

Quick Response Request

Submitted by: Association of Kosovo Municipalities

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Subject: The delimitation of competences in water supply and waste management.

Background: The association would like to know whether the Water supply and Waste management is a Municipal/Local or Central Level's responsibility (competence).

1. Summary of Results

Competences in Water supply and sewage

Country/Entity	Municipal/local level	Central level	Comments
Albania	x		Own function of local government.
Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina			It is not a municipal function
Bulgaria	x		Through municipally owned utilities and state companies
Croatia	x		Through municipally owned utilities and through municipal department
Macedonia	x		Public enterprise, municipally owned companies.
Moldova	x		Through municipally owned utilities
Montenegro	x		Through municipally owned utilities
Romania	x		Through municipal department
Republic of Srpska	x		Through municipally owned utilities
Turkey	x		Through municipal department

Competences in waste management (collection and disposal)

Country/Entity	Municipal/local level	Central level	Comments
Albania	x		Own function of local government.
Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	x		Through municipally owned utilities
Bulgaria	x		Through municipally owned utilities
Croatia	x		Through municipally owned utilities and through municipal department
Macedonia	x		Public enterprise, municipally owned companies
Moldova	x		Through municipally owned utilities
Montenegro	x		Through municipally owned utilities. Legally it is possible to entrust these

			activities to private sector. In practice, collection of waste is 100% “owned” by the municipalities. There is one case of the PPP in the disposal of waste but it is at the beginning – contract is signed but sanitary landfill is not constructed.
Romania	x		Through municipal department
Republic of Srpska	x		Through municipally owned utilities
Turkey	x		Through municipal department