



**“INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ALBANIA – GAPS,
CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES ON THE PATH TO EU APPROXIMATION”**

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Speakers of the conference following agenda’s order:

	<p>Mrs. Ledjana Karalliu works in the Ministry of Tourism and Environment since 2011. She is currently the Head of the Waste sector. Her work consists mainly on drafting the legal acts on waste management area according to the EU directives and regulations and on analysis/reviewing the documentation regards to the application on export and transit of waste.</p>
<p>Mrs. Lediana Karalliu</p>	<p>Ms. Lindita Sotiri is Director on the Development Programs on Water Supply and Sewerage and Solid Waste in MIE. She has been working in the water and waste sector since 2010 and has leaded policies in water and solid waste focusing especially in regulations, standards and instruments in infracture and focusing in building up performance systems and instruments to incentivese the municipalities to a beeter performance and services.</p>
	
<p>Ms. Lindita Sotiri</p>	



Mr. Nikola Bartolini, Head of Cooperation in the EU Delegation to the Republic of North Macedonia

Mr. Nicola Bertolini is the Head of Cooperation in the EU Delegation to the Republic of North Macedonia since September 2016.



Mr. Antonis Mavropoulos




Mr. Antonis Mavropoulos is a chemical engineer working on waste management and circular economy projects for more than 25 years. He is the CEO of D-Waste & EPEM SA consulting firms, a member of UNEP IETC International Advisory Council and a member of the Scientific Committee of the Alliance to End Plastic Waste. He served as the president of the International Solid Waste Association for the years 2016-2020. He recently published his first book "Industry 4.0 and Circular Economy, Towards a Wasteless Future or a Wasteful Planet?". More about him at his blog wastelessfuture.com





Mrs. Alba Dakolli

Mrs. Alba Dakolli works for the Foundation for Local Autonomy and Governance (FLAG) and for 22 years has contributed to decentralisation processes in Albania and abroad; 17 years as FLAG director, team leader and local government expert, facilitating and delivering direct support to local authorities; development of national strategies and needs assessments, compilation of intervention approaches for national programmes targeting individual LGUs and their Associations.

Environment and waste management, her post-graduate specialisation is an area in which Alba contributes locally and nationally, as co-team leader and institutional expert for Elaboration of the Masterplan for Integrated Solid Waste Management, deputy project director and expert for two projects for Institutional Support in Korça and Vlora regions. Alba is working closely with Berat region

	<p>local government units as deputy-team leader and institutional expert for the SWM Project in Berat Region in supporting comprehensive developments for Integrated Waste Management in the waste area.</p>
 <p>Mr. Alexei Atudorei</p>	<p>Mr. Alexei Atudorei works from thirty-five years in the field of environmental protection and in the last fifteen years has been involved in important local, regional and national projects in waste management in Romania. In the period 2013-2019 he was in ISWA Board as Director for Eastern Europe and Middle East and from 2017 is the Executive President of Romanian Association for Waste Management (www.armd.ro).</p>
 <p>Mr. Bjorn Thies, Country Head, KfW Albania</p>	<p>Mr. BjörnThies is the Director of the KfW Tirana Office since April 2016 overseeing KfWs activities in Albania in the areas of energy, water and wastewater, solid waste management as well as environmental protection and sustainable economic development. He joined KfW Development in 2004 working in the Asia department both at HQ as well as Director of the KfW office in Jakarta, Indonesia. Prior to his posting to Albania Björn worked as a Senior Manager at the Frankfurt Headquarter.</p> <p>Björn studied International Economics at the University of Tübingen and Peking University holding an MSc of Economics</p>
 <p>Mr. Andres Mentzis</p>	<p>Chemical Engineer, MSC, Waste Management Expert, Greece</p> <p>Mr. Mentzis has over 20 years of experience in the area of chemical and environmental engineering and specifically in the waste and hazardous waste management sector, specializing in WM strategy development ,provision of technical assistance in planning and development of WM projects, in feasibility studies, design, operation and EIAs of waste and hazardous waste management and treatment facilities,</p>

	<p>preparation of tender documents under PRAG / Fidic, support during tendering procedure.</p>
 <p>Mr. Periklis Kafasis</p>	<p>Electrical Engineer, MSc Environmental Policy and Human Resource Management, MBA, PMP</p> <p>Mr. Kafasis, has extensive experience (almost 20 years) in waste management, project management and EU-funded projects, currently being the Director of Supplies, Services & Programs in Waste Management of Western Macedonia S.A. (DIADYMA S.A.)</p>
 <p>Mr. Toni Popovski</p>	<p>Mr. Toni Popovski, is the First Minister of Environment and Physical Planning in Macedonia and for three years a co-chair (with EC DG Environment) of the Task Force that coordinated the implementation of over 100 million Euro funded Regional Environmental Reconstruction Program for South-East Europe. Former Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe and Project Manager/Deputy Team Leader of several path breaking projects on decentralization (EAR/CARDS) and biodiversity protection (UNDP/GEF). Former member of the International Jury of the European Awards for Environment – Industry (December 2001 – December 2002; the European Environment and Health Committee (June 2001- June 2003); the International Advisory Board of UNEP IETC – International Environment and Technology Center based in Osaka/Japan (June 2001 – June 2003) and the Environmental Advisory Committee of EBRD, London/UK (June 2001 – May 2005).</p> <p>Freelance consultant with 23 years of professional experience and strong expertise in public policy analyses and formulation with a focus on environmental protection, good governance and stakeholder’s involvement, sub-national government reform and delivery of public services, decentralisation, regional and rural development and spatial and urban planning.</p>



Mr. Orhan Boran

Mr. Orhan Boran has more than 15 years of experience in solid waste management and now is the project leader in the Balkan Area and responsible for the branch opened in Albania in 2018.



Mr. John Glazebrook

Mr. John Glazebrook has 17 years experience in the environmental sector, managing environmental infrastructure, capacity building and change management programmes. He has worked with the highest levels of government in Serbia, UK and internationally for over 20 years. During his 9 years in the Western Balkans, he has worked in 6 countries delivering capacity building programmes and training components. He is managing the EISP2 programme, supervise ENVAP3 and currently developing EU/IFI feasibility studies, and procurement documentation for large waste and wastewater projects.



Mrs. Jadranka Ivanova

Mrs. Jadranka Ivanova has worked for 20 years in the Ministry of Environment in North Macedonia, as head of Minister's cabinet, Head of EU department and SPO and IPA Coordinator. She was responsible for drafting environmental legislations in compliance with the EU one, coordinating the EU integration process in Chapter 27 and programming and managing EU funds for Environment and Climate Change.

Since April 2018 she holds a position as a Team Leader of the program Supporting Albanian Negotiation in Environment, Chapter 27 (SANE27) that is financed by Sida and implemented by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.



Mr. Jonas Stravinskas

Mr. Jonas Stravinskas has over 25 years of international professional experience in conducting Cost-Benefit analysis, investment projects, economic-financial appraisal of a company's activities, financial strategies, development of business plans, feasibility studies, development of financial models, tariff studies, affordability studies, customer billing and collection systems, and socio-economic analysis with project impact assessment, creation of strategies and surveys in various market segments. Furthermore, Mr. Stravinskas is a frequent consultant in public services provision, focusing particularly on solid waste management, water supply/sewerage management, district heating and other energy-related projects.



Ms. Zana Vokopola

Mrs. Zana Vokopola has over 20 years' experience as a project manager, subject matter expert, and practitioner for central and local government and community capacity building programs in almost all municipalities of Albania, as well as the former Soviet Union, Africa-Sudan and Balkan. Ms. Vokopola's technical expertise encompassed environment, a primary focus on public service delivery, namely waste management, institutional and organizational development, policy analysis at several sectors, energy efficiency and environmental protection at the core of it. Being a member of several national and international networks is an added value, such as : member of Albanian National Council of European integration, comprised by Parliament members and 6 representatives from civil society, member of the National Council of Civils Society in Albania et cetera.



Mr. Nikolaos Gargoulas

Mr. Gargoulas has 30 years of professional experience in directing, managing and delivering environmental consulting and engineering projects for public institutions, international agencies and private firms. Mr. Gargoulas is an expert in the waste management and the industrial pollution fields, working internationally and regularly publishing articles and making presentations at conferences.



Mr. Dimitris Papasotiriou

Mr. Dimitris K Papasotiriou is the Head of Marketing & Local Authorities Department for HERRCO (Hellenic Recycling & Recovery Corporation). He owns a Diploma degree in Chemical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering from Strathclyde University of Glasgow, UK. He speaks fluently Greek, English, German and French. He is a Member of Panhellenic Association of Chemical Engineers and a Member of Technical Chamber of Greece. Having served in responsibility positions in the Public Administration and as a Member of Board or Executive Member in various Bodies, he has an important working and administrative experience in the fields of EU cofinanced programmes, Energy & Environment, Local Development and Local Authorities