

Water Operators' Partnerships in South East Europe

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Presentation Overview



Introduction to WOPs



The Global WOPs Alliance



WOPs in South East Europe



Invitation to get involved

What are WOPs?



Not-for-profit partnerships carried out between 2 or more water and sanitation *operators* in the goal of *developing their capacity*.

What is the Global WOPs Alliance



- 8 An **UNSGAB** initiative, within its **Hashimoto Action Plan** to develop a global mechanism to scale-up peer support between water operators to address capacity gaps towards the MDGs
- 8 GWOPA was launched as **a network of partners** allied in the common goal of supporting WOPs. Its **Secretariat** hosted and funded by UN-HABITAT , guided by international, multi-stakeholder **steering committee**
- 8 **Charter** and **Code-of-Conduct** established to elaborate Hashimoto principles

*“helping water operators
help one another”*



Regional WOPs Platforms

- ⌘ To act as a forum for exchange between operators *within* regions as well as an entry point for exchange with *other* regions
- ⌘ International Peer support was the norm. Hashimoto introduced intra-regional focus with growing number of strong public operators from 'weaker' regions
- ⌘ Advantages of Regional Approach?
 - Contextual similarity
 - Geographical proximity (follow-up, footprint)
 - Strong performers in 'weak' regions
 - Opportunities for solidarity



WOP-SEE: Supporting WOPs Regionally

- ⌘ Regional platform for operators within the SEE region to exchange and learn from one another.
- ⌘ Current focus SEE, though aims also to:
 - draw on support of Western and Northern Europe
 - progressively move support into Central Asia
- ⌘ The overall goal is to provide better and equitable Water and Sanitation services to all in the Region





History of WOP-SEE

Established
political
support
Spring 2009

Identified
Utility
Demand
Nov 2009

Established
steering
committee
April 2010

Initiated
Quick-win
WOPs
2010-2011

Business
plan
Adopted
2011

Resource
Mobilization
2012



Organisation of WOP-SEE

- ⌘ Activities are planned, coordinated and monitored by a Secretariat and supervised by a Steering Committee (SC)
- ⌘ The SC includes water and sanitation operators and their national associations but also other interested stakeholders like donors
- ⌘ The WOP-SEE Programme is coordinated by an interim coordinator , employed by GWOPA, based in Serbia



Invitation to be involved

- ⌘ WOP-SEE is a multi-stakeholder platform
- ⌘ It is open to any interested party from the water and sanitation sector
- ⌘ Engage with us to help European operators help one another

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Thanks!