

TERMS OF REFERENCES

International Water Education Expert

Conceptualization of a Master Programme on Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo

Program Title:	Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo (IWRM-K)
Post Title:	International Water Education Expert
Duty Station(s):	Home-based
Duration of contract(s)	One month upon signing of the contract
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PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo Program (hereinafter IWRM-K or the Program) is implemented by the Consortium of Skat Consulting Ltd., Switzerland, and the Environment Agency Austria (EAA), thanks to the generous funding provided by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Its main goal is to build long-lasting water resources management capacities at national and river basin levels in line with Kosovo's socio-economic and political priorities, as well as the needs of future sustainable development. It aims to help replace the current fragmented approach with a more comprehensive, and highly participatory approach of managing water resources, aligned with the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and the EU Water Framework Directive (EU WFD).

Over the coming years, the IWRM-K will help to create the enabling environment for the envisaged transformation of Kosovo's water resources management through (i) Support to the development of institutional capacity for IWRM; (ii) Preparation of coherent planning and technical documentation base to inform future measures and water resource management decisions (e.g., River Basin Management Plans, other country-level policies, strategies, and plans); (iii) Support to knowledge and skills development of (young) water professionals whilst facilitating relevant job creation; and (iv) Public awareness-raising on environmental issues and creating stakeholder participation mechanisms in water resources management.

In line with these strategic directions, the IWRM-K Program is designed to facilitate the adoption of a comprehensive country-level IWRM system by combining institutional and technical capacity development achievements incorporated into a comprehensive set of interlinked measures. A significant share of Program-backed interventions is related to **such capacity building efforts, including knowledge and skills development of water professionals. Specifically, the Program is aiming to support state (water) administration, young (water) professionals, academics and researchers, CSOs/NGOs, and other stakeholders¹.**

One of the important educational activities supported by the Program is the development of an **interdisciplinary Master-level study programme in IWRM** that has been identified as a priority as part of an earlier Program-backed assessment process. Once established the Master Programme (MP) will support a significant improvement of the educational offer in areas related to water resource management for the country, and preferably for the broader region. It needs

¹ In implementing the educational activities, the IWRM-K Program benefits from the specialized knowledge and long-term experience of the World University Services (WUS) Austria.

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