



## THE MAYOR IVO DIMOV MET WITH THE NATIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD OF HOLDING 'WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE' ON THE PROBLEMS IN THE SECTOR

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The Mayor of Dimitrovgrad Municipality and also Deputy Chairman of the Association of Municipalities, Ivo Dimov, participated in a working meeting with the management of "Bulgarian Water and Sewerage" Holding (BWS) on the problems in the sector.

The meeting was initiated by the new management of "BWS" Holding in connection with the complicated situation with the high price of electricity for industrial needs and the numerous signals received about the inability of companies and operators to cover their electricity bills in the months until the end of 2021.

Some of these municipalities, as well as the municipality of Dimitrovgrad, have made significant investments in improving their networks by limiting losses on water supply and there is optimization and reduction of the price of water as a cost. They have completed water cycles, built new treatment plants and improved the quality of water and sewerage services, and consumers in these settlements should take advantage of this fact. For this reason, it is reasonable to set a condition for inclusion / consolidation in the association, to consider the issue of water prices for citizens. Otherwise, there may be internal conflicts and demotivation for correct payment of the service.

It is necessary to have the possibility of a differentiated price for each individual plumbing system or an average price for a group of separate systems. This can be done, for example, with various components of the price.

The possibilities for overcoming the losses of drinking water in the water supply network were also discussed.

The meeting focused also over the potential opportunities for financing investments in the water supply and sewerage sector with European and national resources .

The meeting was attended by "Bulgarian Water and Sewerage Holding" Asya Stoyanova - Chairman of the Board



of "Bulgarian Water and Sewerage Holding", Ivaylo Vankov - Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of Bulgarian Water and Sewerage Holding, and Ilian Iliev - Executive Director.

