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Dear colleagues!

We are very grateful for your attention to the situation in the water sector of Ukraine, which has arisen due to the military aggression of the Russian Federation.

Also sincerely thank you for your welcome into the great family of European Associations as an associate member.

The situation is indeed very complicated and requires decisive action on all fronts. The Association helps the authorities and enterprises of the sector in providing drinking water to the population. The issue of sewage disposal and treatment, prevention of epidemiological situations is very important.

Thanks to our fruitful work with the government coordinator, we are able to make decisions on legislative changes during wartime. We also assist in organizing logistics for transporting critical infrastructure materials, maintaining and establishing links with suppliers of necessary equipment and materials. We cooperate with UNICEF's water cluster, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and are ready to communicate with everyone who is not concerned about the fate of Ukraine.

Recently our delegation, supported by business partners, visited the WOD-KAN 2022 exhibition in Poland, where we managed to take part in a number of conferences. Last week, a delegation consisting of several managers of affected vodokanals (CE "Chernihivvodokanal", CE "Gorvodokanal" in Sumy, CE "Zhytomyrvodokanal" and PJSC "Kievvodokanal") together with the director of the Association visited the largest global industry exhibition IFAT Munich 2022. We had meetings with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, European Water Association, German Water Partnership and many others. We are very grateful to Verband kommunaler Unternehmen e.V. (VKU) for their attention. Our representatives made many presentations and speeches on problematic issues. The director of the association gave an extensive interview on the state of affairs for Spiegel magazine.

At the same time, we are facing a lot of problems on regulatory support of the work of water utilities with peculiarities of wartime:

1. Development of a methodology for damage assessment and rehabilitation strategy for water utilities;
2. Development and scientific justification of temporary hygienic requirements for the quality and safety of tap water under military conditions;
3. Development of typical plans for preparation and actions of water utilities under wartime conditions;
4. use of alternative methods of water disinfection during wartime, development of a technological scheme of using calcium hypochlorite as a safe transportable

reagent for disinfection, regulations for usage and implementation of a pilot project in one of cities

5. Development of recommendations on providing population with drinking water in emergency conditions by using independent water treatment systems. Such systems will be tested in several settlements;
6. Development of recommendations on operation of water supply systems in Mykolaiv and duly approved Technological Protocols for Facilities (as a result of destruction of water pipelines, water utility was forced to supply almost marine water to the centralized water supply network);
7. Development of recommendations on the use of Aquatabs tablets and analogues for water disinfection;
8. Design of tap water and wastewater treatment systems in Borodyanka city (the city near Kyiv was practically ruined);
9. Training of specialists of enterprises (professional, handling of explosive objects, first aid, organization of water supply in military conditions);

The Association continues to search and deliver humanitarian aid for water utilities (equipment, reagents and materials).

We send you the presentation and video materials about the state of affairs in the water sector of Ukraine to inform our colleagues in other countries about our problems and survival experience.

We also remind you about the open letter we sent to you. Unfortunately, we received no response from companies.

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