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Invitation for Expression of Interest for Selection of Pilot Municipalities in Kosovo for Development of Nature-based Solutions and Other Bankable Municipal Projects for Improved Water Resources Management



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(IWRM-K) Program****DATE: May 28, 2026****REFERENCE:** Invitation for Expression of Interest for Selection of Pilot Municipalities in Kosovo for Development of Nature-based Solutions and Other Bankable Municipal Projects for Improved Water Resources Management

Dear Sir/Madam

The **Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo Program** (hereinafter the Program or IWRM-K) of the Governments of Switzerland and Kosovo aims to build long-lasting water resources management capacities at national and river basin levels in line with Kosovo's socio-economic and political priorities and the needs of sustainable development (for more information on the Program, please visit: <https://iwrn-k.com/home>).

As part of its **Competitive Grants Scheme (CGS)**, the Program now invites **municipalities in Kosovo with up to 35,000 inhabitants** that meet the criteria below to apply for support for the **development of technical and/or design documentation** for priority municipal projects related to water resources management, with a particular focus on **Nature-based Solutions (NbS)**. Municipalities of this size are considered particularly suitable pilot partners given the limited funds available and the intention to support feasible, demonstrable, and replicable interventions.

Through this Invitation, the Program foresees supporting **up to three municipalities** for the preparation of technical/design documentation for priority projects that can subsequently be submitted for financing from other sources. For this purpose, municipalities will be requested to indicate their anticipated follow-up funding and co-funding opportunities for implementation, such as municipal budgets, central government schemes, donor support, loans, or other external financing sources.

In addition, **subject to availability of Program funds** and the quality and feasibility of the proposed concepts, the **best and most feasible NbS project** among the selected municipalities, or a clearly defined part of such project, **may also be considered for implementation support** by the Program. The **first-ranked project** will also receive **expert support** from TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences, Germany (<https://www.th-koeln.de/en/>), a partner of the Program, to help further develop the initial concept for NbS application.

This Invitation covers the **entire territory of Kosovo**. Municipalities applying under this Invitation must therefore demonstrate readiness to support project realization and commit, in principle, to key conditions for implementation, including, as relevant, **availability of land, permitting readiness, co-funding, operation and maintenance, and longer-term sustainability arrangements**. These commitments will form part of the **Declaration of Eligibility and Compliance** to be submitted under **Appendix A**. Municipalities will also be required to submit **basic data** requested by the Program to support the calculation of **municipal performance indices** (Appendix C), which will form part of the evaluation and scoring process for selection to the next stage.

The **Expression of Interest** and any questions regarding this Invitation must be submitted to the following dedicated e-mail address: **skatconsultingkosovo@skat.ch**.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted no later than **18 June 2026 at 16:30 CEST**.

1. INTRODUCTION

The IWRM-K Program of the Governments of Switzerland and Kosovo aim to strengthen long-lasting water resources management capacities at national and river basin levels, in line with Kosovo's socio-economic and political priorities and the needs of sustainable development. Its Competitive Grants Scheme (CGS) is an important instrument for piloting practical solutions, building local capacities, and catalyzing broader implementation of water-related priorities through targeted partnerships.

Building on the results and lessons of Phase 1, the ongoing Phase 2 of the Program expands the CGS to support municipal-level priorities, particularly through the promotion of NbS and the preparation of other bankable municipal projects that can contribute to improved water resources management and broader environmental resilience.

What are Nature-based Solutions (NbS)?

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are interventions that work with nature and ecosystem processes to address societal and environmental challenges in a sustainable manner. In the municipal context, they may include measures such as riverbank restoration, wetland rehabilitation, green corridors, infiltration and retention areas, erosion-control vegetation, urban green-blue infrastructure, and similar approaches that help improve water retention, reduce flood and erosion risks, improve water quality, support biodiversity, and strengthen climate resilience. NbS are particularly relevant where municipalities face challenges related to stormwater, local flooding, erosion, degradation of water bodies, loss of green space, or broader pressures affecting water resources and related ecosystems.

In addition to stand-alone measures, NbS can also be conceptualized as a combination of mutually reinforcing solutions within a broader urban context, integrated into urban planning and related municipal planning documentation. Based on such integrated concepts, individual priority project ideas can then be identified and further elaborated through technical and design documentation for future financing and implementation.

As part of this approach, the Program now invites **municipalities in Kosovo with up to 35,000 inhabitants¹** that meet the criteria below to apply under this Invitation for Expression of Interest. The purpose of the Invitation is to identify municipalities with the strongest potential to develop feasible and replicable projects that address water-related challenges through NbS and/or other priority investments requiring technical and design preparation.

Through this Invitation, the Program foresees supporting **up to three municipalities**, with grants of **up to EUR 30,000 per project** for the development of technical and/or design documentation for priority municipal projects. These projects are expected to become more mature and bankable, enabling municipalities to apply for financing from other sources, including municipal budgets, central government mechanisms, donor support, loans, or other external funding opportunities. Applicant municipalities will therefore be required to indicate the most relevant prospective financing opportunities they foresee for implementation once the documentation is prepared.

In addition, subject to availability of funds, the **best and most feasible NbS proposal** among the selected municipalities, or a clearly defined component of such proposal, may also be considered for implementation support of **up to EUR 200,000** by the Program. Accordingly, municipalities will need to demonstrate readiness with regard to land availability, permitting, co-funding, implementation arrangements, operation and maintenance, and longer-term sustainability.

The Program seeks to partner with proactive municipalities that are willing to use this opportunity not only to prepare priority projects, but also to strengthen their overall approach to integrated water resources management in the local context. This Invitation covers the entire territory of Kosovo. Municipalities will be requested to submit basic data that will enable the Program to calculate municipal performance indices, which will form part of the evaluation and scoring process. In this way,

¹ Municipalities of this size are considered particularly suitable pilot partners given the limited funds available and the intention to support demonstrable interventions with realistic implementation prospects. Population data are based on Kosovo Census 2024.

the Invitation combines an assessment of the proposed project concept with an assessment of the municipality’s broader readiness and performance in relation to relevant IWRM-related aspects. The Program especially welcomes project ideas that demonstrate clear local relevance, realistic implementation prospects, and wider value as pilot cases.

The implementation of grant-supported activities will be carried out directly by the IWRM-K Program through the contracting of services, works, and goods, as applicable. This will apply both to the preparation of technical and design documentation and, subject to availability of funds and the Program’s decision, to any subsequent implementation support. No transfer of grant funds to municipalities is foreseen under this Invitation.

Depending on the selected project, support may include expert input, preparation of technical and design documentation, and limited implementation support. The detailed division of responsibilities, including municipal commitments related to co-funding, permitting, land availability, operation, maintenance, and sustainability, will be defined in the respective Grant Agreements to be signed between IWRM-K and the selected municipalities.

2. Application and Evaluation Processes

The following key steps will be applied in the selection of municipalities:

- a) Expression of Interest (please use the form attached as **Appendix A** to apply to this Invitation)
- b) Development of a Concept Note (form attached as **Appendix B**). **NOTE:** *only pre-selected municipalities, based on the accepted Expression of Interest, will be invited to submit Concept Notes.*
- c) Selection of municipalities/grantees and signing of Grant Agreements (based on the overall quality of the Concept Notes and the results of the municipal performance assessment)

The Program will evaluate Expressions of Interest first to confirm compliance with the eligibility requirements and to identify the municipalities that will proceed to the Concept Note stage.

As part of this Invitation for Expression of Interest, municipalities are also requested to submit basic self-reported data (list of required data is shown in **Appendix C**), with supporting evidence where applicable, to enable the Program to calculate **municipal performance indices**. Only data that can be reasonably verified through submitted documents, official records, or other credible sources will be considered for scoring purposes.

The table below summarizes the **provisional evaluation criteria** and the corresponding scoring approach that will be used to evaluate the Concept Notes submitted by pre-selected municipalities in step b), together with the municipal performance index results.

Provisional evaluation criteria

Evaluation Category	Maximum Points
<p>Municipal (environment/water) performance (based on Appendix C)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance based on self-reported and verifiable municipal data requested by the Program • Readiness and commitment of the municipality to engage in integrated water resources management-related processes • Availability and quality of relevant municipal systems, data, and practices relevant to project preparation and future implementation 	15
<p>Project idea and strategic relevance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of the proposed concept to the objectives of the Invitation and to municipal water-related challenges • Contribution to improved water resources management, environmental resilience, and broader public benefit 	20

Evaluation Category	Maximum Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity of problem definition and appropriateness of the proposed response 	
<p>Type and quality of project concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher score for broader NbS-oriented concepts and projects embedded in wider municipal or urban planning frameworks (up to 20 points) Medium score for projects derived from broader integrated concepts but presented as a priority component (up to 15 points) Lower score for stand-alone or single-purpose projects with limited integration value (up to 10 points) 	20
<p>Impact and feasibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likelihood that the project can be successfully prepared and subsequently implemented Magnitude of expected positive environmental and social effects Number of people expected to benefit Availability of realistic follow-up funding opportunities for implementation 	15
<p>Sustainability, replicability, and scaling-up potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likelihood that positive effects will continue over the longer term Potential for replication in other municipalities or scaling up within the same municipality Strength of proposed arrangements for operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability 	15
<p>Capacity of applicant / beneficiary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall capacity of the municipality to support project preparation and, where applicable, implementation Availability of land, permitting readiness, and institutional coordination Risk magnitude and probability, including the municipality's ability to address implementation constraints 	15
Total	100

The evaluation of applications will be carried out by an appropriate **evaluation body** involving the necessary technical expertise. The final selection of municipalities will be based on the combined assessment of eligibility, municipal performance, and the quality of the proposed concept.

The resulting **Grant Agreements** will be signed by the selected municipalities and the branch office of **SKAT Consulting Ltd.** based in Pristina, which is the legal representative of the IWRM-K Program in Kosovo.

The selected municipalities will have to agree to detailed implementation plans specifying the scope of support, the responsibilities of the parties, the required inputs from the municipality, and the monitoring and reporting requirements. The monitoring arrangements for each selected municipality will be tailored based on the nature of the support, the maturity of the proposed project, and the possible next steps toward implementation.

The implementation of grant-supported activities will be managed directly by the **IWRM-K Program**, through the contracting of services, works, and goods, as applicable. This applies to the preparation of technical and design documentation and, subject to availability of funds and the Program's decision, to any subsequent implementation support. **No direct transfer of grant funds to municipalities is foreseen under this Invitation.**

If a selected project proceeds to implementation, the municipality will provide its agreed co-funding through a transfer to the IWRM-K Program, to be combined with available Program funds. The detailed financial arrangements will be defined in the Grant Agreement.

APPENDIX A: FORM FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Basic Information

Item	Information
Name of municipality	
Mayor	
Contact person, title	
Phone number	
E-mail address	
Municipality location (basin)	
Population of municipality	
Number of municipal employees	
Eol submitted on (date)	
Proposed project title	
Type of proposed project	<input type="checkbox"/> NbS project <input type="checkbox"/> Other bankable municipal project
Funds sought from IWRM-K for project development (EUR)	
Indicative municipal co-funding for possible implementation (EUR)	
Anticipated follow-up funding source(s) for implementation	

Declaration of Eligibility and Compliance with Minimum Requirements

Yes	Declaration of eligibility and compliance with minimum requirements	Evidence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understanding of requirements: We have read and fully understood the requirements of this Invitation for Eol and the relevant provisions of the Competitive Grants Scheme.	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eligible applicant: We confirm that the applicant is a municipality in Kosovo with up to 35,000 inhabitants .	Official population data / municipal profile / relevant official source
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional authorization: We confirm that the municipality is authorized and willing to participate in this Invitation for Eol and, if selected, to cooperate with the IWRM-K Program in project preparation and possible implementation.	Letter of endorsement and/or signed declaration by authorized municipal representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project relevance: We confirm that the proposed project addresses a relevant municipal challenge related to integrated water resources management, environmental resilience, or related NbS application.	Brief project description / municipal planning document / other supporting note
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provision of data for performance assessment: We agree to submit the basic municipal data requested by the Program and understand that self-reported data will be considered only where verifiable.	Completed Appendix C and supporting documents, where applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Willingness to engage in consultations and knowledge exchange: We express willingness to participate in meetings, consultations, technical discussions, communication activities, and sharing of lessons learned related to the Program-supported project.	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Readiness to share relevant project data: We express readiness to share with IWRM-K all relevant technical, spatial, institutional, and financial data necessary for project preparation and, where applicable, implementation.	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land availability: We confirm that the municipality is willing and able to secure land or site access required for the proposed project, where applicable.	Ownership document, cadastral extract, land-use document, municipal

Yes	Declaration of eligibility and compliance with minimum requirements	Evidence
		statement, or other relevant proof
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permitting readiness: We confirm willingness to support and facilitate the permitting and approval processes required for the proposed project, where applicable.	Explanation of permitting requirements (as understood by the municipality)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal co-funding commitment: We commit in principle to provide municipal co-funding for implementation of the proposed project, should the project be selected for implementation support.	Municipal declaration / indicative budget commitment / decision or statement by competent authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Operation and maintenance: We confirm willingness to assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the supported investment, where applicable, and to ensure its long-term sustainability.	Municipal declaration / relevant internal act or statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Follow-up funding potential: We confirm that the municipality has identified realistic funding opportunities for implementation of the project following preparation of technical/design documentation.	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoiding Swiss double funding: We declare that the municipality is not receiving Swiss donor funding for implementation of the same measures for which support is requested under this Invitation.	Municipal declaration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-funding of ineligible activities: We declare that no support requested under this Invitation relates to political activities or other ineligible purposes.	Municipal declaration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict of interest: We warrant that the municipality has no actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in submitting this application.	Municipal declaration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial and institutional capacity: We declare that the municipality is in a position to cooperate in good faith with the Program and to meet the obligations that may arise from project preparation and, where applicable, implementation.	Municipal declaration and any relevant supporting document
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance of Program implementation modality: We understand and accept that grant-supported activities will be implemented directly by the IWRM-K Program through contracting services, works, and goods, and that no direct transfer of grant funds to the municipality is foreseen under this Invitation.	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance of implementation co-funding arrangements: We understand that, if the project is selected for implementation support, the municipality's agreed co-funding will be transferred to the IWRM-K Program.	N/A

Signature: _____

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Brief Description of the Proposed Concept

The idea submitted for grant consideration should be briefly elaborated by responding to the questions below. The information provided will be used to assess the relevance, feasibility, readiness, and wider potential of the proposed project.

Section	Guiding questions / information to be provided
1. Description of the proposed concept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the municipality want to do and ultimately achieve? • Is the proposal focused on a NbS or any other bankable municipal project? • Is the proposal a stand-alone project or part of a broader NbS-oriented concept or urban/municipal planning framework? • How is the concept relevant to the objectives of the CGS and this Invitation for EoI?
2. Rationale and strategic relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What specific problem or challenge does the municipality want to address? • Why is this project a priority for the municipality? • How will the proposed concept contribute to improved water resources management, environmental resilience, and wider public benefit? • What are the expected benefits for the municipality, environment, and local population?
3. Municipal readiness and available basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What existing municipal data, studies, plans, maps, concepts, or other documents are available and relevant to the proposed project? • What information does the municipality already have on the site, affected area, environmental problem, ownership status, technical constraints, or implementation needs? • What internal capacities, previous experience, or partner support does the municipality have that may help project preparation and future implementation?
4. Type of support required from IWRM-K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What type of support is requested from IWRM-K? • What type of technical and/or design documentation is expected to be prepared? • Is there a need for concept refinement, expert studies, design services, permitting support, cost estimates, or implementation planning? • If relevant, what part of the project could be considered for possible implementation support at a later stage?
5. Expected follow-up funding and implementation prospects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What funding opportunities does the municipality foresee for implementation once the documentation is prepared? • Please indicate the most likely sources (e.g., municipal budget, central government scheme, donor funding, loan, IFI support, other). • How realistic are these opportunities and what would be the municipality's role in securing them?
6. Expected results and timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main expected environmental and social benefits? • Who is expected to benefit and how (provide quantitative data on beneficiaries)? • What are the main risks or constraints? • What measures are foreseen to support sustainability (including future operation, and maintenance)? • What is the indicative timeline for project preparation and possible implementation?
7. Explanation of how the declarations will be fulfilled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please explain briefly how the municipality intends to fulfil the key declarations made in this EoI, as applicable to the proposed project, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - co-funding commitment - land availability / site access

Section	Guiding questions / information to be provided
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - permitting readiness and support - operation and maintenance arrangements - institutional responsibilities and coordination - longer-term sustainability - data availability and cooperation with the Program

Applicants are encouraged to keep their responses concise and practical, while providing sufficient detail to enable an objective evaluation of the project concept and the municipality's readiness.

APPENDIX B: CONCEPT NOTE

Basic instructions

- This Concept Note should not be filled in by applicants at the Expression of Interest stage.
- Only the three top-ranked municipalities, based on the evaluation and scoring of the Eol stage, will be invited to prepare and submit a Concept Note.
- Invited municipalities shall prepare their Concept Notes using this prescribed template. Please provide the requested information clearly, concisely, and to the point.
- Please read the guiding text carefully before preparing the Concept Note.

Item	Information
Name of the municipality	
Contact person, title	
Contact details	
Proposed budget requested from IWRM-K for project development (EUR)	
Proposed municipal contribution for possible implementation (EUR)	
Proposed project title	
Type of proposed project	<input type="checkbox"/> NbS project <input type="checkbox"/> Other bankable municipal project <input type="checkbox"/> Combination

1. Municipal / Organizational Profile

Please provide a brief introduction to the municipality. The introduction should include basic information on the municipality, the municipal administration and governance structure, relevant departments or units, and the municipality's previous experience, if any, in project preparation and implementation in the fields of water, environment, climate resilience, urban development, or related infrastructure. Please also describe the main water-related and environmental challenges relevant to the proposed concept, as well as the municipality's current capacities and constraints in addressing them. **(Maximum 500 words)**

2. Elaboration of Requirements

a. Describe the proposed approach / concept

Please describe the proposed project concept clearly and concisely. Indicate whether it is focused on an **NbS**, another **bankable municipal project**, or a combination of both. Explain whether the project is a stand-alone intervention or part of a broader municipal / urban development concept or NbS-oriented plan. **(Maximum 300 words)**

b. Rationale of the proposed concept

Please justify the reasons behind the concept, focusing on:

- What is the main objective of the intervention?
- What specific municipal challenge or constraint does it address?
- How will it contribute to improved water resources management, environmental resilience, and public benefit?
- How does it respond to the needs and priorities identified in the Eol stage?

(Maximum 300 words)

c. Added value and innovation

Please explain what is innovative, strategic, or particularly valuable about the proposed concept. For example:

- Is it based on an integrated NbS approach?
- Is it part of a broader municipal planning framework?
- Can it serve as a good pilot or demonstration case for other municipalities?
- Does it combine environmental, social, and urban-development benefits in a particularly relevant way?

(Maximum 200 words)

d. Need for external support

Please explain why external support is needed for the preparation and, where relevant, possible implementation of the project. What is currently preventing the municipality from moving the project forward on its own, and what would likely happen if such support is not available?

(Maximum 150 words)

3. Continuity and Expansion Viability of the Proposed Concept

a. Implementation perspective

What is the municipality's plan to move the project forward upon receiving Program support for technical/design documentation? Please explain the expected next steps toward implementation, including the municipality's role and responsibilities. **(Maximum 300 words)**

b. Scalability and replication potential

Please explain whether the concept has the potential to be replicated elsewhere in the municipality or in other municipalities, or whether it can be scaled up into a broader municipal intervention. **(Maximum 300 words)**

c. Sustainability

Please explain how the positive impacts of the proposed concept are expected to continue over time. Please refer, as relevant, to institutional ownership, operation and maintenance, long-term funding, community acceptance, environmental sustainability, and integration into municipal planning and budgeting processes.

(Maximum 300 words)

4. Major Activities

Please list the major activities or interventions that would need to be carried out under the proposed project. These may include, as relevant, concept refinement, surveys, studies, technical investigations, design work, permitting support, cost estimation, preparation of tender-ready documentation, and possible implementation of a defined pilot component.

(Maximum 300 words)

5. Summary of Benefits

Please summarize the expected effects of the proposed intervention. This should include, as relevant:

- Expected environmental benefits
- Expected water-related benefits
- Summary of social benefits, including the population expected to benefit
- Other important values protected or enhanced (e.g., public space, biodiversity, climate resilience, erosion control, flood mitigation, etc.)

(Maximum 150 words)

6. Municipal Readiness and Commitments

Please explain how the municipality will fulfil the key conditions for successful project preparation and possible implementation, including, as relevant:

- land availability or site access
- permitting readiness
- municipal coordination and institutional responsibilities
- data availability
- co-funding readiness
- operation and maintenance arrangements
- longer-term sustainability commitment

(Maximum 300 words)

7. Funding Requirement

Please indicate the expected budget structure of the proposed project. At this stage, the table should present the municipality's indicative view of the total project value, including the support requested from IWRM-K for project development and, where relevant, the indicative municipal contribution for possible implementation.

Costs (EUR)	Municipal Contribution	Requested IWRM-K Contribution	Total
Staff time		/	
Technical assistance			
Surveys / studies / investigations			
Design / technical documentation			
Permitting / approvals support			
Works / implementation (if applicable)			
Equipment (if applicable)			
Other*			
Total cost of the project			
Percentage %			100%

* Use additional budget lines in accordance with the proposal's needs.

APPENDIX C: MUNICIPAL DATA REQUIREMENTS

To support a transparent and evidence-based evaluation process, municipalities shall provide a defined set of basic municipal data and supporting information. The purpose of this Appendix is to enable the IWRM-K Program to calculate a set of **municipal performance indices** that will be used as part of the scoring process, while also improving the Program’s understanding of the municipality’s current performance and readiness in relation to **water management, environmental protection, and resilience**.

The data should be based on the most recent available official municipal records or other credible and verifiable sources. Self-reported information may be accepted only where supported by appropriate evidence.

The table below presents the structure of the municipal data requirements.

Relevant indicator	Municipal data requirements	Unit	Formula applied	Score
I.1. Municipal budget allocation for water related projects per capita	Annual municipal budget allocated in 2023-2025, to water sector (including water supply, wastewater network, drainage, irrigation network, stormwater, flood protection, river protection, green infrastructure, water pollution control, environmental/water protection, and related resilience measures);	EUR	Total annual allocations for water sector ÷ Total population (EUR)	3
	Total municipal population (Census 2024)	No.		
I.2. Capital investment effort in water infrastructure	Annual municipal investments made in 2023-2025, to water sector (including water supply, wastewater network, drainage, irrigation network, stormwater, flood protection, river protection, green infrastructure, water pollution control, environmental protection, and related resilience measures)	EUR	Total allocated budget for water sector ÷ Total allocated budget for municipal capital investment (see I.1.) (%)	1.5
	Total municipal budget 2023-2025		Total capital investment in water sector ÷ Total allocated budget for water sector (%)	1.5
I.3. Expanded Coverage of Existing Regional Public Water Supply Services in Municipal Settlement	List of municipal settlements connected to existing respective RWC in 2023-2025.	Text & No.	Total population of connected settlements ÷ Total population not covered by public water supply in the municipality (%)	4
	Total population of connected settlements (Census 2024)	No.		
	Total population not covered by public water supply in the municipality including the ones	No.		

Relevant indicator	Municipal data requirements	Unit	Formula applied	Score
	covered during 2023-2025 (Census 2024)			
Total score				10

Notes

- Municipalities will be asked to provide the underlying data together with brief explanations and supporting evidence.
- The final evaluation approach may combine quantitative indicators and qualitative scoring elements.
- The Program may normalize some indicators per capita, per km², or as a share of total budget, depending on what is most appropriate for comparability.
- The final total score under Appendix C will feed into the overall evaluation and ranking process under the Invitation for EoI. Up to 10 of the 15 points under municipal environmental/water performance will be awarded on the basis of the calculated score derived from the indices for which data will be provided by the municipalities.
- Municipalities that fail to submit the required performance data shall be subject to disqualification during the EoI phase.