

# **AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION**

**Between**

**WATER SERVICES REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**and**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF LATVIA**

WATER SERVICES REGULATORY AUTHORITY (WSRA) and PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF LATVIA (PUC), (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 information will be set respecting the laws and regulations applicable to national two countries,

## **2. Sharing 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, seminar, workshops or can organize parties together or separately,

#### **4. Cooperation between institutions**

Whenever it's possible and appropriate, Parties will cooperate in ensuring the quality functioning institutional and regulatory process. Also, the parties will cooperate in the framework of organizations and regional and international associations in the field of regulation of the water sector..

#### **5. The persons responsible for implementation**

Director of WSRA and Chairman of PUC 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 parties 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 solved through consultation and negotiation between the parties or other ways that the parties decide.

The Cooperation Agreement is in force from the date the last Party has signed it.

Signed in Prishtina, Kosovo, on 01 November 2017	Signed in Riga, Latvia, on 01 November 2017
For WSRA	For PUC
	
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