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Danube Water Program & ICPDR workshop report

## **The last mile: Rural water service delivery in the Danube region**

Rural water and wastewater service delivery is a challenge in all countries of the Danube River basin. Main reasons for this are a lack of financial, technical and staff resources, but also a lack of awareness in society. The recast of the EU Drinking Water Directive and of the EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive requires more efforts also in rural areas. However, they also provide more clear guidance for rural areas. The EU Water Reuse Ordinance provides a legal framework for reusing treated wastewater as alternative water source for irrigation in agriculture.

The report provides a Review of Rural Water Service Delivery in the Danube Region prepared by the ICPDR and World Bank.