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Webinar: **IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES: CONCESSIONS FOR SOCIETAL BENEFITS**

March 5, 2021 / 09:00 - 11:30 (Central European Time) / Agenda

9:00-09:15

Introduction

Introduction to the topic, speakers, and overview of the current state of water concessions in BiH.

Selma Čengić and Svjetlana Lolić

9:15-09:40

Water concessions for societal benefits

The connection between water concession grants and the actor's right to use and modify a public resource such as water. The role of the EU water directive in water management and its importance in the concession process. Example of strategic planning in Sweden.

Peter M. Rudberg, SEI

9:40-10:05

Water concessions and Croatian experience of approximation to the EU

Croatian experience in reforming the national approach to water concessions in light of the country's EU accession process.

Alida Ban Pavlović, OIKON

10:05-10:15

Break

10:15-10:40

Legal setup and enforcement of water concessions in Spain

Overview of the water concessions process in Spain, to demonstrate how EU legislation was implemented in the local context.

Pedro Brufao Curiel, University of Extremadura

10:40-11:20

Panel discussion with Q&A

Open space for webinar participants to ask questions to speakers.

Peter M. Rudberg, Pedro Brufao Curiel, and Alida Ban Pavlović

11:20-11:30

Closing remarks

Summary of key conclusions and messages.

Selma Čengić and Svjetlana Lolić

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Activity summary

The webinar will present best practices related to water concessions as well as challenges in three countries across the EU (Croatia, Sweden, and Spain). There will also be discussion of the benefits to society of concessions tailored to EU standards from the perspective of certain member states.

Moderators

Selma Čengiđ, Svjetlana Lolić

Panelists



Peter M. Rudberg is an SEI affiliated researcher and SEI lead expert for Water in the BiH ESAP 2030+ project. Peter holds a PhD from Wageningen University, the Netherlands, where he investigated environmental policy implementation and learning in water governance. His expertise includes climate change impacts and adaptation, with a focus on the water and wastewater sector, and the interaction between the energy and environmental regulatory regimes in relation to renewable electricity production.



Pedro Brufao Curiel acts as an advisor on water, environmental, energy, and public law issues for both public and private organizations. He holds a PhD in Administrative Law from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain, as well as an LLM in Energy and Environmental Law from Tulane University-Fulbright Program, USA. He is professor of Administrative Law at the University of Extremadura, Spain.



Alida Ban Pavlović gained almost 20 years of experience as a Croatian legal expert working on numerous projects related to the environmental acquis approximation process of Croatia to the EU. She extended her experience working on EU-funded projects in other non-EU countries such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and Armenia. She was involved as a national legal expert in projects regarding Croatian legislation approximation to EU requirements, such as the CARDS projects “Strategy for EU Environmental Law Approximation” and “Supporting the Accession Process of the Candidate Countries.” Since 2012 she is a key senior legal expert on long-term EC project “Framework Contract for Conformity Checking.” In May 2019 she became head of department for Environmental Law, Policy and Economics at OIKON.

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