

## BIOGRAPHY



Mr. Károly Kovacs with strong background in civil engineering and economics, is an ambassador of the value of WATER and related services. He regularly negotiates with professionals and representatives of corporate, scientific, social, and governmental sectors, participating on 20-30 international forums annually as speaker, moderator, or trainer.

### His special fields of expertise:

- Water and sanitation infrastructure development (design, finance, construction, asset evaluation, operation)
- Option analysis using life cycle cost (LCC) based Dynamic Cost Comparison (DCC)
- Water and wastewater regulatory issues

### Leadership roles in national and international organisations:

Organisation	Position	Period
<a href="#">Hungarian Water Association</a>	chairman	2012-
<a href="#">Hungarian Water Partnership</a>	chairman	2008-
<a href="#">European Water Association</a>	president	2015-2017
<a href="#">ASEM WATER Academic and Development Committee</a>	vice president	2014-
<a href="#">Africa Committee of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</a> –	chairman	2020-
<a href="#">EWA The WG on Economics</a>	chairman	2017-
<a href="#">European Commission's Platform on Sustainable Finance</a>	member	2020-
<a href="#">European Innovation Partnership on Water</a>	STC member	2017 - 2020

**Awards:** Gold Cross of Merit of Hungary, GSC Award [HWA](#), Pro Environment Award [AEE](#), Pro Environment Award [HCE](#), Change Leader Award [BCSDH](#), Honorary Member of [EWA](#).

### Studies

St. Petersburg State University - 1980-1985, MSc Water Civil Engineering  
Budapest University of Technology - 1991-1993 Engineering – Economics  
Füti OMEGA, Budapest -2007 -2008, Advanced degree in Asset Evaluation  
Corvinus University of Budapest, - 2012 – 2022 PhD studies in progress

**Languages:** Hungarian, English, German, Russian, French,

### Business work experience:

main owner and chairmen of the Pureco Group of Companies [Pureco Ltd](#), [BDL Ltd](#), [Puraset](#)

**Hobbies:** swimming, sailing, skiing, skating, diving, fishing