)

Project Assistant (local staff): Majlinda Pruti

Project Administration: [Norolalao Robson](#)

Project Description

Since 2009, Skat has been acting as backstopping consultant assisting the Swiss Coordination Office in Kosovo and SECO headquarters in the steering and monitoring of the "Support to the WTF" project, whilst providing technical support (advice and coaching) to the permanent advisors in relevant global and regional water sector issues as well as deploying the short-term experts on specific thematic issues. Skat has also conducted the

project's mid-term review and designed its 2nd Phase now known as "Support to the IMWC".

In the current backstopping mandate, the Skat expert team with large experience on international water sector reforms and policies, primarily supports the permanent local advisors to the IMWC, whilst deploying the intermittent advisors and the (inter)national short-term experts. The backstopper also provides support to the Swiss Coordination Office and SECO in project steering and monitoring. Finally, the backstopper ensures the quality of the operational plans and reports of the IMWC Secretariat and the intermittent advisors/short-term experts, and was tasked to conduct the project internal review end 2015.