

Astana Water Action - Template for reporting

1. Country/Organization:

Please indicate your name, organization and country.

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2. Title of the action committed to in 2011 (see the annex)

Please indicate the title of the action on the implementation of which you are reporting. Those countries that committed to more than one action please kindly note that a template for reporting should be filled in for each action.

German-Croatian Partnership for the establishment of the 'Training and Competence Centre Karlovac – TCC Karlovac'

3. Overview of progress made

(a) *Has the action been implemented?*

Yes / In progress / No

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

The pilot phase for the development and implementation of the national training and competence centre started in summer 2011, focused on the training of the existing water management staff. The objective of the centre will be the improvement of education and availability of experienced staff in the Croatia water and sanitation sectors as well as the know-how exchange with other countries in Europe.

In autumn 2011 and spring 2012 "Train the trainer" courses have been held.

From June 2012 onwards 8 three-days interactive test trainings by the newly qualified trainers took place involving inter alia enterprises. The trainings covered issues like sewer management, controlling performance of waste water treatment plants or leakage detection.

In November 2012 a Workshop on "German experiences and approaches for energy efficiency in waste water treatment and sludge evacuation" has been conducted.

(b) *What challenges were encountered during the implementation of the action? What lessons were learned?*

(up to 250 words)

Inter alia different national standards and experiences.

(c) *What future steps, if any, are planned in relation to the action implementation/follow up?*

(up to 250 words)

The training and competences centre is still in establishment. The pilot phase has been successful.

4. Usefulness of the Astana Water Action

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements and provide an explanation, as appropriate.

(a) *The Astana Water Action was useful to strengthen political support related to sustainable water management issues:*

strongly agree / somewhat agree / somewhat disagree / strongly disagree

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

If it strengthened political support was depending on the country and region. For Germany the Astana Water Action was not really necessary to strengthen political support, but the Action highlighted the importance of sustainable water management issues and was in this sense also a useful symbolic action for Germany.

(b) *The Astana Water Action has helped my country to comply with its international obligations:*

strongly agree / somewhat agree / somewhat disagree / strongly disagree

If agreeing, please elaborate how (e.g. European Union Directives, UNECE and other environmental agreements, Millennium Development Goals, Commitments made within the "Environment for Europe" process) (up to 250 words)

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(c) *Would your country be interested in continuing to submit and monitor new actions within the AWA framework in the future?*

Yes / No

Please elaborate (up to 250 words)

See explanation in 4. a).

Nevertheless Germany would participate in a follow-up if other countries were interested.