Case study | AGS' journey through the implementation of a PBA in Romania towards NRW reducing

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# **AGS** presentation

**MARUBENI 100%** 

AGS has been working in the water sector for more than 35 years, focusing its goal on the preservation of the environment and acting throughout the urban water cycle.

AGS activities range from consultancy and development of specialized engineering services to the management, operation and maintenance of urban water systems and treatment facilities.



#### **FRAMEWORK & SERVICES:**

- Concessions and PPP
- Performance-based agreements
- Operation & maintenance contracts
- Engineering services provider
- IT services provider



# RAJA – project area | Municipality of Constanța







**SC RAJA, S.A.** is the **largest regional public operator in Romania** for water supply and wastewater drainage and treatment.







**RAJA:** 

3 million

**170** 

**Project:** 

265,000 inhabitants

counties

localities









RAJA:

4,300 km

340,000 m<sup>3</sup>

9

**Project:** 

700 km

130,000 m<sup>3</sup>

1

water supply network

water storage

WTP



## **Performance Based Agreement**

#### WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT





### RAJA, ROMANIA

600 km of network 33 500 customers 300 000 inhabitants





of water lost in the system \*

### **Sharing risk and responsibilities**

### **Utility responsibilities:**

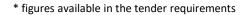
- Procurement process and construction works
- Coordination of operational teams

### **AGS** responsibilities:

- Development of NRW strategy and identification of intervention priorities
- Definition of technical requirements to improve network and sectorization
- Improvement of operational procedures
- Installation of software support tools
- Performance evaluation and monitoring
- Teams' training

### **CRITICAL ASPECTS**

- Quality of the project preliminary study
- Baseline definition accuracy
- Balanced sharing of savings
   KPI selection that will support project monitoring
- Capex execution constrains: investment and timely execution capabilities of the Utility
- Responsiveness of utility operational teams
- Utility maturity level must guarantee that basic tools are implemented (e.g. assets register, GIS, service orders' register, CRM and billing in place)



## **Performance Based Agreement**

WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT in the water supply system of the municipality of Constanta





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**Utility main goals** 5-year project

**Achievements**Project 3<sup>rd</sup>year

Remuneration Model Non-revenue water reduction plan
Infrastructure resilience improvement
Reduction of water losses in the network
Technical training to utility's staff

62 flow meters, 107 pressure meters and 17 monitoring areas
Development of a hydraulic model
Implementation of 3 AGS' software solutions
20 training sessions for more than 100 employees

Reduction of 6,0 Mm<sup>3</sup> of NRW

Remuneration model based on a **fixed component** and a **variable component** depending on the results obtained on **4 performance indicators** 

<sup>\*</sup> figures available in the tender requirements

### 2021 | PT GLOBAL WATER AWARDS

PWP – Portuguese Water Partnership **Award on Technical Services category** -- Performance based agreement focused on non-revenue water project in one water utilities in Romania

## 2022 | BBC StoryWorks documentary

Project identified by International Water Association (IWA) to be part of the online **film series #BeneathTheSurface** produced by BBC StoryWorks

https://www.bbc.com/storyworks/beneath-the-surface/the-city-below







## **AWARDS &**

## **TECHNICAL**

## **RECOGNITION**





# Thank you.

