

# Vodacom Newsletter

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## **THE EU APPROVED EUR 4.7 MILLION FINANCING FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION IN RISAN AND PERAST WITHIN INVESTMENT GRANTS**

At the 19<sup>th</sup> Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) Steering Committee held in Luxembourg, hosted by the European Investment Bank and co-chaired by the European Commission, Montenegro received a grant of Euro 68.6 million to implement four investment projects in transport and environment sectors, and prepare design documentation for two new projects.



One of the projects from environment sector relates to the construction of the wastewater system for settlements Risan and Perast (including also the transmission sewage system leading towards the settlement Muo), and it has been designated by the Municipality of Kotor, in cooperation with Vodacom, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, and KfW, as a WBIF financial institution. This project measure was positively screened by the European Commission, which approved a grant of EUR 4.7 million to finance the construction of a sewerage system in Risan and Perast. It has been estimated that the project will impact significantly on the quality of environmental protection in Boka Bay, and contribute to economic development, as the issue of wastewater collection in this coastal area will be solved, thereby positively affecting the quality of bathing water in the Bay.

### OFFICIAL SIGNING OF ADDENDUM 6 IN BAR

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 there was official signing of Addendum No 6 to the main contract with MPP Jedinstvo (Serbia).



This Addendum refers to additional works aimed at improvement of the water supply in the settlement Zaljevo and construction of the pumping station Volujica which is connected to the main sea outfall in Bar.

The total value of the works is Eur 2.6 million, and the time for completion is January 2020.

### KFW WORKSHOPS

Vodacom's employees from technical and commercial department attended workshops organized by KfW in Podgorica, on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.



The lectures were given in the English language and covered the topics of:

- KfW Guidelines for Procurement
- FIDIC rules for energy sector
- FIDIC rules for the sector of communal utilities.

In addition to KfW partner from Montenegro, these workshops were attended by participants from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania, and Kosovo.

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER DISPOSAL IN MONTENEGRO**

The Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, the Association for the Improvement of Water Supply, Treatment and Disposal of Wastewater in Montenegro, and the International association of water supply companies in the Danube river catchment area - IAWD organized an International Conference on Water Supply and Treatment of Wastewater in Montenegro, which took place from the 31<sup>th</sup> of October to the 02<sup>nd</sup> of November 2018 in Petrovac. Particular attention was given to Chapter 27 - Environment and climate change, benchmarks for opening and closing chapters, experience of countries in the region during the pre-accession negotiations with the EU and the experience of EU countries, where Montenegro is expected to send specific messages when it comes to future negotiations and opening of Chapter 27.



During the third day of the conference, Vodacom's representatives participated in the Round Table on cost-efficiency with a focus on Loss Management and Reconstruction, where Mr. Nikola Pejakovic, Project Manager at Vodacom held a presentation on the projects implemented by Vodacom. The representatives of Vodacom took an active part in this conference aimed at discussing about current topics in the field of water supply and wastewater disposal in Montenegro. The conference was attended by domestic and international experts who contributed to the exchange of experiences and best practices both in this chapter and in the environmental sector in general.



## ECONOMIC CONFERENCE - MONTENEGRO 2018

Vodacom attended the Economic Conference - Montenegro 2018, organized by the Montenegrin Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Splendid in Budva on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. The main theme of this conference "Balkans and the European Union – a five year cycle of the Berlin Process", was aimed at reaching conclusions important for the economic future of this region.



The conference was opened by the President of Montenegro, Milo Djukanovic and the Chancellor of Austria, Sebastian Kurz, while the prime ministers of six Balkan countries (Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania and Kosovo), discussed on the region's economic and European perspective in a special panel.



The list of panelists also included Finance Ministers of the region, representatives of international financial institutions and investors, presidents of chamber associations and representatives of successful business companies in the WB

## WATER LOSS ACADEMY SARAJEVO 2018

Representatives of Vodacom attended a workshop entitled: "Applied Methods to Reduce Water Losses in Waterworks in Western Balkan Countries" organized by the consultancy Water Loss in Sarajevo from 11 to 13 September 2018.

Aging water infrastructure is causing issues to the water utilities in the region, while they need to seek new solutions to optimize their operations and reduce non-revenue water (NRW) which is the main problem causing reduced revenues and increased operating expenses.



The Water Loss Academy that organized the workshop has integrated both theoretical and applied approach to tackle water loss issues. It presented the best practice and most effective solutions for water loss reduction, which are acceptable and applicable for water utilities.

The Academy is managed by Djevad Koldzo, an expert with a long standing experience and expertise in NRW reduction, in cooperation with his colleagues, specialized in specific matters in the subject area.

The Water Loss Academy aims to provide the best, the easiest and the most affordable method of reducing NRW in the Western Balkan waterworks through an interactive approach. It is intended for company decision-makers in the technical and commercial sector, engineers engaged in water loss analyses, loss-reduction team leaders, leak detection operators, and all other entities involved in, or dealing with the NRW reduction issues.

## ECOLOGICAL CURIOSITIES

### **The Taste of Beer will Change in 2027**

Beer is made from many ingredients, however the entire process starts with quality water.

Imagine a world in which your favorite beer has its usual good smell, but it tastes and looks like dirty water, or that you receive a bowl of dry and crunchy hops instead of your usual beer mug at the pub.



Further information available on:

<https://etleboro.org/g/1bd9c524ee24de5f2539a143902a08ffmn/godine-2027-pivo-vi%C5%A1e-ne%C4%87e-imati-isti-ukus>

### **The European Parliament approved the ban on disposable plastic**

Members of the European Parliament have endorsed the ban on plastic dishware and plates, swabs, straws, mixing rods and balloon holders.

The proposal also required reduction of certain types of disposable plastic materials such as food and beverage containers and plastic cups.

One of the MPs stated that if this action was not implemented, there would be more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050.



Further information available on:

<https://www.bbc.com/serbian/lat/svet-45971287>

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