

Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition Young Water Professionals Forum "Accelerating Change: Towards Safe, Reliable and Sustainable Services"

7-9 November 2023, Golem, Albania

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2023 TIME:

14:45 - 14: 55 **Opening of Young Water Professionals Forum**

Elisabeta Poçi, (SHUKALB), Bekim Juniku (SHUKOS), Elsa Belba (YWP-A), Albert Salltakaj (YWP-K)

14:55 - 15:00 **Greeting Remarks:**

Katerina Schilling, Head of Secretariat, International Association of Water Supply Companies in the Danube River Catchment

Area (IAWD), Austria

Raimund Mair, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, World Bank

Water Supply and Sanitation Services are at Risk due to the lack of a new generation 15:00 - 15:55

Moderator: Elsa Belba, YWP Albania & Taulant Devolli, YWP Kosovo

1 Andrin Kërpaçi, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Albania

2 Jovan Gjika, National Agency of Water Supply, Sewerage and Waste Infrastructure (AKUM), Albania

3 Winston Yu, Practice Manager, Water Practice, Europe and Central Asian Region, World Bank

4 Laura Kusari, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Kosovo (TBC)

5 Jeton Shabani, Regional Water Company, Bifurkacioni Ferizaj, Kosovo (TBC)

15:55 - 16:50 How to Help Guide Young People Pursue a Career in the Water Sector

Moderator: Megi Marku, YWP Albania, Bardha Jahaj & Drita Laura Huseni, YWP Kosovo

Discussion questions

1 How to attract students to study in water related science?

2 How to attract graduates to choose a career in the water sector, i.e. water utility?

3 How to support young people stay motivated and progress in their profession while working in the water sector?

16:50 - 17:00

Elsa Belba, YWP Albania & Albert Salltakaj, YWP Kosovo