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Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on the Water and Sanitation Sector in Selected Countries of the Danube Region

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The Danube Water Program aims at strong utilities, smart policies and sustainable services in a sector serving 80 million customers in the Danube region. Managed by the International Association of Water Service Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD) in cooperation with the World Bank and with funding from the Austrian Ministry of Finance, the Danube Water Program supports a wide range of activities to improve the situation of the sector.¹



The " Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis " document summarizes results of survey on the effect of Covid-19 crisis on the WS sector in the Danube River Catchment Area. The objective of the activity was to gain better insights on the overall impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the WSS sector in 2020 compared to previous year in countries of the Danube region, and its related economic and social consequences on funding and financing for water-related investments and service providers, in order to highlight the importance of including water-related investments in government recovery packages and recommendations for how to ensure that such packages contribute to broader water security and resilience.

¹ <https://www.iawd.at/eng/about/dwp/>