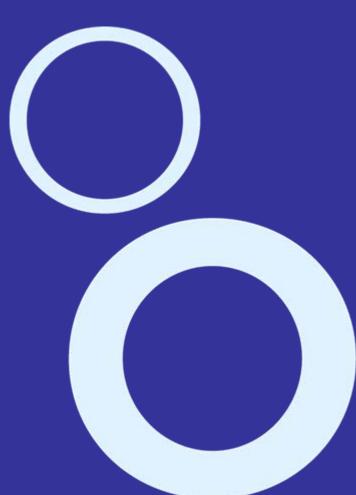




Water Operators'
Partnerships in South
East Europe

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Presentation Overview





Introduction to WOPs



The Global WOPs Alliance



WOPs in South East Europe



Invitation to get involved



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



- **&** 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
- **6** 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
- **Charter** and Code-of-Conduct established to elaborate Hashimoto principles

"helping water operators help one another"





Regional WOPs Platforms

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







- **8** Regional platform for operators within the SEE region to exchange and learn from one another.
- **6** Current focus SEE, though aims also to:
 - draw on support of Western and Northern Europe
 - progressively move support into Central Asia
- **b** 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



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



Invitation to be involved



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

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Thanks!