

TERMS OF REFERENCES

International Political Economy Analysis Expert Conceptualization of a PEA approach in the context of Integrated Water Resource Management in Kosovo

Program Title:	Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo (IWRM-K)
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PROGRAM BACKGROUND:

The ongoing Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo Program (hereinafter IWRM-K or the Program)¹ is designed to catalyse the creation of 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 - RBMPs, 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.

In such context, in line with the Donor's conceptual orientation, the Program has already taken modest initial steps to introduce **Political Economy Analysis (PEA)** as a promising approach which may shed new light on the political, economic, and societal causes of the current state of water resource management and the limited reform capacity. The immense number of similar projects/initiatives in the country and the broader region, show that **political issues, power relations and various (explicit and/or hidden) interests have often undermined good Intentions and ambitious reform agendas.**

¹ The Program is being 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)

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