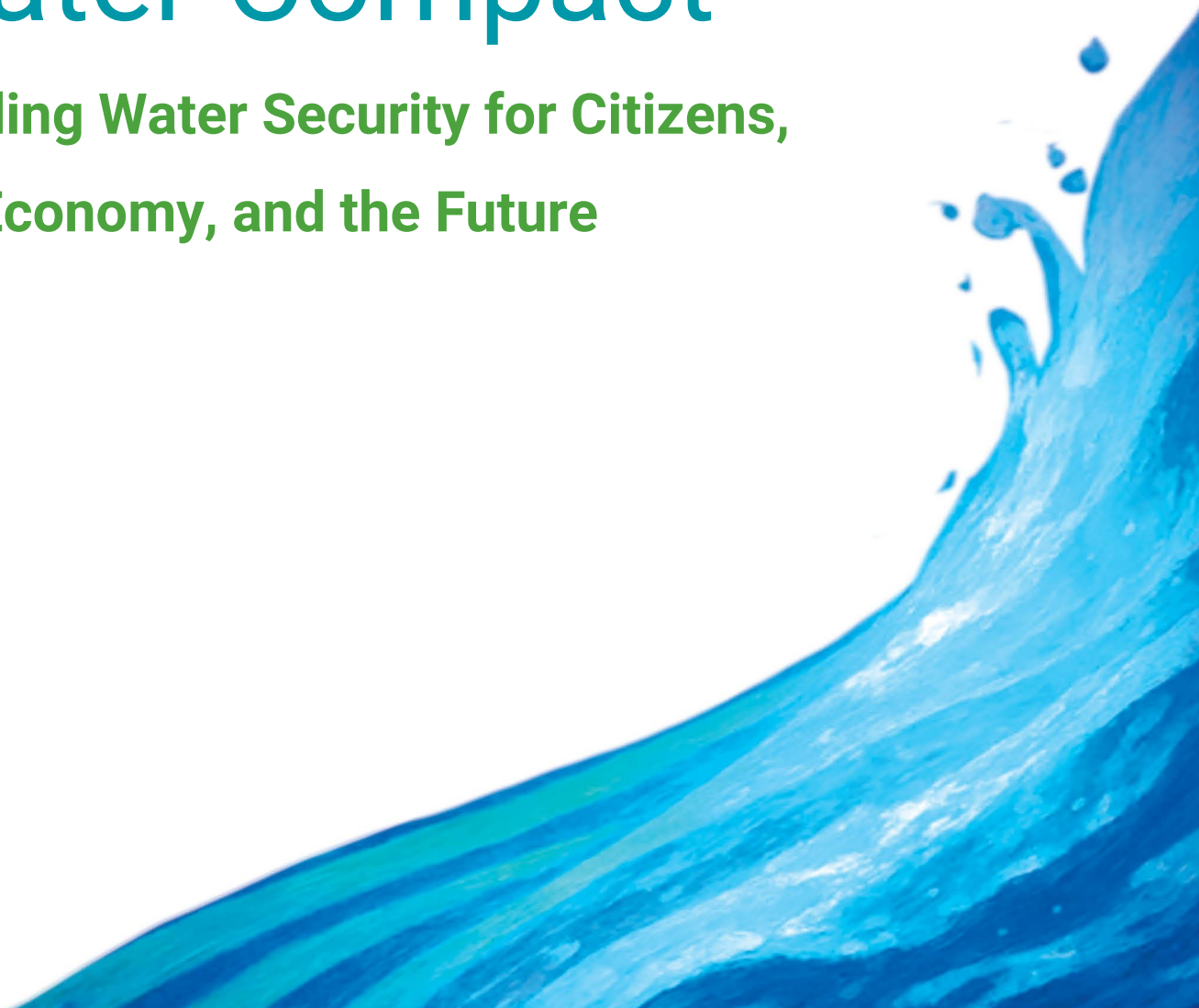


# **WATER FORWARD**

## Republic of Albania

# Water Compact

**Building Water Security for Citizens,  
the Economy, and the Future**





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On behalf of the Republic of Albania, I am pleased to submit this Water Compact to the World Bank as part of Water Forward.

Albania is committed to deliver water security through the improvement of water supply and sanitation services and the strengthening of water resources management. To ensure long-term water security this Compact integrates water resources management with water supply and sanitation sector reforms and investments. By expanding access to safe water and wastewater services with effective treatment, minimizing non-revenue water, and enforcing discharge standards, the Government's National Strategy of Water Supply and Sanitation 2023 – 2030 will positively influence water resources.

In particular, the government is committed to provide improved water supply to 90% of the population, for 3,920,084<sup>1</sup> people by 2030 and sanitation services for 65.5% of the population, for 2,852,950 people by 2030. Achieving this goal requires government leadership, partner coordination, substantial public funding, and responsible private sector participation through performance-based partnerships, commercial finance, and innovation. These efforts will help bridge the financing gap, improve efficiency, expand safe water and sanitation access, and directly contribute to Albania's economy—including boosting tourism from Tirana's hospitality sector to the Adriatic and Ionian coast. To reach this bold target, Albania has already developed the National

<sup>1</sup> The served and unserved population in the water supply and sanitation sector in Albania is based on the National Civil Registry data. The population for year 2022 is calculated 4.355.649 people. The above number is estimated based on this baseline.

Strategy of Water Supply and Sanitation 2023- 2030 which outlines the activities and projects needed to achieve this goal, along with detailed goals and milestones to measure progress, the level of investment needed to implement the roadmap including the financing gap, as well as identifies public funds that can be used to leverage the necessary private capital, as attached to this letter. The Decision of the Council of the Ministers no. 448, date July 26, 2023 “On the approval of the National Strategy of Water Supply and Sanitation 2023 – 2030”, as attached.

Our government has committed to specific policies and regulations needed to improve the operational and financial performance of the sector, as well as to align partners and mobilize new financing, including private and commercial financing. This includes:

1. Increase customer access to water supply and enhance service quality;
2. Increasing the number of customers served by urban wastewater collection, disposal, and treatment systems, while enhancing the quality of service provided;
3. Implementation of the program for the reorganization of services on a regional basis (i.e. utility aggregation and the creation of National Bulk Operator);
4. Improving financial sustainability, service affordability, and asset management;
5. Improvement of human capital (human resources) and service quality;
6. Improving and updating the legal and regulatory framework and its alignment with European Union *Acquis Communautaire*.

We look forward to engaging with partners of Water Forward to align programming where appropriate and collaborate on joint solutions that address key bottlenecks at the national level. We intend to use the Integrated Policy Management Groups as approved by the Order of the Prime Minister no. 90, date August 1, 2023 “On the measures for the implementation of the broad sectoral and cross-sectoral approach, as well as the establishment and reorganization of the integrated sectoral, cross-sectoral mechanism” as the coordinating mechanism to assist with and monitor the implementation progress of the Water Compact. We understand that occasional updates on progress may be requested by Water Forward.

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We appreciate the opportunity to deepen our commitment and look forward to working to advance this important agenda.

Sincerely,



