



## Municipal Infrastructure Support Programme

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Vršac, 2 April 2008.

Dear participant!

With this letter I warmly welcome you to the MISP Workshop which will be held on 2, 3 and 4 April 2008 at Villa Breg, Vršac, Serbia.

I am confident that with your contribution to the discussions the program will be reinforced and will have an improved impact on the development of Serbian municipal infrastructure.

**The Municipal Infrastructure Support Program (MISP)** assists Serbian municipalities in preparing project documentation and in the implementation of municipal infrastructure projects. The purpose of MISP is to enhance management for infrastructure services in municipalities and to enhance investment in infrastructure to achieve EC environmental standards, promote economic growth, sustainable economic development and provide for social needs.

The Municipal Infrastructure Support Program is an EU – funded project managed by the European Agency for Reconstruction and implemented by a consortium of Eptisa, VNG and CES.

The EU aims to strengthen the capacity in Serbia, as required for EU Membership, to develop and implement policy reforms on the decentralization of local government leading to improved local governance, better management of municipal infrastructure services, and the capacity of municipalities to programme and absorb Serbian and EC investment funds (e.g. NIP, IPA, ..) for new and rehabilitated infrastructure.

Main municipal infrastructure areas to be covered by the MISP programme are:

- **Environment:** water supply, wastewater, solid waste management and district heating
- **Social:** sheltered housing and/or disabled access, education
- **Economic:** tourist sites, urban renewal, industrial parks

MISP started in January 2008 and is a two-year project executed by a team of 25 international and Serbian experts from the project office in Belgrade.

MISP will look for close cooperation with relevant ministries, governmental bodies, the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, municipalities and regional development agencies, public utility companies and international donors, in order to be able to be of optimal support for the Serbian municipalities.



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The programme has three main components:

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Policy dialogue on PUC transformation	Programming and Project Preparation	Project implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options for future development on policy, strategy and recommendations on a changing regulatory framework for PUC's ('Green Paper').</li> <li>Policy review on inter-municipal co-operation and identification of regional infrastructure projects.</li> <li>PUC transformation 'Action Plan' relevant for 3 years, including development of a National Strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of policies on municipal investment planning, procurement and budgeting.</li> <li>Prioritize and prepare suitable municipal projects for (NIP, IPA) funding (SLAP).</li> <li>Feasibility studies of prioritized municipal infrastructure projects and update Design and Tender Documents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tendering and supervision of two regional solid waste management projects.</li> <li>Monitoring three on-going infrastructure projects.</li> <li>Training municipalities and PUCs in Employer duties (FIDIC).</li> </ul>
●●● 5 current implementation projects 1. Subotica Waste water treatment Plant. 2. Inđija Water Supply Installation.	3. M25 Regional Road Rehabilitation. 4. Užice Regional Solid Waste management project. 5. Pirot Regional Solid Waste management project.	

The workshop will provide an informal atmosphere, where key officials from relevant Ministries, Municipalities, Regional Development Agencies and other bodies are challenged to share their views and interests in the program and to get familiarized with the project objectives.

The main goal of the workshop is to strengthen the projects objectives, to define the results and activities, to formulate the means of verification and to allocate the available resources.

The **topics of the Workshop** will be:

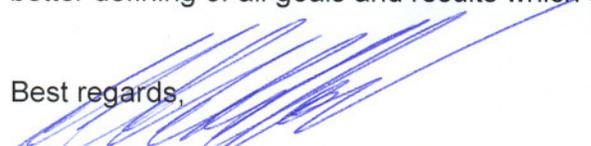
1. Policy dialogue on PUC Transformation;
2. Programming and Preparation of municipal infrastructure projects (SLAP);
3. Coordination of funding.

You will be actively involved during the three days for approximately 6 to 7 hours per day. Each working day will consist of 2 or 3 plenary sessions, with intermittent working group sessions with a small number of participants.

All expenditures related to this workshop (3 days/2 nights, full hotel service) will be covered by the organizer of this event. However, transportation costs to and from the hotel, as well as non project related expenditures at the hotel, are not covered by the organizer.

We hope that you will be able to join us and participate, and we hope that you will contribute in better defining of all goals and results which should be achieved by MISP.

Best regards,

  
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