

Demo Network Update

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ConCensus implementation on his way to DANUBE countries

The local structural programmes financed by European Commission for adapting the services of water utilities in Eastern Europe to improved accessibility at water sources and connection with sewage networks, are considered a key priority for all governments of countries situated along the Lower Danube river basin.

Digitization of the water services can be one of solutions to confront the current challenges in the region. Water utilities started their digitization process, including introduction of smart water meters, water quality control automated systems, on-line payments, etc. Our FIWARE4Water project proposes a new innovative approach to the matter. The connection of physical water processes with Next Generation Internet Services is seen as a step ahead for all European countries, including public water utilities in Eastern Europe.

In addition to initiate the digitization processes, FIWARE4Water add citizens in the equation, as one important factor for the acceptability of new digital services. The process started with creation of a working framework in countries like Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia and Hungary. The municipalities in Timisoara, Arad (Romania), Szeged, Budapest (Hungary), Novi Sad and Belgrade (Serbia) have been already invited to cooperate in order to improve the citizen engagement in the local water decisions. They will be part of a local water network on the Danube, working with the FIWARE4Water team in adapting and implementation of the ConCensus process in the local markets (taking the experience in other projects and countries, e.g. Italy, POWER Project).

ConCensus stands for and will work with all interested local stakeholders of the Quadruple Helix. All are invited to form part and responsibilities of the COuNcil of Citizen EngagemeNt in Sustainable Urban Strategies by the local administration. The initiation of the process is planned in October 2020, by the first planned activity in countries selected along the DANUBE Lower Basin River.

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