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# JAHORINA 2025

## INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE

**Sustainable Development in the Water  
Services Sector**

### MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

- **Reform in the Public Water Services Sector**
- **Water Supply – Non-Revenue Water**
- **Drainage and Wastewater Treatment**



**23-24.04. 2025**



**HOTEL TERMAG JAHORINA**





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# CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The International Water Conference “Jahorina 25” is an opportunity for knowledge exchange and experience sharing, as well as for discussing organizational, economic, and technical challenges in the management of water supply and wastewater companies. The goal is to contribute to the better and quicker resolution of issues in the water sector, fostering mutual understanding and support at the professional level across the region.

The main theme focuses on the necessary reforms in the public water services sector. During the debate, we will have the opportunity to learn how reforms in organizational policies and strategies can contribute to improvements and efficiency in water supply and wastewater companies.

The NRW – Non-Revenue Water topic aims to train and support water companies in their efforts to achieve significant financial savings by reducing non-revenue water through technological and management changes in water supply systems. Best practices and experience exchange will also be presented.

The Drinking Water Quality and Risk Management discussion will focus on new regulations, challenges, and activities being implemented in the region to ensure and improve the safety of drinking water supply.

The conference will emphasize the application of EU directives on urban wastewater, solar panels, and financing opportunities for the sector.

A special focus will be placed on energy issues and their impact on the operations of water supply and wastewater treatment companies, which is a highly relevant topic in the context of providing water supply and wastewater services.

The conference also presents an opportunity for the promotion and presentation of goods and services by both domestic and international companies, as well as new technologies and their applications in the water supply, wastewater, and wastewater treatment sectors. The use of grants and credit resources from international organizations and funds requires knowledge of how and where to access them. The conference will provide participants with insights into these opportunities and information on active and upcoming projects.



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## **THE IMPORTANCE OF REFORMING THE WATER SERVICES SECTOR IN THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA**

Overview of the Management of Public Water Services Sector, Institutional, Legal, and Regulatory Framework in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina

An overview of the management of the public water services sector, as well as the institutional, legal, and regulatory framework in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, reveals a highly fragmented approach and a lack of clarity regarding roles and responsibilities. This results in poor functioning of water companies and questions their self-sustainability.

The existing legal framework and the laws regulating the sector are neither aligned with each other nor harmonized with the Law on Local Self-Government, which should also regulate the provision of services by local communities.

Additionally, public water service providers for water supply, wastewater collection, and treatment lack the necessary autonomy and accountability in managing processes.

These companies are primarily owned by local communities and have institutional autonomy; however, most of them lack financial autonomy, as the existing tariffs do not cover the actual costs of service provision and do not ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the water services sector.

Low tariffs and high inefficiency have led to many water companies lacking sufficient revenue to be self-sustainable, which has caused them to lose their autonomy and ability to meet the expectations of citizens and EU requirements concerning the implementation of directives that regulate this area.

Tariffs are not determined based on the cost recovery principle; they are low in regional comparisons and far below the affordability threshold, which jeopardizes the sustainability of services and hinders investments and efforts to expand public water infrastructure.

Improving sector financing through the establishment and adoption of a tariff setting methodology is, therefore, a priority. Political will and the establishment of appropriate regulatory mechanisms are required for this purpose.

In connection with the above, the so-called "Water Alliance" has developed a project for the modernization of water services in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The goal of the project is to support the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina in strengthening institutional capacities at both the entity and local levels for improved provision of water supply, wastewater collection, and treatment services, enabling access to water services and the efficiency of water service providers in local communities.

The reform of the water services sector in the Republic of Srpska has been initiated, and a significant portion of the activities outlined in the reform is being implemented. The working group formed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska has drafted the text of the Law on Water Services of the Republic of Srpska. This law serves as the foundation for implementing reforms in the water services sector. The conference is a good opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with the new approach to the water services sector as outlined in the reform and the upcoming Law on Water Services of the Republic of Srpska.



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### ACCOMMODATION

**PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION RESERVATIONS AND COVERING THE COSTS.**

#### Accommodation Prices at Hotel “TERMAG”

(KM)

- 1/1 Room Full Board - 235,00 KM
- 1/2, 1/3 Rooms and Apartments Full Board - 210,00 KM
- Prices are per person, per day, and do not include a tourist tax and insurance, which are 3,12 KM per person, per day.

(EUR)

- 1/1 Room Full Board - 120,20 EUR
- 1/2, 1/3 Rooms and Apartments Full Board - 107,40 EUR
- Prices are per person, per day, and do not include a tourist tax and insurance, which are 1,60 EUR per person, per day.

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### REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for participation in the conference is **200,00 KM** or **100,00 EUR** per participant, regardless of the number of days of participation or the number of participants from a single company, institution, or organization.

Bank Accounts of the Association "Vodovodi Republike Srpske":

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## **PARTICIPATION COSTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORY MANUFACTURERS - SPONSORS**

For participants of the international conference—sponsors (equipment manufacturers) who cover costs of 2,000.00 KM or 1,000.00 EUR, the Organizer commits to providing:

- Display of the company name at the entrance of the conference hall,
- Presentation of the company's product portfolio throughout the entire duration of the Conference at a designated stand, with the possibility of distributing promotional materials,
- Presentation of the company's product portfolio for up to 5 minutes at the plenary session,
- Attendance for 2 company representatives free of charge.

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- Display of the company name at the entrance of the conference hall,
- Presentation of the company's product portfolio throughout the entire duration of the Conference at a designated stand, with the possibility of distributing promotional materials,
- Presentation of the company's product portfolio for up to 15 minutes at the plenary session,
- Attendance for up to 4 company representatives free of charge,
- Presentation of a technical paper at the Conference for up to 10 minutes.

For main sponsors and general sponsors who cover the majority of the costs (5,000.00 KM or 2,500.00 EUR and above), the Organizer commits to providing:

- Display of the company name at the entrance of the conference hall,
- Presentation of the company's product portfolio throughout the entire duration of the Conference at a designated stand, with the possibility of distributing promotional materials,
- Presentation of the main and general sponsors' product portfolio for up to 30 minutes,
- Attendance for multiple company representatives free of charge,
- Prominent display of the main and general sponsor's company name in a visible location in the main hall,
- The opportunity for main and general sponsors to deliver welcome remarks during the Conference opening and to share messages at the final plenary session,
- Organization of business meetings, upon request, with executives of water supply and sewage systems from specific regions.

Conference Participation Fee: 200.00 KM or 100.00 EUR.



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## **ORGANIZATIONAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Organizational Committee**

- **Ljubiša Lalović**, Association “Vodovodi Republike Srpske,” President of the Management Board
- **Sandro Zeničanin**, KP “Vodovod” a.d. Gradiška, Director
- **Milan Kovačević**, KP “Park” a.d. Mrkonjić Grad, Director
- **Milan Gavrić**, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska, Assistant Minister
- **Ljubiša Sibinčić**, KP “Vodovod” a.d. Prnjavor, Director

### **Executive Committee**

- **Dragan Kelečević**, Association “Vodovodi Republike Srpske,” President of the Assembly
- **Rajka Čović**, Association “Vodovodi Republike Srpske,” Secretary
- **Marinko Vranić**, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska, Head of the Department for Strategic Planning and Sustainable Water Management, Water Management Sector
- **Dejana Marić**, Association “Vodovodi Republike Srpske,” Project Manager