Bosnia and Herzegovina
International partnership on the supporting reform of the water supply and sanitation sector

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BACKGROUND

- BiH’s aspirations to EU accession => water and wastewater management is a high priority;
- BiH water services sector governance, institutional, legal, and regulatory framework in BiH shows a highly fragmented sector;
- Lack of institutional capacity, weak operation and maintenance (O&M) practices, nonexistent incentive mechanisms;
- Past investments in infrastructure (over EUR 500 million in last decade) have not been accompanied by the sector modernization measures.
Access to public water and sanitation services in BiH

Figure 1: WSS Service Delivery Structure in BiH

- **FBiH**
  - 60% Self-supply
  - 12% Locally managed system
  - 40% Public water utility

- **RS**
  - 48% Self-supply or locally managed system
  - 40% Public water utility

Progress towards the objectives of the International Water Action Decade and SDG 6

**SDG 6: ENSURE SANITATION CONDITIONS AND ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER FOR ALL**

| Target 6.1: By 2030 achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable water for all |
| SDG indicator 6.1.1: Proportion of population using drinking water from safely managed systems |
| Year | Baseline (2019) | Mid-term (2023) | Target (2030) |
| Indicator value | 75 | 80 | 90 |

| Target 6.3: By 2030 improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated waste water and substantially increasing recycling and reuse globally |
| SDG indicator 6.3.1: Population connected to urban waste water treatments, % |
| Year | Baseline (2015) | Mid-term (2023) | Target (2030) |
| Indicator value | 3.6 | 20.0 | 50.0 |

| Alternative SDG indicator 6.3.2.a: Biochemical oxygen demand in rivers |
| Year | Baseline (2013) | Mid-term (2023) | Target (2030) |
| Indicator value | 2.30 | 2.10 | 1.94 |

| Alternative SDG indicator 6.3.2.b: Phosphate in rivers |
| Year | Baseline (2014) | Mid-term (2023) | Target (2030) |
| Indicator value | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
Actions

• Need for coordinated financing and technical assistance to support the modernization of the sector;
• BiH Water Alliance (EU Delegation, World Bank, Embassies of Switzerland and Sweden, UNDP, EBRD and EIB) – to support modernization of the sector;
• Agreed and accepted guiding principles of the WA;
• On technical level: development of the strategic documents and actions (Joint Vision for the Sector, Program for Sector Modernization, tariff methodology, benchmarking => new Law on Water Services);
• On political level: High level meetings, commitment, adoption of the strategic documents;
• Providing support for implementation of the new legislation.
Lessons learned

• Country very complex institutional organization;
• Lot of donors and IFIs in the sector – different approaches;
• Need to set common understanding between international partners and government;
• one vision => one goal => modernization of the sector => increase efficiency of the service => achieving SDG goals!
Thank you

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