

CENTRALIZING AND OPTIMIZING SCADA IN THE WATER SECTOR (CASCADA)

Goal of the project

The knowledge transfer to Aquatim through software and hardware modules and strategies for centralizing and optimizing SCADA for the water sector.

Short description of the project

The general purpose of CASCADA is the knowledge transfer to the economic operator through software and hardware modules and strategies to solve stated problems in centralizing and optimizing SCADA for the water sector. The project proposes the ICOM module (Interface, Conversion, Optimization, Modularity) as instrument in solving both interfacing and protocol conversion problems and the development of non-invasive optimization modules of controlling groups of objectives already in function in the water sector. Also, in order to improve effectiveness, the project addresses the IGSS SCADA implementation strategy in Aquatim control center and the existing communication system. CASCADA wants to train Aquatim in SCADA/automation/communications new technologies and to practically apply the concepts in a SCADA analysis of three existing objectives of the operator.

Project implemented by

Politehnica University Timișoara

Implementation period

30.09.2016-30.09.2018

Main activities:

The activities are foreseen to implement the following three objectives:

- 1) Realizing and testing the ICOM module;
- 2) Optimizing the IGSS control center;
- 3) Direct knowledge transfer in new technologies.

Results

CASCADA, through the ICOM module will solve the SCADA integrability problems of the economic operator, respectively will provide an instrument, independent of local equipment and SCADA solutions, to answer integrability and functioning optimization issues for groups of interdependent objects as technological flow but independent regarding their implementations. Therefore, due to SCADA correlations of groups of objects (integrations on higher SCADA levels and creating control algorithms for group of objects), the economic operator's systems will be more stable and efficient, respectively the impact of the incidents will be reduced. Optimizing the IGSS control center will provide the possibility to

maximally use the resources available through licensing, an increased communication speed through systematizing the internal Aquatim network, respectively an adequate web based access conferred by the WebNavIGSS module.

CASCADA will impact also the quality of the future investments of the economic operator through opening perspectives to new technologies and optimal solutions, with increased efficiency and reduced costs.

The implemented activities will strengthen the entrepreneurial abilities of researchers and the connection between the academic environment and the industry requirements.

Applicability and transferability of the results

As a bridge grant, the project is strongly industry oriented, with significant practical value and focused on the knowledge transfer to an economic operator.

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