

# Feasibility Study for Wastewater Management Approaches for Kosovo Communities Outside Existing and Planned Centralized Systems

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS N°2

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**Q1.** Reference is made to Annex 1 Terms of Reference, chapter 2.1 Overall Objective. Under Task 1 is written: “Consider available and facilitate the compilation of relevant georeferenced baseline databases of settlements, population equivalent, existing wastewater collection networks, and receiving water bodies. In doing so, collaborate closely with the RWCs through a hands-on, learning-by-doing approach that results in strengthened local capacities.” We understand that “facilitate” means that relevant georeferenced baseline databases of settlements, [...]” are existing, and the task of the Feasibility Study Consultant will be the compilation of such data and simultaneously to train RWCs in this compilation process. Please clarify.

**A1.** The Contractor will be responsible for identifying, collecting, reviewing, and assessing the quality, completeness, and suitability of all available datasets relevant to the objectives of the study. While certain datasets may already exist within different institutions, they may vary in quality, format, level of detail, and accessibility. Therefore, the Contractor will be expected to compile, verify, and organize these data into a coherent georeferenced baseline suitable for analysis and planning purposes. Where data gaps or inconsistencies are identified, the Contractor may propose and undertake supplementary data collection or data generation, as appropriate. This process shall be carried out in close cooperation with RWCs and other relevant stakeholders, using a hands-on, learning-by-doing approach that strengthens local capacity in data organization, management, and future application. The resulting improved and systematized datasets shall be made available to the relevant institutions for continued use.

**Q2.** Reference is made to Annex 1 Terms of Reference, chapter 2.1 Overall Objective. Under Task 1 is written: “Review all relevant documentation produced under the IWRM-K Program (e.g., RBMPs, pollution mapping outputs, and the ongoing process of agglomeration delineation led by the Environment Agency Austria) to ensure full alignment and complementarity of the study with existing and planned activities.” We understand that the Feasibility Study Consultant will have to build up his work on the results of the agglomeration delineation led by the Environment Agency Austria, which appears logically in order to avoid contradictions etc. Depending on the status of this agglomeration delineation, the amount / nature of the agglomeration delineation within this Feasibility Study will differ. Please provide comprehensive information about the current status of the agglomeration delineation led by the Environment Agency Austria, for allowing all potential Bidders to accurately calculate the respective efforts and costs for Task 2 based on the same information.

**A2.** The work conducted by the Environment Agency Austria should be reviewed by the Contractor in order to ensure methodological alignment and identify opportunities for synergy with the feasibility study. However, bidders should not assume that the agglomeration delineation process will be finalized through the ongoing EAA work. Therefore, proposals should include sufficient effort and resources to complete or refine the grouping of settlements (i.e., wastewater management zones/service areas) as required for the purposes of this study.

**Q3.** Reference is made to Annex 1 Terms of Reference, chapter 2.1 Overall Objective. Under Task 2 is written: „Identify and evaluate potential WWTP locations using multi-criteria parameters such as land availability, proximity to settlements, prevailing wind direction, flood risk, accessibility, and potential for gravity-based conveyance.“ In our view it is feasible in the frame of the scope/budget of this assignment to establish concise parameters for the identification and evaluation of potential WWTP locations, however it is NOT FEASIBLY TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT SUCH IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUA-

*TION of potential WWTP locations, as that would mean to have to visit a huge number of sites, discuss with multiple stakeholders (RWCs, municipalities, land owners, other stakeholders; such discussions/negotiations according to experience are a long lasting process which often may take significantly more time than foreseen under this ToR) in regard to all (under the foregoing bullet point) identified relevant wastewater management zones/service areas. In our view, it is only feasible in the frame of the scope/budget of this Feasibility Study to tentatively propose locations on the basis of maps, applying roughly/generally the following parameters: proximity to settlements, prevailing wind direction, flood risk, accessibility, and potential for gravity-based conveyance. Please clarify.*

**A3.** *The potential workload associated with site identification and evaluation should be addressed through an appropriate prioritization approach. The TOR requires the study to define short-, medium-, and long-term priorities for the development of wastewater management systems. An initial national-level assessment may be conducted primarily through desk-based analysis and GIS-supported evaluation. Based on this analysis, a prioritization of systems with the highest environmental relevance and implementation potential should be established. More detailed site verification, including field visits and stakeholder consultations, is expected only for the highest-priority systems (short-term implementation pipeline). For medium- and long-term systems, the study should provide strategic guidance and indicative locations based primarily on available data and spatial analysis. Bidders are encouraged to propose a clear and efficient screening and prioritization methodology in their technical proposals (e.g., legal requirements, based on settlement size, service areas, environmental pressures, and stakeholder input).*

**Q4.** *Reference is made to Annex 1 Terms of Reference, chapter 4.1 Methodology. Under the 6th bullet point is written: „Outline the use of digital tools, GIS mapping, and data-management systems to ensure interoperability with existing and relevant databases.“ In order to be able to estimate the efforts/costs for ensuring interoperability with existing and relevant databases, please outline which systems/programs are used by the relevant stakeholders for GIS mapping and other relevant data-management systems.*

**A4.** *This requirement primarily refers to ensuring that relevant outputs of the study can be compatible with the Water Information System (WIS) currently being developed with the support of the IWRM-K Program. The Contractor will be expected to consult with the relevant WIS stakeholders and technical experts to understand the required data formats, structure, and metadata standards. The Contractor will not be responsible for uploading or integrating the datasets directly into the WIS. Rather, the Contractor shall ensure that the outputs (e.g., GIS layers, georeferenced datasets, and related documentation) are provided in formats compatible with the WIS so that the relevant authorities or WIS technical teams can subsequently integrate them into the system.*

**Q5.** *Reference is made to Annex 1 Terms of Reference, chapter 5.2. Key Areas of Expertise and Qualification Requirements. The Qualification Requirements for “Hydraulic / Sewerage Network Engineer” include “At least 8 years of experience in hydraulic modelling and sewerage / drainage design.“ We don’t doubt that hydraulic modelling is an important skill of a Sewerage Network (Design) Engineer; while, in our understanding, there is no hydraulic modelling of the networks included in the scope/budget of this Feasibility Study. On the level of such a nationwide feasibility study, hydraulic modelling is anyway not usual and not necessary in our experience.*

**A5.** *The assignment does not require detailed or fully calibrated hydraulic modelling of sewerage networks. However, the Contractor will be expected to perform preliminary hydraulic assessments and conceptual calculations in order to estimate wastewater flows, verify the feasibility of proposed conveyance arrangements, and assess the hydraulic loading of proposed wastewater treatment systems. These analyses will support the definition of indicative sewer alignments and collectors linking the identified service areas to potential treatment locations. Such hydraulic checks are particularly relevant for the highest-priority systems (short-term implementation pipeline), where preliminary sizing of collectors and estimation of design flows to the WWTP are required.*