## AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION

between

# STATE ENERGY AND WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION OF BULGARIA and

## WATER AND WASTEWATER REGULATORY OFFICE OF KOSOVO

STATE ENERGY AND WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION (SEWRC) OF BULGARIA and WATER AND WASTEWATER REGULATORY OFFICE (WWRO) OF KOSOVO, (Parties), would like to promote mutual interest for regulation aspects of water supply and waste water systems management,

Considering the signing of the Agreement for Cooperation as a framework for developing long-term cooperation and exchange of information on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefits,

They are agreed to cooperate as follows:

#### 1. The exchange of information

Parties will share relevant information that are of mutual interest such as: regulatory policies in the water sector that are not confidential; monitoring performance and developing performance reports; methodology of determining fees and asset management plans; and relevant other information, in order to enable staff to learn from both institutions each other's experiences.

The exchange of information will be set respecting the laws and regulations applicable to national two countries.

### 2. Sharing of knowledge

Parties will work on building their knowledge about each other's approach regarding various regulatory issues in order to ensure quality in implementation of economic regulation of water and sewerage services. This will be in the form of exchange of experiences and practices that the parties implement their work.

#### 3. Capacity building - Staff development

Whenever possible and appropriate parties will support their staff:

- Participation in specific activities and projects that organizes the other party
- Participation in training activities of the other side
- Participation in conferences, seminars workshops or can organize parties together or separately

#### 4. Cooperation between two Institutions

Whenever it's possible and appropriate, Parties will cooperate in ensuring the quality of functioning institutional and regulatory process. Also, the parties will cooperate in the framework of organizations and regional and international associations in the field of economic regulation of the water sector. The Cooperation will include regular meetings of representatives of parties which will be held regularly.

# 5. The persons responsible for implementation

Chairman of SEWRC and Chairman of WWRO will be responsible for implementation of this cooperation agreement. This responsibility can be delegated to relevant members of their Institutions to respective fields of cooperation.

## 6. Resources

Both Institutions will cover their expenses related to cooperation under this Agreement, except otherwise if we will agree differently this is going to be specified in a specific agreement.

# 7. Implementation

Any issues or context that may emerge from the interpretation and implementation of this Cooperation Agreement will be resolved through consultation and negotiation between the parties or other ways that the parties will decide.

Signed in Sofia, date 17.09.2014 from parties:

Chairperson of State Energy and Water

Regulatory Commission

Bulgaria

Chairman of Water and Regulatory Office

Kosovo