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| **Danube Water Program** |

The Danube Water Program provides support for conducting policy dialogue and capacity development in the water and wastewater sector (WSS) in the Danube region. It is jointly implemented by the World Bank and the International Association of Water Supply companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IaWD) with the financing from the Government of Austria. The Danube Water Program provides cooperation with regional, national and local entities for the purpose of:

* Promoting and providing information for policy dialogue around the key challenges faced by the water supply sector; and
* Strengthening the technical and managerial capacity of the utilities and institutions including preparation and support for the implementation of activities to improve the efficiency of services

The Danube Water Program (DWP) has been implemented in BiH since the beginning of 2014 through the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH.

The coordination and supervision of the implementation of the DWP at the level of its members are realized by the Association Water Utilities of RS and Association of the Employers of Utility Companies in the Federation of BiHwith the support of MoFTER BiH.

The activities of DWP in BiH were, for the most part, aimed at benchmarking the activities of public water utilities companies / public utilities companies (PWUC / PUC).

Achieved Results:

* Dialogue, understanding and support of the key stakeholders in the process of identifying and selecting the options for setting up PWU business model / system and benchmarking in BiH have been initiated.
* The first cycle of data collection of PWUC/ PUC business in the whole BiH was conducted within the selected short-term benchmarking option according to IBNET methodology
* Collected PWUC / PUC business data is published on the on-line IBNET / DANUBIS platforms.
* PWUC / PUC business data are available for comparison with other companies at the level of BiH, Danube river basin and globally.
* Six pilot PWUC / PUC from BiH participated in the European Benchmarking Cooperation (EBC) program.

More information about the program can be found here: [www.danube-water-program.org/](http://www.danube-water-program.org/)