

Demonstration of water management in the industry by EU-funded and LIFE projects

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Being divided in 3 main thematic areas, this webinar is focused on **demonstration of water management technologies and valorisation processes implemented and replicable in several industrial sectors:**

- Textile and cosmetic companies, as well as industrial districts.
- Laundries and water-intensive domestic activities.
- Agricultural and greenhouses.
- Metal manufacturing and hard-surfaces finishing industries.
- Design and manufacturing of water filtration and purification systems.

Exchange of knowledge for inspiring new projects, learning about good practices developed at EU level and promotion of synergies for boosting the water resilience of the EU industry are the main goals of this webinar organized by LIFE ANHIDRA, a closed-loop system for re-using water from garment finishing processes.

AGENDA (17/6/24, 10:00 – 12:45, CEST time)

10:00 OPENING SESSION: Water scarcity and impacts in the EU industry. Oscar Calvo (AITEK, ES)

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12:35 10-min Q&A SESSION AND CLOSING REMARKS (Moderator: Òscar Calvo – AITEK, Spain)

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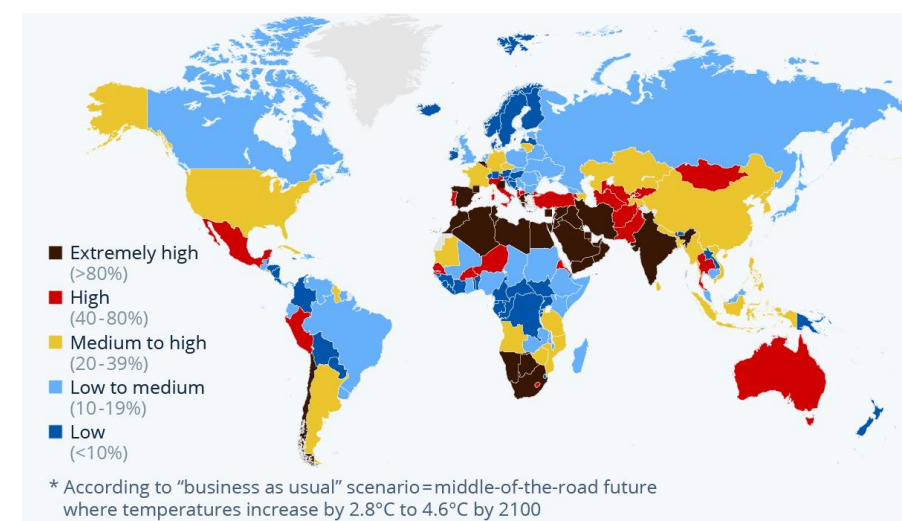
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Water scarcity and impacts in the EU industry



Projected water stress at worldwide level for 2050. From WRI, Aqueduct and Statista (2024).

- Europe experienced its most severe drought in 500 years during summer 2022 (*Source: CEFIC, 2022*).
- Water scarcity affects 30% of Europeans and 20% of land annually (*Source: EC - #WaterWiseEU campaign, 2024*).
- The interplay between climate change, water availability fluctuations, and energy, food, and industrial needs exacerbates the situation.



Impacts on people and manufacturing

- The whole manufacturing sector, including those industries highly dependent about water (chemical, textile, food, ceramics, metal/surface treatments...), faces challenges due to water scarcity.
- Inland waterways are crucial for transporting goods in Europe, but droughts directly affect this ability.
- Operational risks rise as droughts become more frequent.

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Droughts may cost up to EUR 9 billion every year



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48% of Europeans think that droughts and water shortages are the main threat to water in their country



Legislative Framework & Industry Response

- EU policies like the ‘Industrial Emissions Directive’ and ‘Eco-design for sustainable products’ promote water efficiency and reuse.

Bathing water
 EU rules to ensure clean and high-quality bathing water across Europe

Groundwater
 EU action to ensure good quantity and quality of groundwater.

Surface water
 EU rules protecting surface waters from chemical pollution.

Water scarcity and droughts
 Preventing and mitigating water scarcity and droughts in the EU

Drinking water
 Improving access to drinking water for all

Marine waters
 EU action to protect Europe’s coasts, seas and oceans.

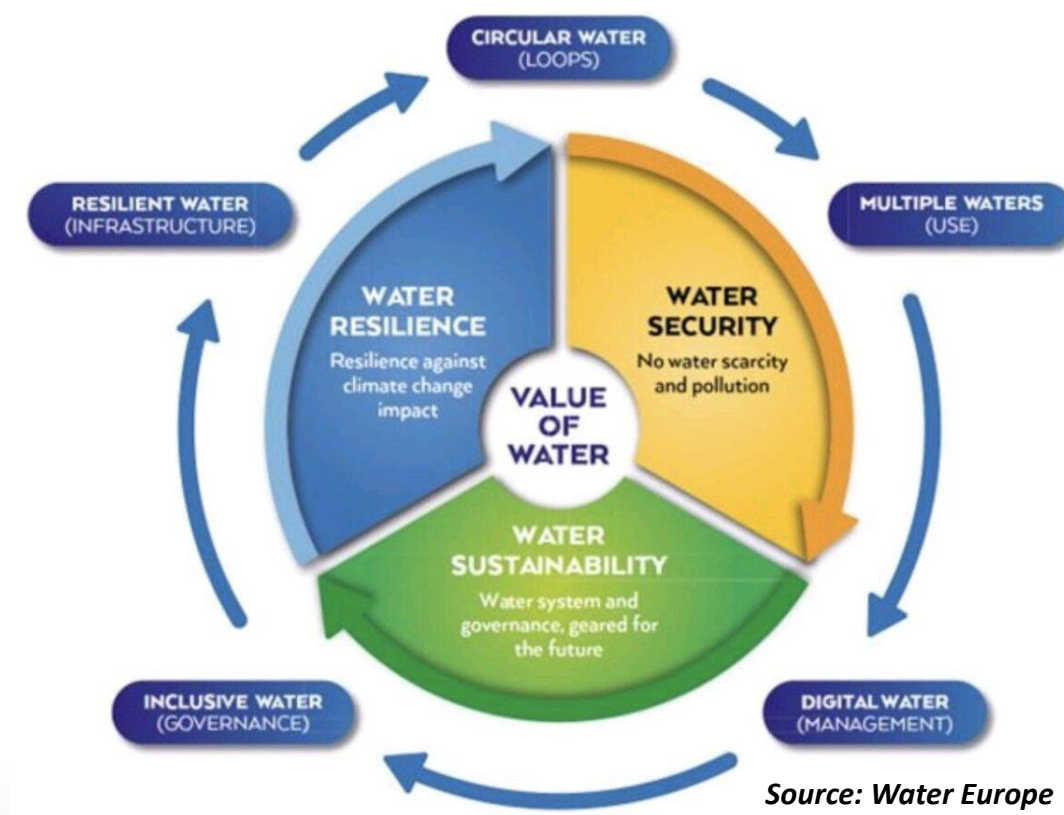
Urban wastewater
 EU rules to ensure that urban wastewater is properly dealt with.

EU efforts on the global water agenda
 It is essential to sustain the political momentum of the UN 2023 Water Conference, to accelerate actions for clean water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Floods
 EU measures to manage flood risk and the risks floods pose to human health and the environment.

Nitrates
 Protecting waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources

Water Reuse
 Managing water resources more efficiently and facilitating water reuse in the EU



Industry Response – Innovation in water

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How companies, research entities and academia are pivoting to improve efficiency and eco-friendliness during water scarcity?





LIFE **anhidra**

UNIQUE AND

SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM FOR

PRODUCING GARMENTS

WITHOUT WATER DISCHARGES



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Textile finishing company

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THE SCIENCE OF FINISHING

Development of sustainable technologies for the finishing textile industry

aitex® Alcoy, Spain

Textile research institute, with laboratory services and R&D projects





PIZARRO

Textile finishing company

Laundry, dyeing, finishing and printing

Denim Washing

Denim garments require special colour/effect looks



Stone washing

Enzyme washing

Acid washing

Bleaching

Sand blasting

Whisker



ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM TARGETED

WATER SCARCITY

Affects 11% of EU
Grow to 30% in 2030

INTENSIVE WATER CONSUMPTION IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

4% of global consumption
30% of production in EU

AQUATIC POLLUTION

High chemical use in textile industry
Most of them end in wastewater (WW) streams



OBJECTIVES

LIFE ANHIDRA project aims to demonstrate new sustainable garment's finishing processes thanks to the innovate **water regeneration loop**.

The water is conditioned “in situ” for being reused in the process, avoiding the 98% of the WW discharge to the environment.



Water treatment of ANHIDRA system

Environmental benefits:

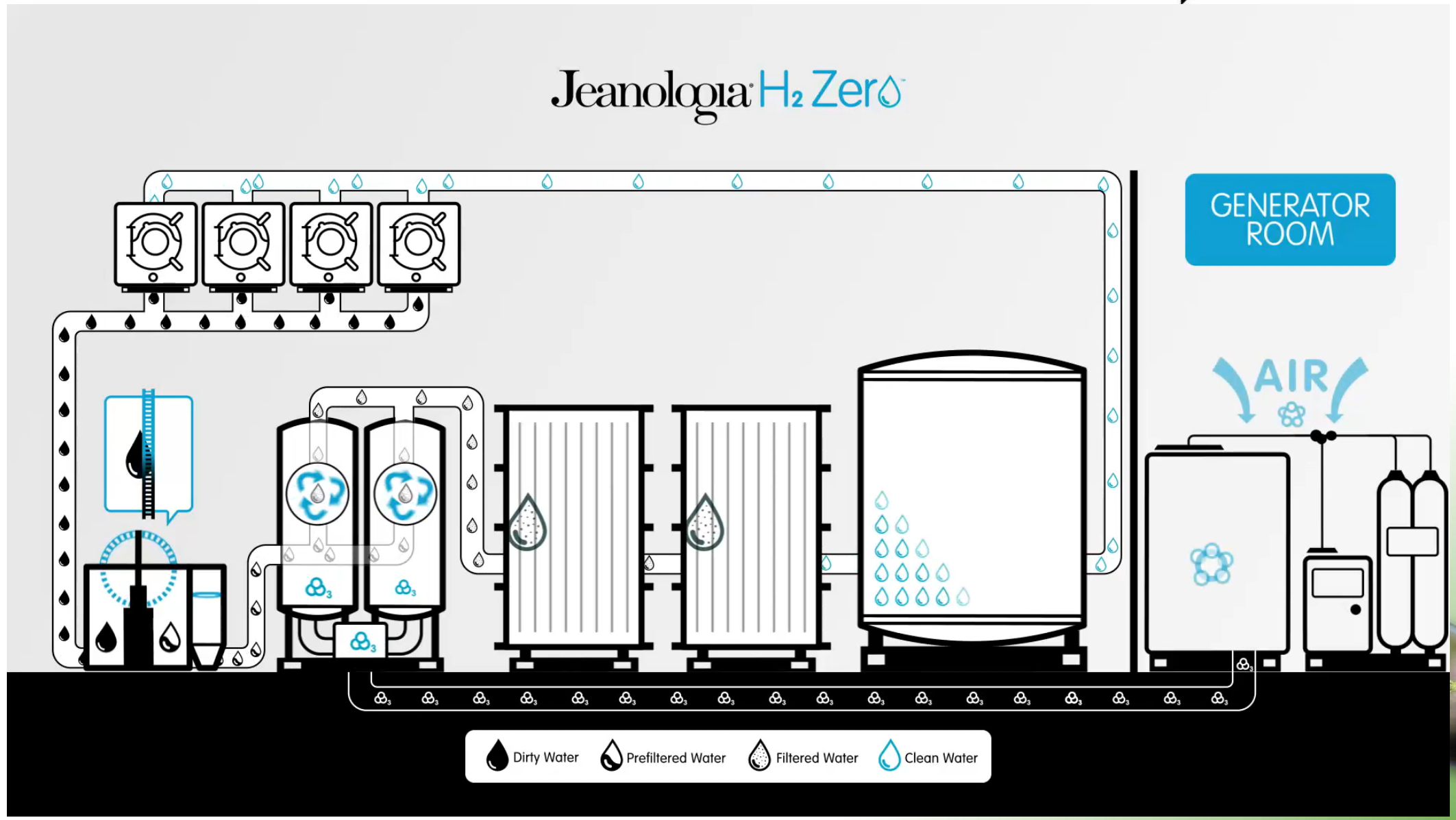
- Dehydrate textile finishing industry
- Water reuse
- Avoid discharges
- Re-use of textile fiber waste
- Operational good practices

Expected resources consumption

INDICATOR	SAVINGS
WATER INLET	92%
WATER DISCHARGE	98%
ENERGY	15.7%
GHG EMISSIONS	15.7%

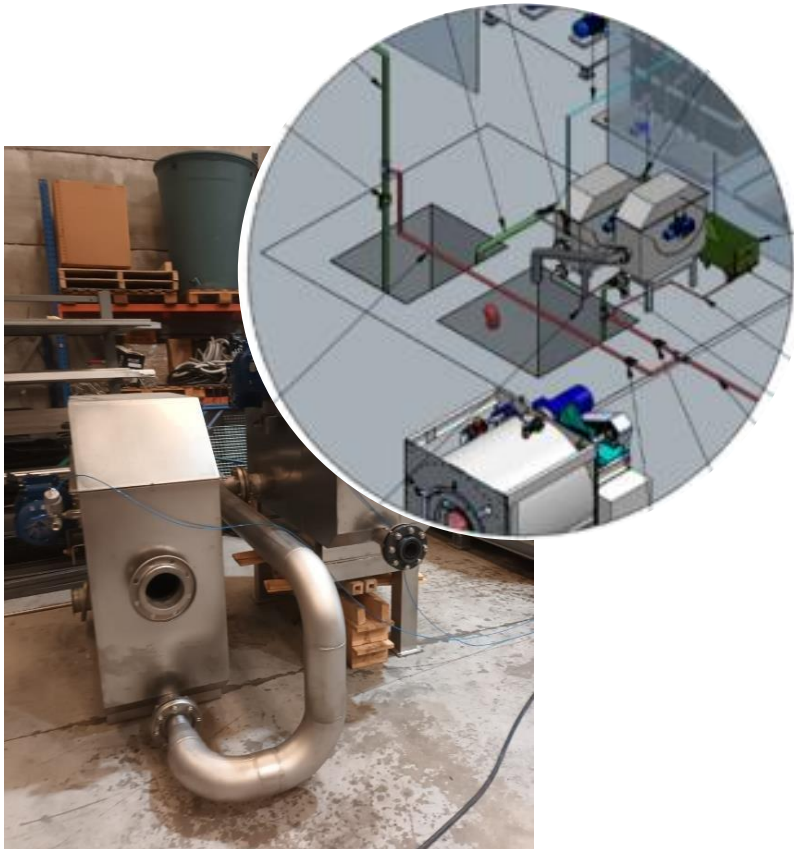


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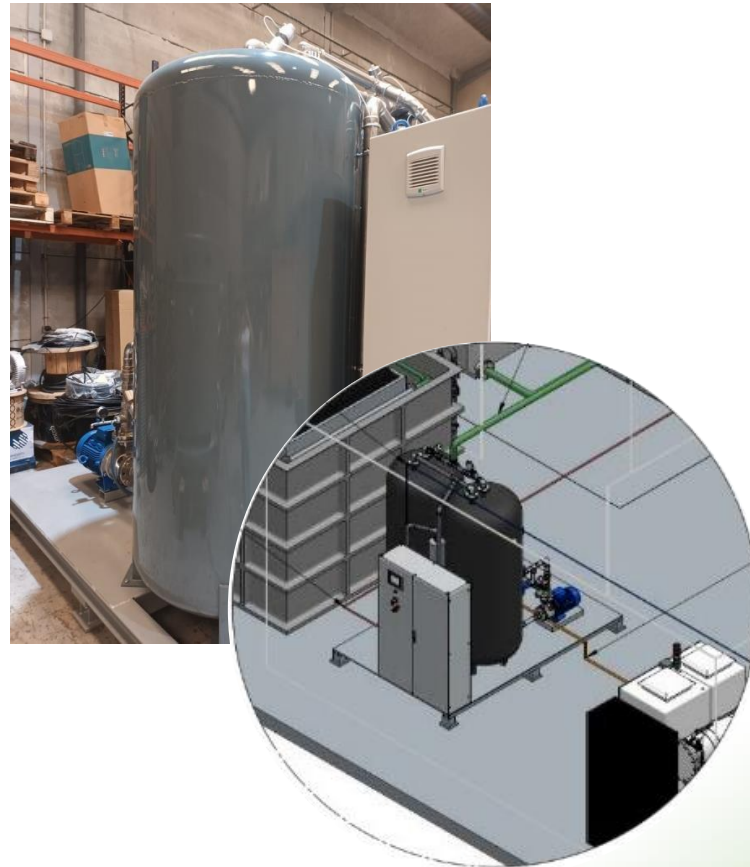


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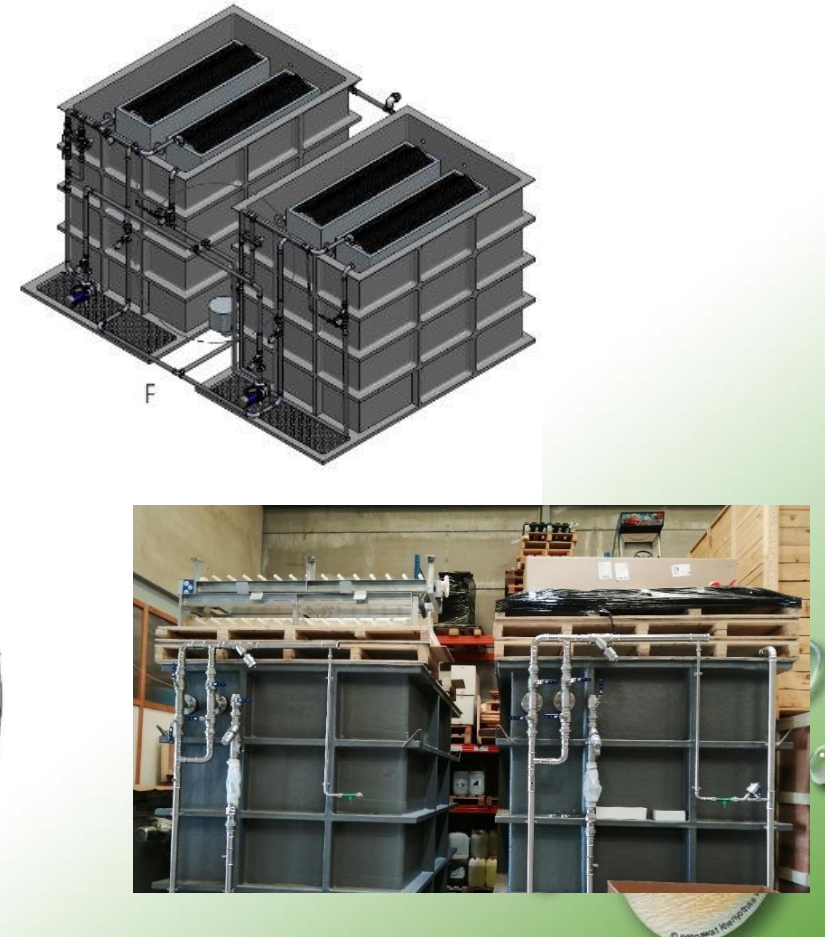
ROTARY FILTERS



OZONE TREATMENT



ULTRATILTRATION TREATMENT



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Elimination of pollutants throughout the ANHIDRA system



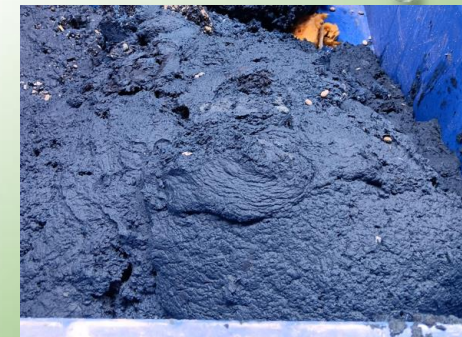
VALORIZATION OF FIBERS BASED ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Main fiber-based wastes generated and collected along the ANHIDRA system. What could we do with them???

	COLLECTING POINT		
	FIRST MODULE (mechanical separation)	PRIOR TO OZONE GENERATORS	FROM THE ADVANCED FILTRATION DEVICES
Format of the textile waste	Not dried. Very high moisture. Liquid state or paste. Part of the wastewater. Very high concentration in solid content and colour.	Not dried. Very high moisture. Liquid state or paste. Part of the wastewater. High concentration of colour (expected).	Not dried. High moisture. Part of the filter cake.
Fiber length (estimated)	From microns to cm	From microns to mm	Microns / powder
Main critical steps for waste conditioning	Isolation of the solid part from the 'wet' part of the waste. Drying. Hygienization/autoclave (to be explored). Chopped / cut or pulverization (to be explored). Identification and separation of non-valuable parts (plastics, zippers)	Isolation of the solid part from the 'wet' part of the waste. Drying. Hygienization/autoclave (to be explored). Chopped / cut or pulverization (to be explored).	Separation from the filter media. Drying. Hygienization/autoclave (to be explored). Pulverization. Accumulation of chemicals can interfere negatively



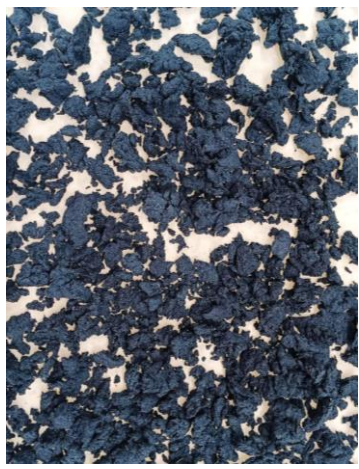
Anhidra dried fiber waste



VALORIZATION OF FIBERS BASED ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Pigment-like powder for coating, printing or dyeing

Size reducing in stirred ball mill



Anhidra dried fiber waste

Dry Process



Stirred ball mill

Wet Process

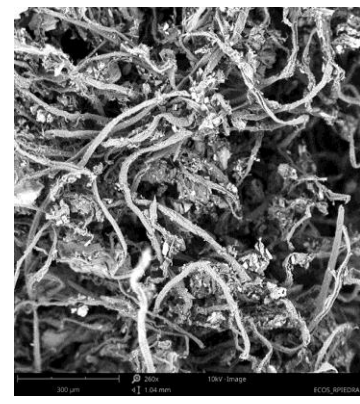


Wet milling paste

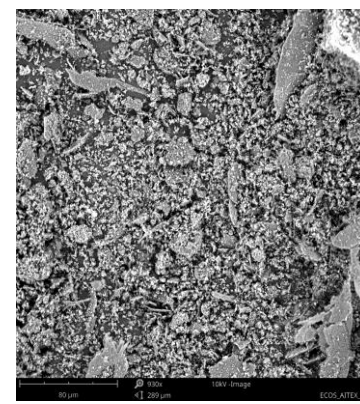
Spray drying

Size particle reduction:

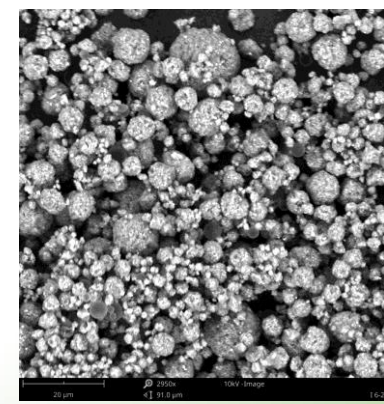
- Dry process: 55%
- Wet process: 98%



Anhidra waste SEM image



Dry process SEM image



Wet process SEM image

Sample	Dx (10) (µm)	Dx (50) (µm)	Dx (90) (µm)
ANHIDRA fiber waste	17.6	66.8	393
Dry process	8.59	34.5	177
Wet process	0.97	3.33	7.42

VALORIZATION OF FIBERS BASED ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Pigment-like powder for coating, printing or dyeing

Pigment Dyeing



- Use of pigment for dyeing in exhaustion processes
- Replacement of synthetic pigments
- Distressed-look garments

Fabric dyed with pigment from Anhidra waste



Commercial pigment-dyed garments

Coating Process



Fabric coated with Anhidra pigment

- Application of pigment in printing paste
- Use in coating or screen printing
- Replacement of synthetic pigments



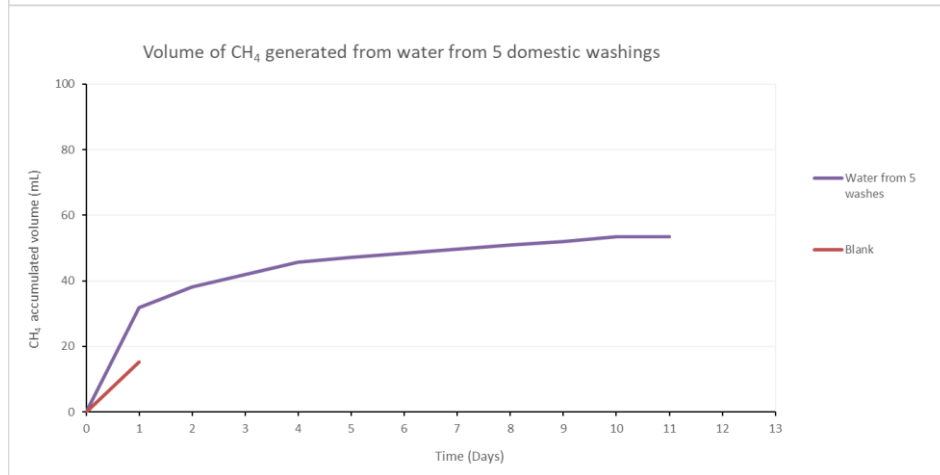
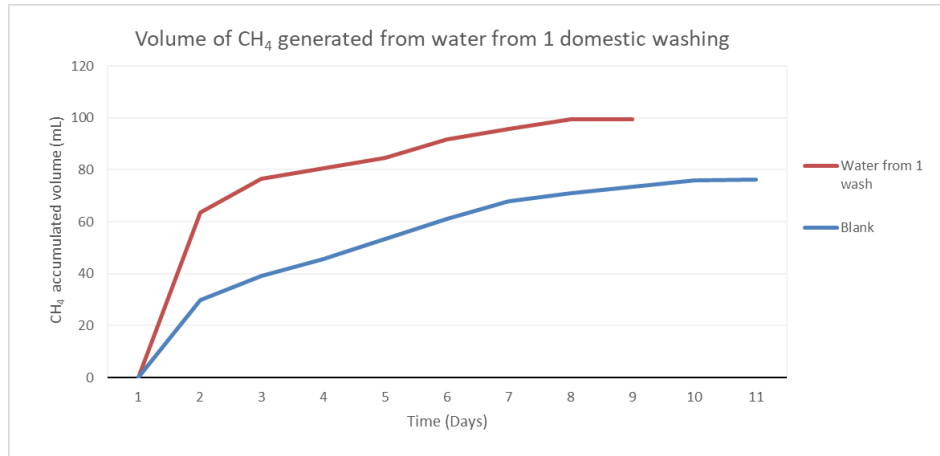
Printing paste



VALORIZATION OF FIBERS BASED ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Biogas/methane generation (first approach, on a diluted sample)

BMP test in anaerobic digestor



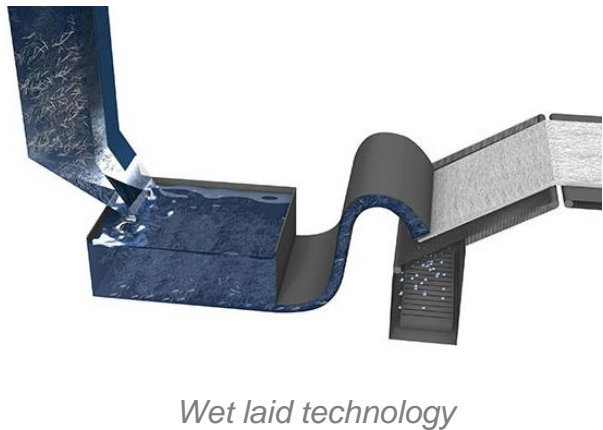
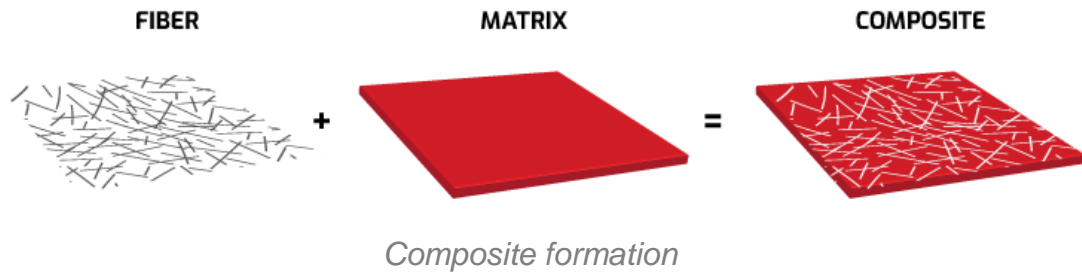
	1 wash	5 washes
Methane production value (mL CH ₄)	26,05	16,70

As the “fiber-based” sludge is enriched in cellulosic fibers, next concentrated samples will provide higher ratios of CH₄ production.



VALORIZATION OF FIBERS BASED ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Other considered routes:



Wet laid technology



Viscose fiber

- Cutting/grinding and panels by **hot press plates.**
- Nonwovens for composites and panels (by **wet-laid technology**).
- Reinforcement for **composites.**
- Chemical transformation to obtain new **cellulose based yarns.**



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The REWAFT project: Helping the textile industry reduce its water footprint

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At a glance

Funding: Erasmus+ Partnerships in Higher Education (KA220)

Objective: **RE**ducing the **WA**ter **F**ootprint of the **T**extiles industry

Duration: 1/11/2022 → 31/10/2024

Partners: LT & ES & GR & NL



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Water Footprint Network

- Knowledge center based in the Netherlands:

Mission: to promote fair and smart use of water worldwide

Basis: the water footprint concept

Core activities:

- Network and exchange (training)
- Data and dissemination (WaterPub database, WFA global standard)
- Water stewardship (Science-Based Targets for Water, CDP questionnaires)



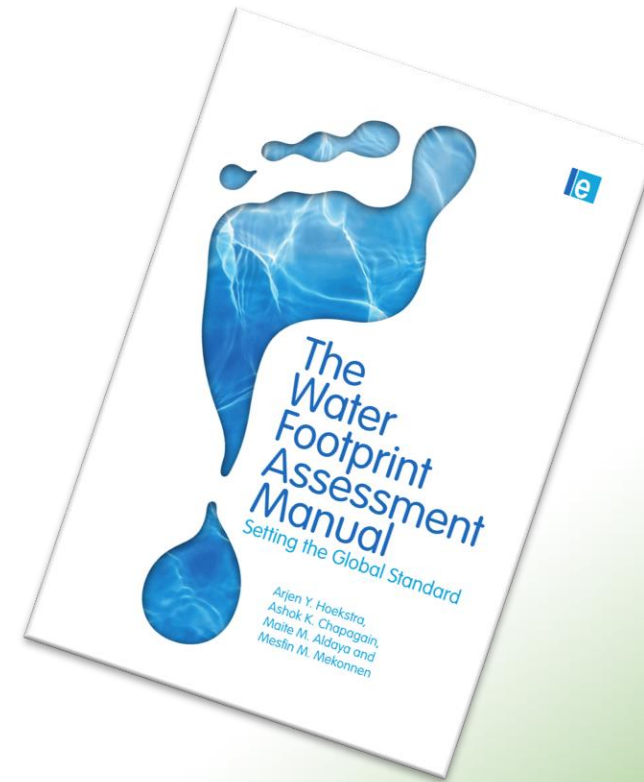
REWAFT Output

- In-person series of **seminars**
 - Training and awareness raising for higher education students
 - Supported by industry representatives
- Online self-paced **e-course**
 - Building capacity for industry professionals to reduce water footprints
 - Develop corporate water strategy (Action Plans)
- Various **dissemination** activities
 - Most of the team is at AUTEX now 😊



REWAFT Output

- Water Footprint of Textiles **Calculator**
 - Online interactive web application
 - For students and industry professionals
 - Methodology based on WFA principles →
 - Informing corporate water strategies



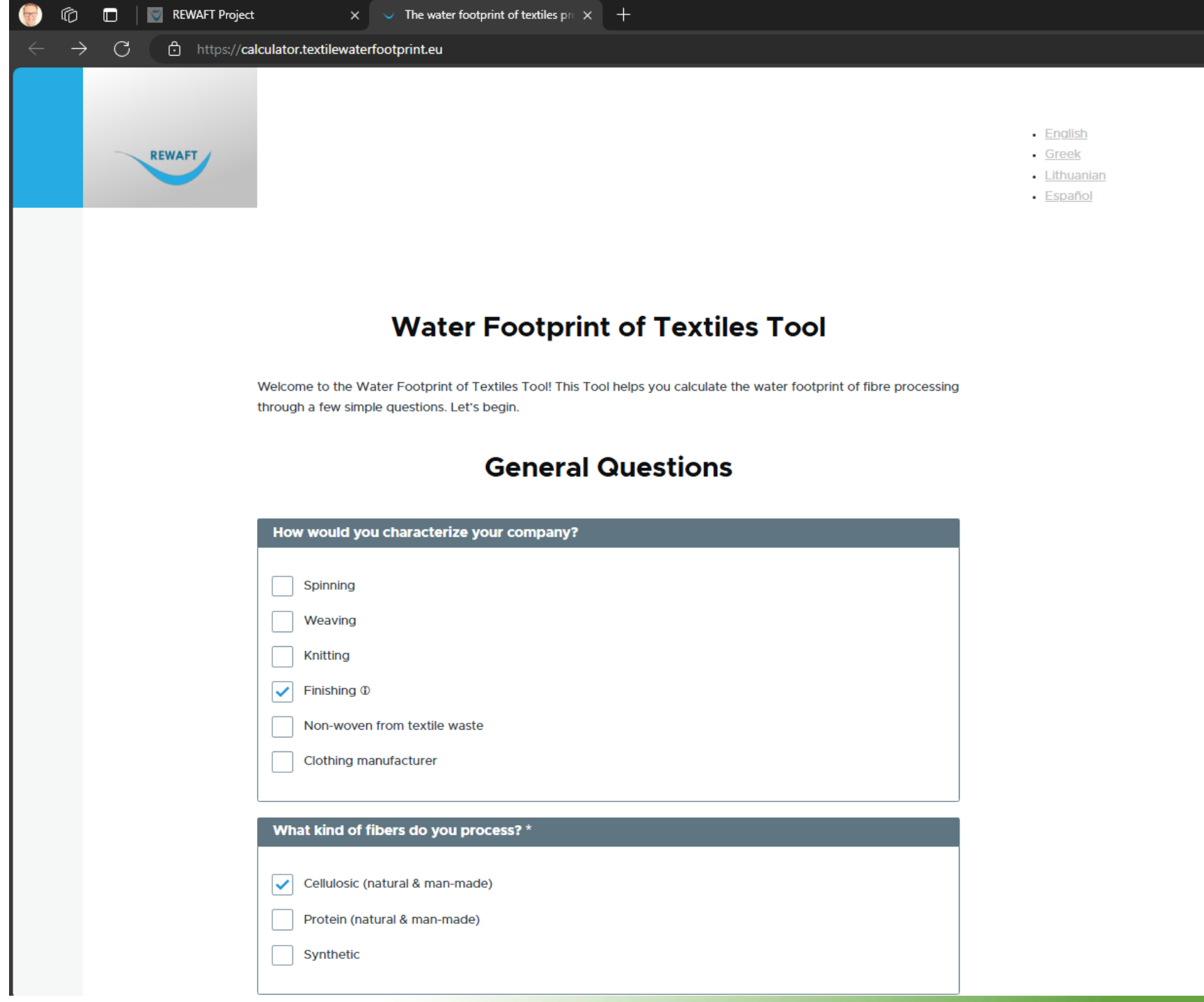
Water Footprint of Textiles Tool

Welcome to the Water Footprint of Textiles Tool! This Tool helps you calculate the water footprint of fibre processing through a few simple questions. Let's begin.

General Questions

How would you characterize your company?

- Spinning
- Weaving
- Knitting
- Finishing ⓘ
- Non-woven from textile waste
- Clothing manufacturer



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://calculator.textilewaterfootprint.eu>. The browser tabs include 'REWAFT Project' and 'The water footprint of textiles pr...'. The website header features the REWAFT logo on the left and a language selection menu on the right with options for English, Greek, Lithuanian, and Español. The main content area is titled 'Water Footprint of Textiles Tool' and includes a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Water Footprint of Textiles Tool! This Tool helps you calculate the water footprint of fibre processing through a few simple questions. Let's begin.' Below this is a section titled 'General Questions' with two form boxes. The first box, 'How would you characterize your company?', has six radio button options, with 'Finishing ①' selected. The second box, 'What kind of fibers do you process? *', has three radio button options, with 'Cellulosic (natural & man-made)' selected.

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How much of Cellulosic do you process (kg/year)?

10000

Please select your processing steps for Cellulosic fibers.

- Desizing ⓘ
- Scouring ⓘ
- Bleaching ⓘ
- Mercerizing ⓘ
- Dyeing ⓘ
- Printing ⓘ
- Finishing ⓘ

Water Use and Blue Water Footprint

The following questions will help you calculate your water use and your blue water footprint. Although often used interchangeably, water use and water consumption are two different indicators that are both relevant to understand.

Water use refers to gross volumes of water, such as the (metered) intake from taps or wells. Water consumption refers to net volumes of water (water that does not or cannot be returned to the water system) and can be calculated by subtracting water discharge from water intake. Water consumption is measured by the blue water footprint.

The blue water footprint gives a more accurate measure of the appropriation of fresh water by a user such as a textile processor.

Do you know your water use? *

- Yes, at the level of each processing step
- Yes, at the level of my entire operations (e.g. factory)
- No

Do you know your water consumption? *

- Yes, at the level of each processing step
- Yes, at the level of my entire operations (e.g. factory)
- No

REWAFT Project

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Grey Water Footprint

A water footprint also includes a pollution component, the grey water footprint. The grey water footprint of a product is an indicator of freshwater pollution but it is NOT the same as wastewater. It is calculated as the volume of freshwater that is required to dilute pollutants to such an extent that the quality of the water remains above ambient water quality standards. In other words, it estimates the amount of clean freshwater necessary to dilute pollutants from untreated or poorly treated wastewater. The following questions will help calculate your grey water footprint.

Do you know the volume of the effluent of your operations (m³/year)? *

Yes
 No

Please enter the volume of the effluent of your operations (m³/year)

100000

Do you know the concentrations of pollutants in your effluent? *

Yes
 No

Please enter the concentrations per pollutant in your effluent (mg/L)

If you do not have concentrations for all substances, leave that box empty.

COD

BOD5

TSS

Ammonium nitrate

Total phosphorus

Total chromium

RESULTS

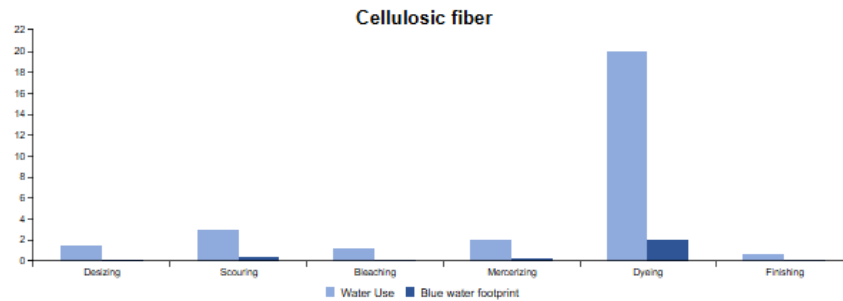
The results generated by this tool are intended to provide preliminary insights and should be regarded as approximate indications of the water footprint. A more comprehensive and detailed analysis, incorporating site-specific data and robust methodologies, is necessary to obtain a more precise estimation of the water footprint associated with the specific activities or processes being evaluated. By providing more specific input and obtaining tailored results, the user can gain a better understanding of its water footprint and its potential impact. Customized assessments can enable the user to identify areas for improvement, implement targeted strategies, and make informed decisions towards reducing its water footprint.

Water use and the blue water footprint

This section presents the water use and blue water footprint results for each fiber throughout the processing steps. The water use indicates the amount of water withdrawn, while the blue water footprint represents freshwater consumption.

To reiterate the difference between water use and water consumption: Water use refers to gross volumes of water, such as the (metered) intake from taps or wells. Water consumption refers to net volumes of water (water that does not or cannot be returned to the water system) and can be calculated by subtracting water discharge from water intake.

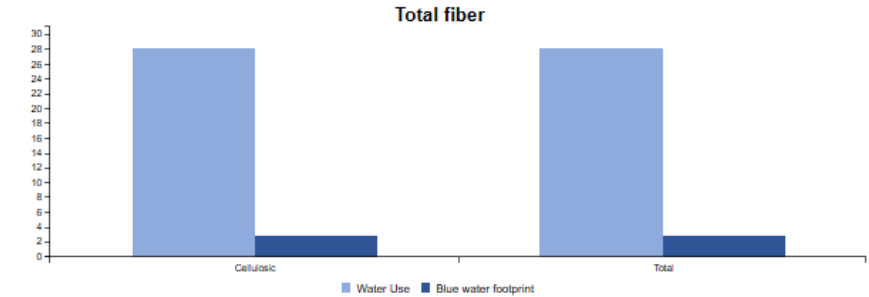
Water use and blue water footprint per processing step for each fiber type



Processing step	Water use (m³ /year)	Blue water footprint (m³ /year)
Desizing	1.400	0.140
Scouring	3.000	0.300
Bleaching	1.200	0.120
Mercerizing	2.000	0.200
Dyeing	20.000	2.000
Finishing	0.600	0.060

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Total water use and blue water footprint per fiber

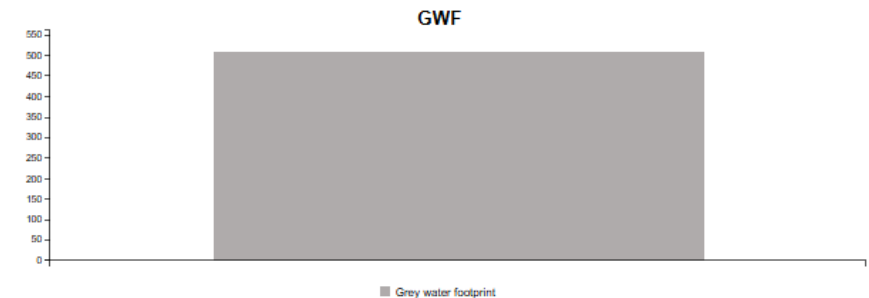


Fiber	Water use (m³ /year)	Blue water footprint (m³ /year)
Cellulosic	28.200	2.820
Total	28.2	2.82

Grey water footprint

Grey water footprint is the amount of fresh water required to assimilate pollutants to meet specific water quality standards. The grey water footprint considers point-source pollution discharged to a freshwater resource directly through a pipe or indirectly through runoff or leaching from the soil.

In this Tool, the grey water footprint is calculated at factory level as a function of total effluent volume and a predetermined dilution factor. The grey water footprint is displayed in the graph below. The more data is available on effluent pollutant loads, the more precise a grey water footprint estimation can be provided.



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Is my water footprint too large?

For water consumption to be economically sustainable, it should be used as efficiently as possible. A way of understanding if your water footprint is efficient is to compare it to a product or sector benchmark.

In the table(s) below you can find and compare the water footprint per processing step for each fiber, as calculated by the tool, and the corresponding benchmark value as found through literature review. The last column displays the deviation from the benchmark. A negative percentage (in green) indicates the actual water footprint is lower than the benchmark and a positive percentage (in red) indicates an exceedance of the benchmark. If your calculated water footprint exceeds the benchmark value you should take action to increase the efficiency of your water consumption.

Fiber Cellulosic

	Benchmark (L/kg)	Actual (L/kg)	Deviation from benchmark
Desizing	1.18	1.2	1.69%
Scouring	3.25	3	-7.69%
Bleaching	1.38	1.5	8.7%
Mercerizing	2.45	2	-18.37%
Dyeing	15.5	20	29.03%
Finishing	0.6	0.6	0%

Is my water footprint impacting the local environment?

In addition to economic efficiency, a water footprint should be environmentally sustainable, allowing ecosystems to satisfy their water requirement and socially equitable, ensuring basic human water needs are met. Evaluating the sustainability of the total water footprint can best be done at the level of a catchment area or river basin. When problems of water scarcity, pollution or conflict for water occur in certain locations at specific times of the year (e.g. dry season), the (sub)-catchment is categorized as a hotspot.

The geographical location of a textile processing factory is essential in order to establish its water footprint sustainability and set reduction targets. Simple map-based tools exist to identify if your factory is in a hotspot area.

Check if the collective water footprint at the location of your factory/workshop is negatively impacting the environment and if you need to reduce: [SBTN Water Targets](#)

Additional water footprint information

Did you find this tool useful and wish to understand more about your water footprint?

More information

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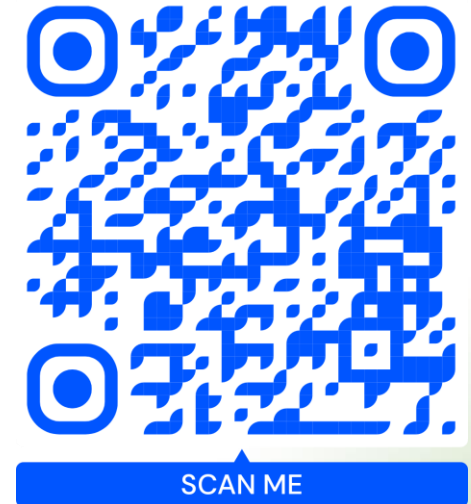
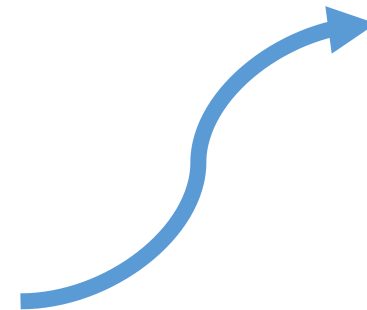
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Textiles water footprint tool

<https://calculator.textilewaterfootprint.eu/>

Water Footprint Network

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LIFE-RECYCLO project: Reuse of laundry wastewater

Lisa Rouvière – Treewater



Treewater

Treewater is a start-up created in 2017, with 15 people

Supplier of industrial wastewater treatment/recycling technology

Specialized in advanced oxidation technologies

Treewater has a research and development unit



Reuse of laundry wastewater

Life project RECYCLO started on septembre 2021

Duration 4 years and half → end 02/2026



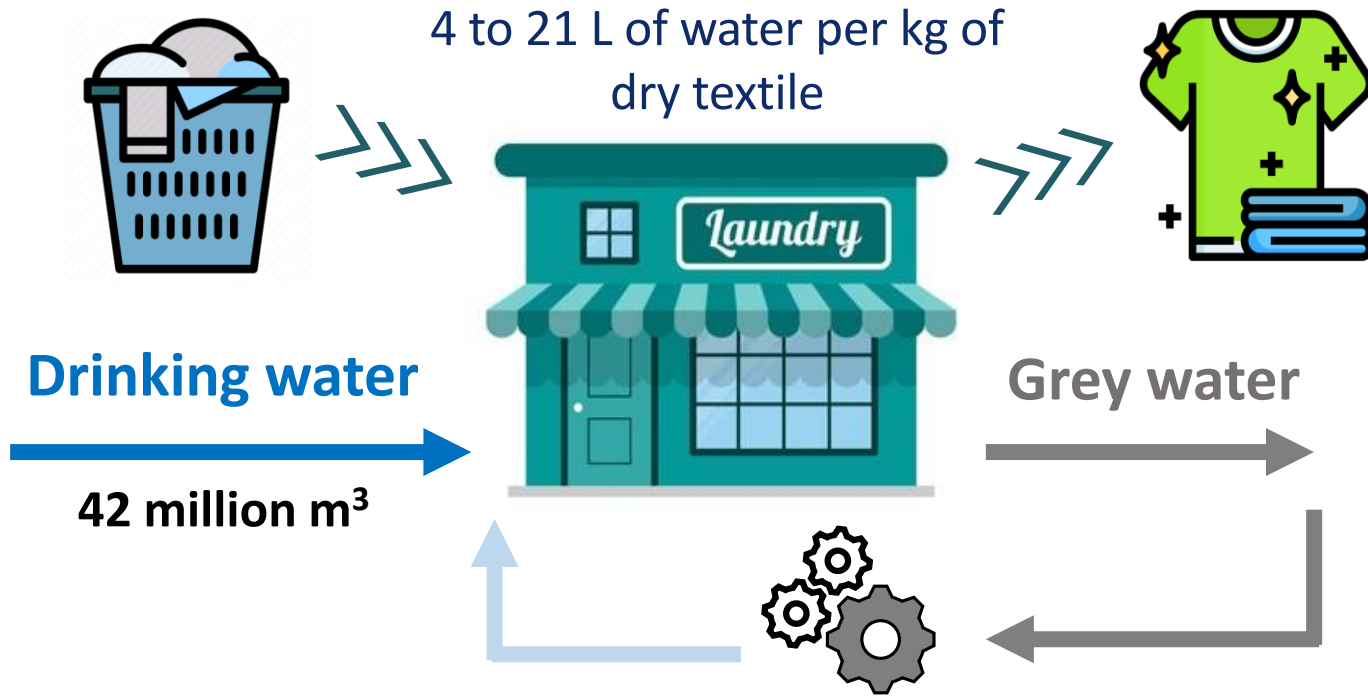
Budget:

Total: € 1 484 159

EU co-funding: € 806 112 (54,31 %)



LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater



Pollutants in wastewater:

- Allergenic fragrance compounds
- Phthalates (DEP, DEHP)
- Surfactants (Nonylphenols)
- PFAS
- PBDEs

LIFE RECYCLO aims to develop a technology for recycling wastewater in laundries

- Eliminate at least 90% of emerging pollutants (AOX, PBDE, PAH...)
- Complete water disinfection
- Valorisation of the sludge produced by composting or methanisation



LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater



- **Locations:**

France - Luxembourg - Spain

- **Partner:**

- **Laundries: ★**

- Fundacio Max Xirgu (GRUPFRN) → 4 m³/d
- KLIN SARL → 20 m³/d
- Blanchisserie Saint Jean (BSJ) → 40 m³/d

- **University of Lyon – Pop’Sciences ★**

- **TREEWATER SAS ★**

- **Catalan Institute for Water Research (ICRA) ★**



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Fundacio Max Xirgu (GRUPFRN) → October 2023

12-month follow-up



KLIN SARL → beginning 2025



Saint Jean laundry (BSJ) → Spring 2025

➤ 6-month follow-up



LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater

Principle of the RECYCLO process

3 majors building blocks

Advanced oxidation process
 UV/H_2O_2

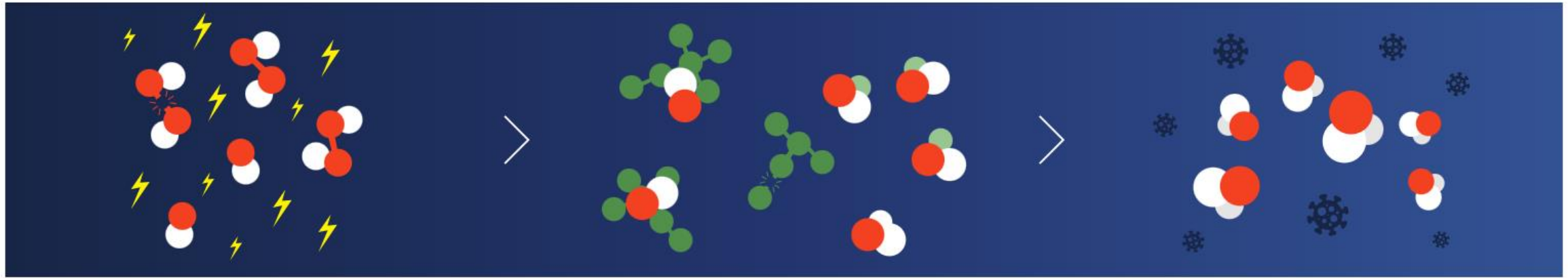
Dissolved COD removal
Organic pollutant removal
Disinfection



LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater

Principle of the RECYCLO process

UV/H₂O₂ technology combines treatment with ultraviolet rays and hydrogen peroxide



1- UV rays transform hydrogen peroxide into highly reactive hydroxyl radicals (HO°)

2- Hydroxyl radicals attack and break down pollutants

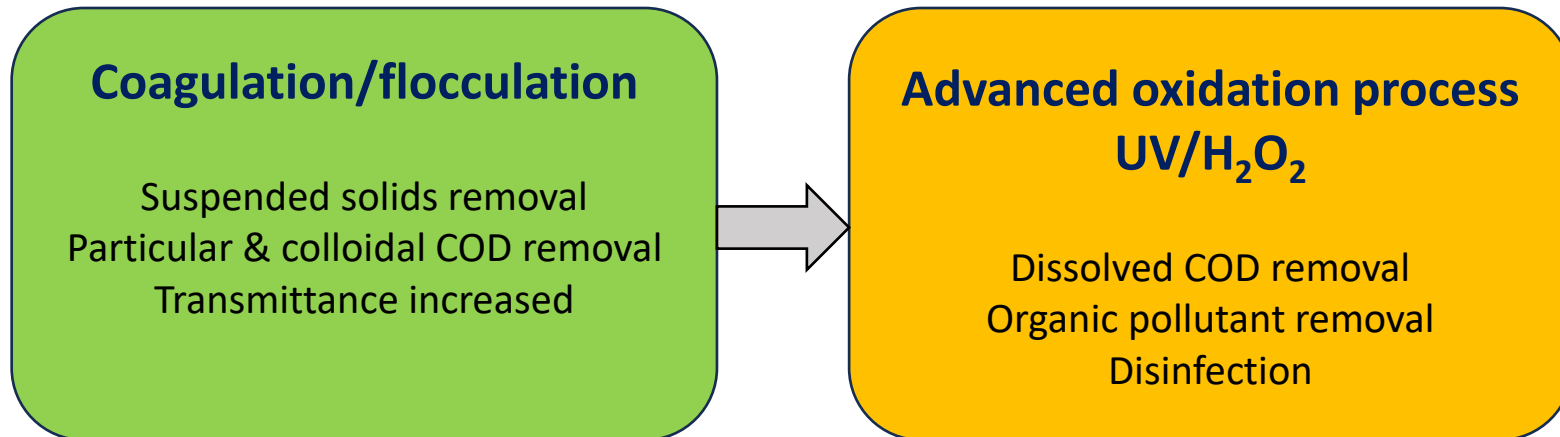
3- UV rays disinfect water at the same time



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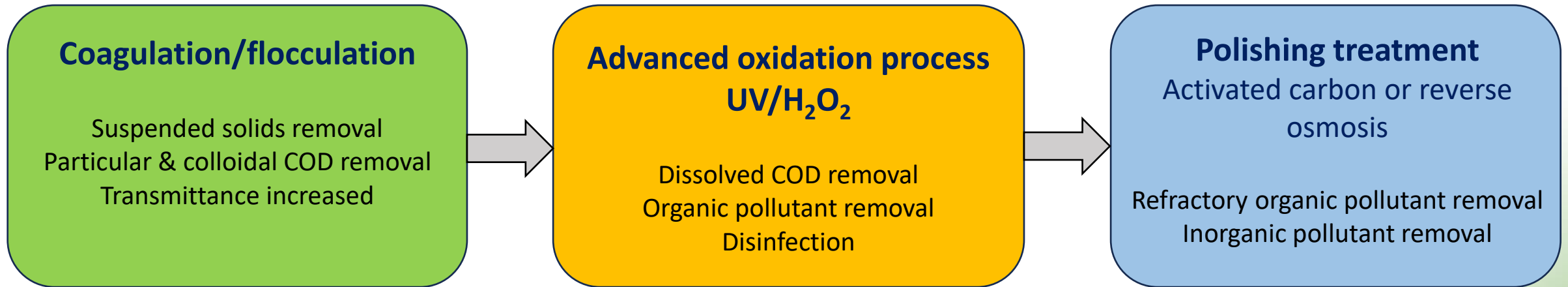
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Principle of the RECYCLO process

3 majors building blocks



LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater

Characterisation of the effluent

	Unity	GRUPFRN
pH	-	8,5 ± 1,2
Trans. UV	%	12 ± 10
COD	mg/L	1100 ± 325
SS	mg/L	114 ± 35
Anionic surfactant	mg/L	62 ± 30
Cationic surfactant	mg/L	0,95 ± 0,61
Non ionic surfactant	mg/L	122
AOX	µg/L	290 ± 15
DEHP	µg/L	0 - 51,71
Hydrocarbon C10-C40	µg/L	444 - 3707
PFBA (PFAS)	µg/L	0,16

Analysis of wastewater

- Cloudy water
 - COD of around 1 g/L
 - Systematic presence of surfactants
 - Large diversity of organic pollutants
- Slight variability according to the garments cleaned (Hydrocarbon, DEHP...)



LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater

Prototype at GRUPFRN / Spain



Implementation in October 2023

In GRUPFRN laundry

Girona, Spain

Ground surface area : ~ 10 m²

Treatment of 2-4 m³ per day

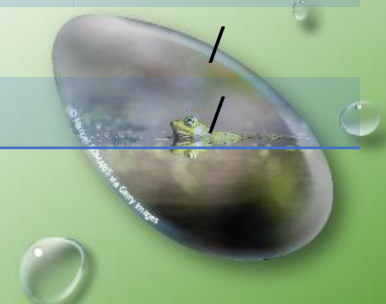


LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater

Prototype at GRUPFRN / Spain

- COD reduction to < 15 mg O₂/L
- Surfactant reduction
- Water disinfection
- Heavy metals and organic pollutants removal

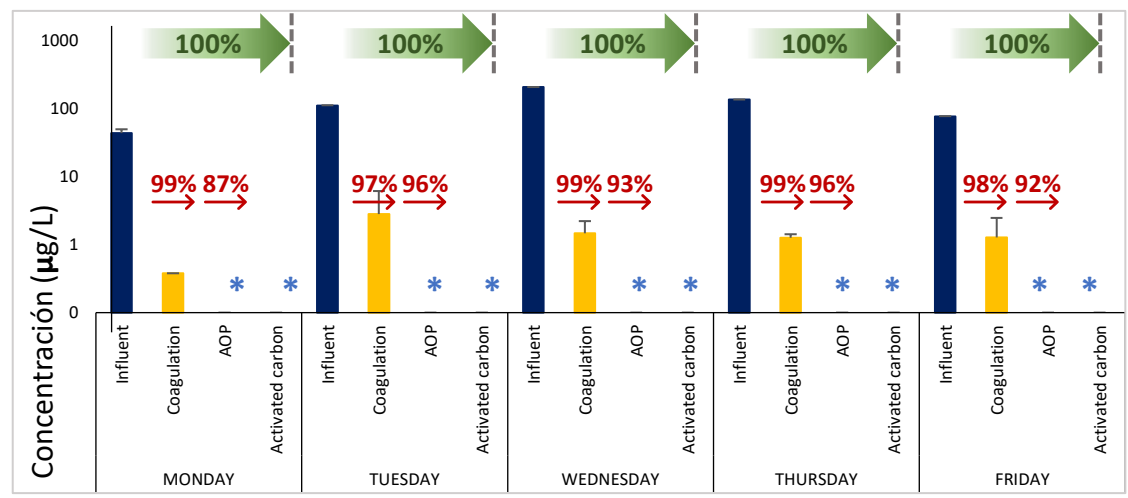
Parameters	Wastewater	Treated water	% Removal
pH	7,43	7,65	/
UV Transmittance (%)	7	98	/
COD (mg O ₂ /L)	962	< 15	> 98 %
Anionic surfactants (mg/L)	71,5	< 0,05	> 99 %
Cationic surfactants (mg/L)	0,552	0,048	91 %
Non ionic surfactants (mg/L)	122	< 0,2	> 99 %
COT (mg/L)	338,6	26,4	92 %
AOX (µg/L)	321	29	91 %
Hydrocarbon C10-C40 (µg/L)	3707	200	95 %
Coliformes bacterial	unreadable	< 1	/
Intestinal Enterococcus	unreadable	< 1	/



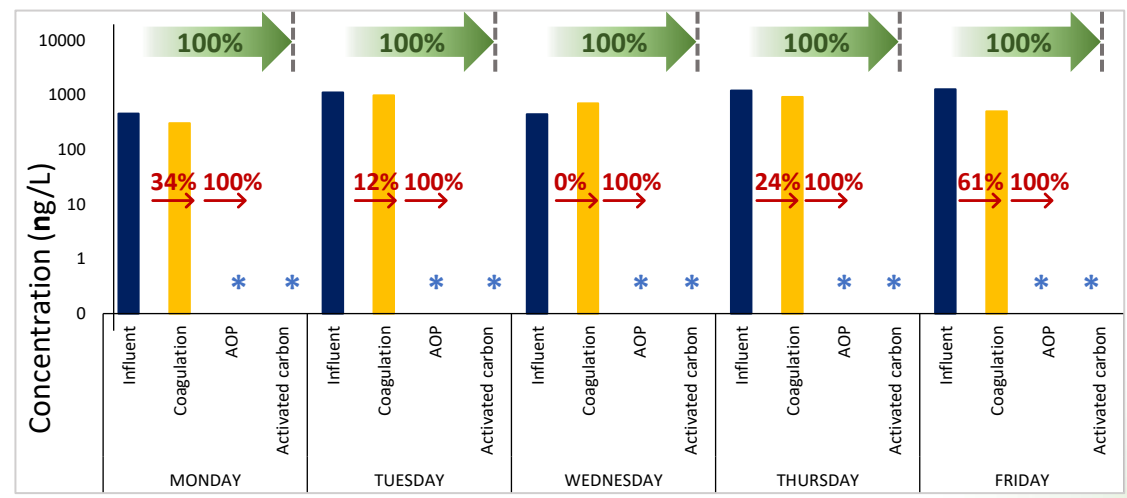
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DEHP



Diclofenac

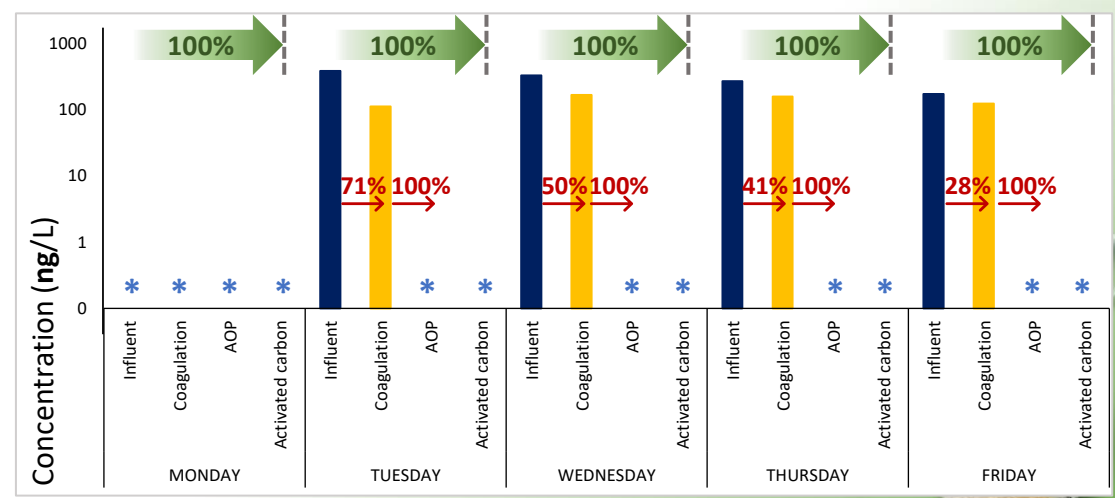


* < LOD

LOD DEHP = 0,1 µg/L
 LOD diclofenac = 8 ng/L
 LOD 1-H benzotriazol = 3 ng/L



LOD= limit of detection.



1-H Benzotriazol

LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater

- ✓ Removal of micropollutants by RECYCLO process
- ✓ Disinfection of the water
- ✓ Characterisation of the sludge → valorisation by composting
- ✓ Efficiency of treated wastewater for washing laundry

- ❑ Identification of microplastic and removal efficiency
- ❑ PFAS removal efficiency
- ❑ Installation of the other two pilots



LIFE-RECYCLO Reuse of laundry wastewater

GRUPFRN Laundry

Javier Pérez, Fran Sánchez
and Marina Molina

BSJ Laundry

Cyrille BIGEY

KLIN Laundry

Pit Zen

PopScience

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Thank you for your attention

Questions ?



SESSION 2. REMEDICATION AND REMOVAL OF POLLUTANTS FROM WATER

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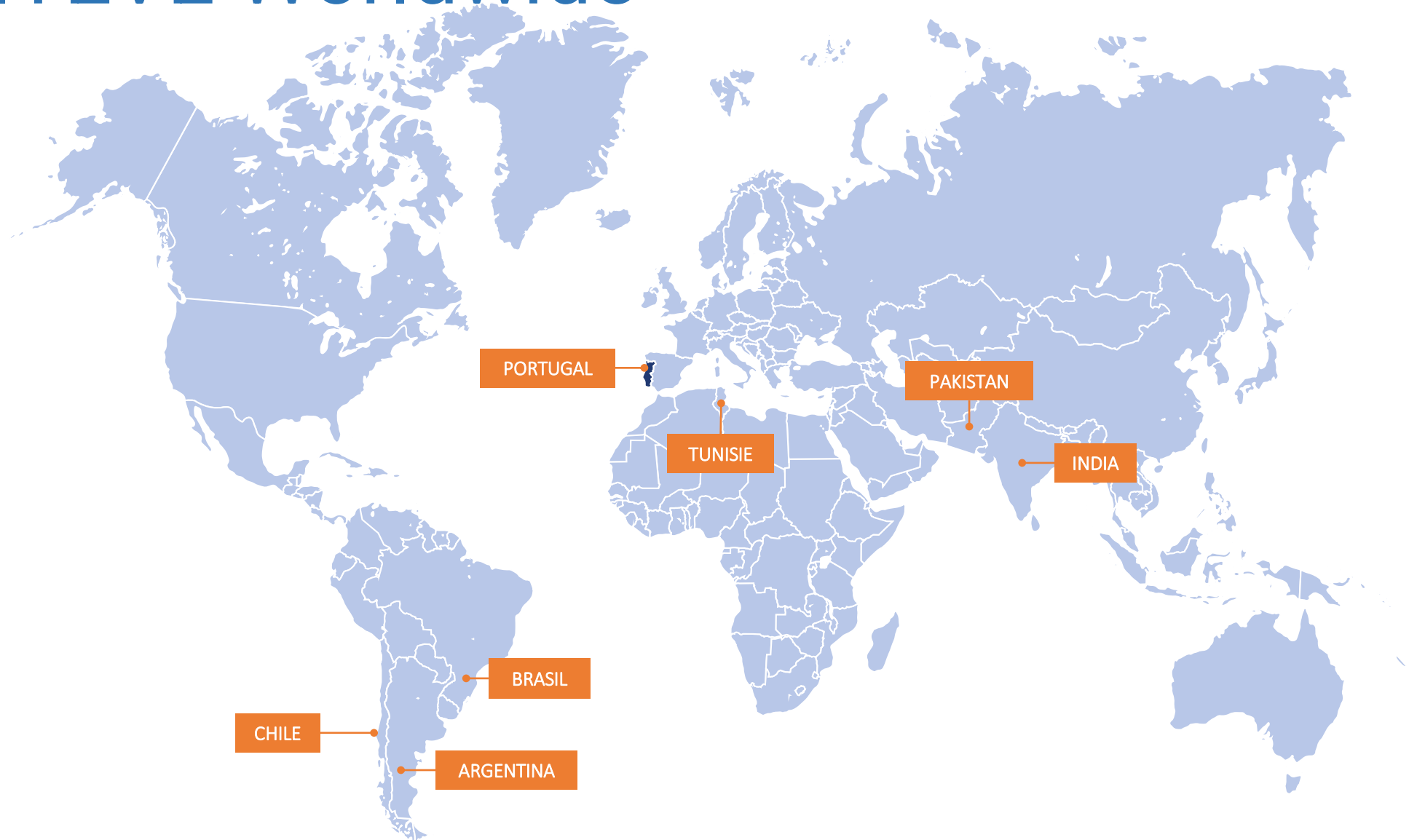
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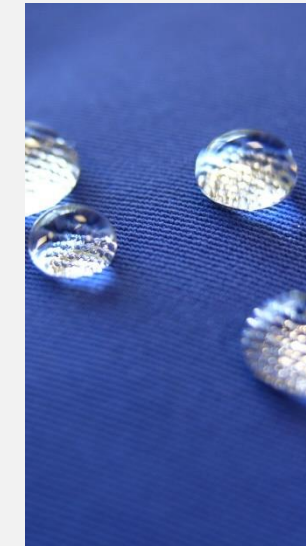
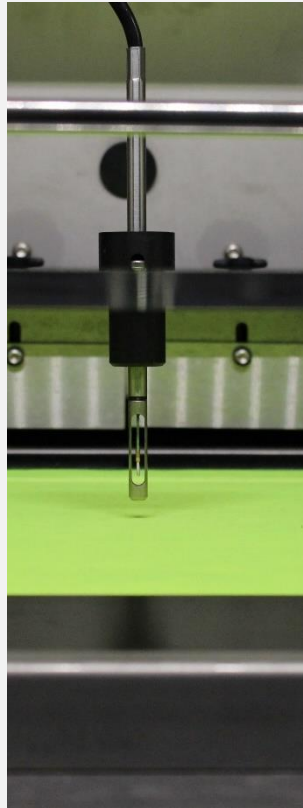
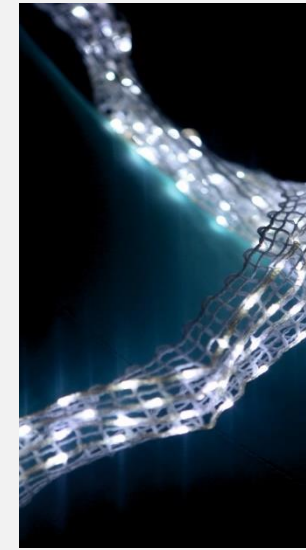
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LIFE CASCADE



Start date: 1st October 2023

Duration: 48 months



Consortium

Coordinator: Centro Tessile Serico Sostenibile (CTSS)

Partners:

- Politecnico di Milano
- Università degli Studi dell'Insubria
- Università degli Studi di Brescia
- AquaSoil
- Acquedotto Industriale
- Biochimie
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Motivation

-  Emerging **contaminants** (broad category of chemical substances that are **persistent and biologically active**) have been a focus of attention for many years, both at the European and national levels
-  A prevention strategy has been **limiting the use of these substances** to reduce their presence in the environment
-  However, for some products, this is difficult to implement and therefore both **prevention and control strategies** should be pursued in parallel
-  Important to study **methods and tools for removing diffused micro-pollutants** from the environment and water (in particular, from wastewater treatment plants)



Motivation



In the CASCADE project, two categories of emerging (micro) pollutants of great interest in the textile sector have been selected: poly- and per-fluorinated compounds (**PFAS**) and **Microplastics (MPs)**.

- **PFAS** are among the most persistent emerging micropollutants due to their impact on the environment and on human health; they have been used as repellents for a wide range of functional applications within textiles, upholstery, leather apparel, and carpets
- **MPs** (particles ranging from 1 to 1000 μm) have been found in various environments, being originated due to the production cycle and deterioration during the use of products containing synthetic polymers



Aim

The LIFE CASCADE project aims the laboratory-scale evaluation and demonstration-scale testing of a series of treatment technologies to remove PFAS and Microplastics (MPs), from wastewater both at the level of **textile companies** and at the level of **centralized wastewater treatment plants**.

CITEVE has an important role in the qualitative and quantitative assessment of **Microplastics (MPs)** in wastewater from industrial textile finishing processes.



Developments and outputs

Main output:

Level 1 - Analyze

Level 2 - Remove

Level 3 - Measure



Level 1 - Analyze

- Targets the analytical phase (PFAS and MPs) in the different types of waters and wastewaters to be used both within the project as a support for technological development decision making, and downstream of the project.

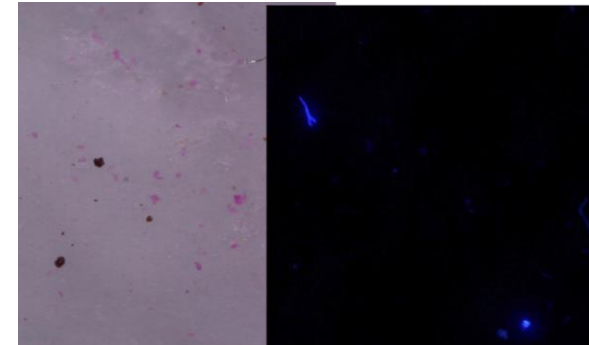


- Application of surveys to characterize processes, raw materials, chemical products and emissions in terms of MPs and PFAs, in Portuguese and Italian companies.



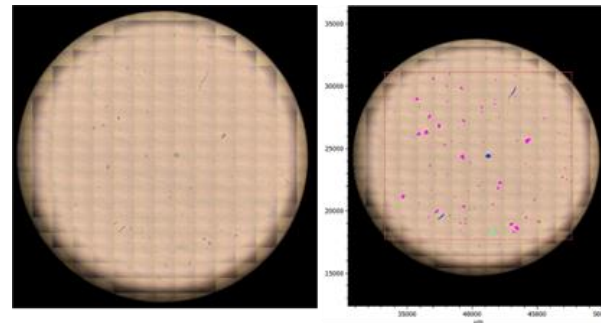
Methods of analysis and quantification of MPs in wastewater

- ✓ Nile Red - this dye imparts colour to microplastics, but in some cases it leads to false positives with natural organic materials.



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- ✓ MicroFTIR



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- ✓ Pyrolysis



Level 2 - Remove

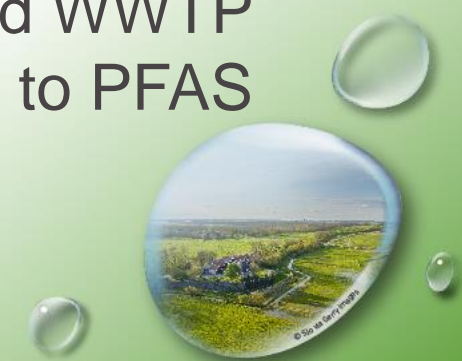
- To develop individual technologies for wastewater treatment (suitable for the removal of PFAS and MPs, at the companies/equipment level and at a centralised WWTP level):
 - MPs
 - PFAS removal technologies
 - microfiltration and nanofiltration separation
 - adsorption on activated carbon



Level 3 - Measure

To assess the impact and ecological value of mitigation measures employed to reduce the load of PFAS and MPs from the textile sector:

1. **Monitoring campaign:** Evaluating PFAS and MP levels in water from Como WWTP to Lake water.
2. **Laboratory experiments:** Evaluation of ecotoxicity (acute, and chronic) of effluents from WWTPs using different organisms.
3. **Mesocosm studies** in WWTP2: Evaluation of ecotoxicity of treated WWTP effluents, as well as the response of the macrobenthos community to PFAS and MP presence.



Expected results

- **Analytical methodologies** for characterization of PFAS and MPs;
- Developing **wastewater treatment technologies** to remove the two most critical categories of emerging micropollutants for the textile sector: PFAS and MPs.
- Evaluating the **ecological impact** on receiving water bodies of PFAS and MPs.
- **Demonstration solutions** that will be **installed and tested**: in the COMO Textile District and lab-scale experiments in cooperation with the Portuguese Textile District.



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Thank you!

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INTEGRANO-multidimensional integrated quantitative approach to safety and sustainability of nanomaterials. Applications to real case scenarios in water treatment

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Project HUB360



PROJECT IDENTITY CARD

MULTIDIMENSIONAL INTEGRATED QUANTITATIVE APPROACH TO ASSESS SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF NANOMATERIALS IN REAL CASE LIFE CYCLE SCENARIOS USING NANOSPECIFIC IMPACT CATEGORIES



13
PARTNERS



8
COUNTRIES



48M
DURATION



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INTEGRANO coordinates



Call: HORIZON-CL4-2023-RESILIENCE-01
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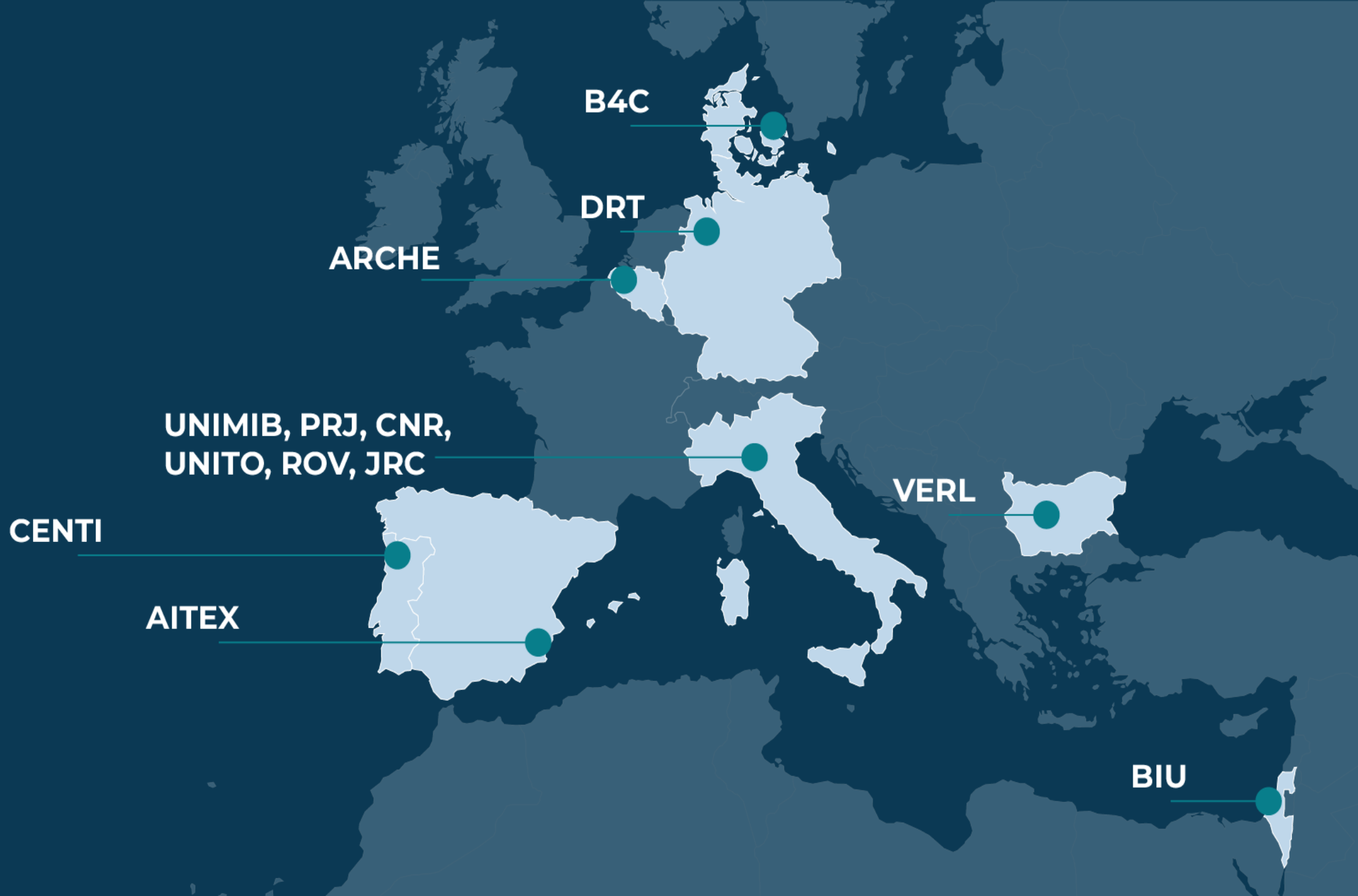
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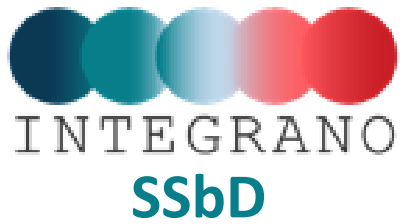
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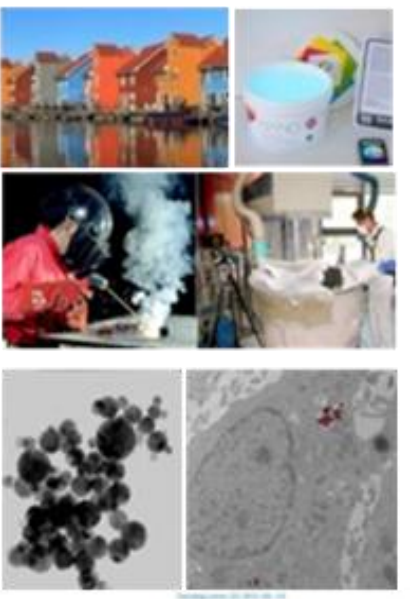
To Nanomaterials and microplastics biological effects and safety and sustainability assessment

Sustainability PROJECT HUB360

From tire particles analysis ...and toxicity



Through PM characterization & health effects



Particle and Fibre Toxicology

Research
 Impact of tire debris on in vitro and in vivo systems
 Maurizio Casalierti¹, Manuela Andrioletti², Patrizia Mantecchia³,
 Claudio Vommaro² and Marina Camatini^{1*}
 Particle and Fibre Toxicology 2005, 2:1 doi:10.1186/1743-8977-2-1



Winter fine particulate matter from Milan induces morphological and functional alterations in human pulmonary epithelial cells (A549)
 Maurizio Casalierti, Patrizia Mantecchia, Manuela Andrioletti, Elisabetta Longhi, Maria Grazia Perrone, Rita Nebeker, Marina Camatini



The modality of cell-particle interactions drives the toxicity of nanosized CuO and TiO₂ in human alveolar epithelial cells
 Eliaz Muehleisen¹, Maurizio Guadagni¹, Melissa Colombari¹, Elisabetta Fucini¹, Marina Camatini¹, Patrizia Mantecchia^{1*}



PROJECT BACKGROUND



Pre-commercial lines for production of surface nanostructured antimicrobial and anti-biofilm textiles, medical devices and water treatment membranes



Anticipating Safety Issues at the Design Stage of NANO Product Development



An Open Innovation Test Bed for Nano-Enabled Bio-Based PUR Foams and Composites



CECs and AMR bacteria pre-concentration by ultra-nano filtration and Abatement by ThermoCatalytic Nanopowders implementing circular economy solution



Development of safe nano-enabled bio-based materials & polymer bionanocomposites



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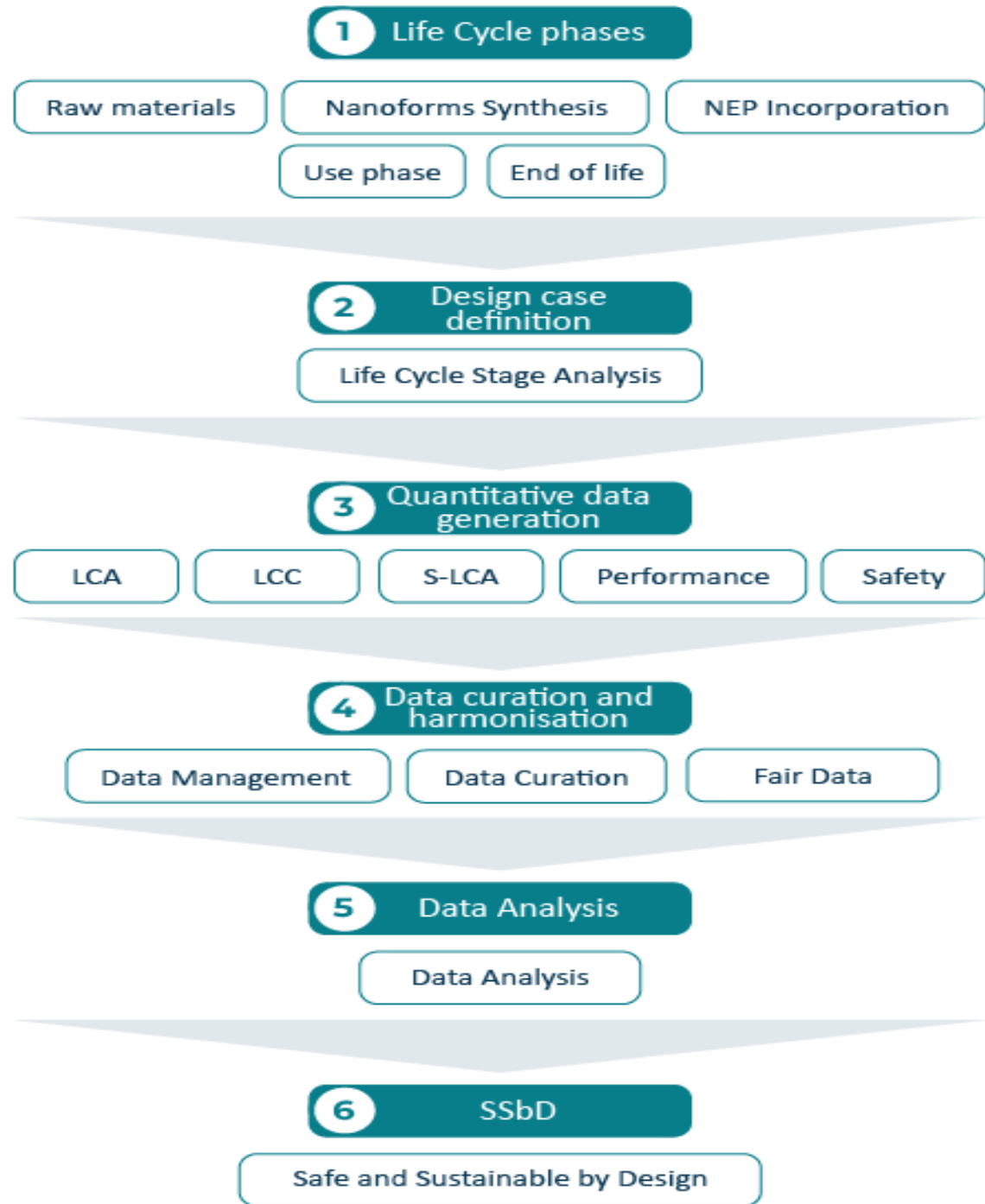
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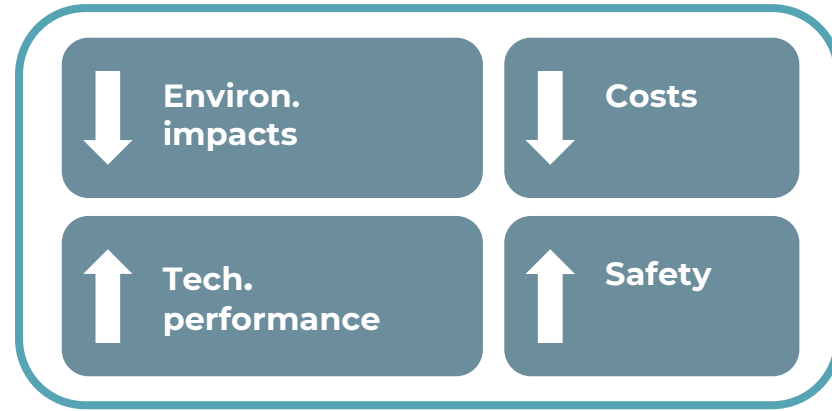
INTEGRANO Key Concepts

- Follow **SSbD** Framework and Guidelines (JRC)
- **Quantitative** based assessment to SSbD \leftrightarrow metrics, measurement
- **Relative** & contextual approach: **more** sustainable, **safer** based on **BATs**
- **Specific characterization and assessments** based on experimental DoE campaigns
- Sustainability and safety assessment methodology based on **existing frameworks and standards** (when available)(e.g. LCA - ISO14040-44)
- Addressing the development of **nanospecific** (human and eco-) toxicity **indicators**
- Definition of **KDFs** and **KPIs** and deriving functional **dependence**
- Apply **MCDA** algorithms to identify design cases compliant with safety and sustainability





Workflow towards SSbD solutions



INTEGRANO Project Goals



- **Support** decision making in NMs development;
- Promote the design of **advanced materials** (NMs and nano-enabled products (NEPs)) by **reducing** R&D and approval lead time, **minimising** costs and **increasing** data transparency;
- **Sustain** the EU Strategic Research and Innovation Plan for Chemicals and Materials and **implement** the SSbD framework;
- Support industry by **reducing** research and technological development and innovation risk.



INTEGRANO Case Studies

The INTEGRANO assessment approach will be applied to nanomaterials (NMs) design cases within 6 case studies. NM incorporation will endow the resulting nano-enabled products with a diverse range of functionalities.

- Antimicrobial textiles – antimicrobial properties
- Water membranes – thermocatalytic properties
- Bio-based PU Composite Foams – structural reinforcement
- Air filters – photoluminescence/entrapment of microorganisms
- Food packaging – antibacterial properties
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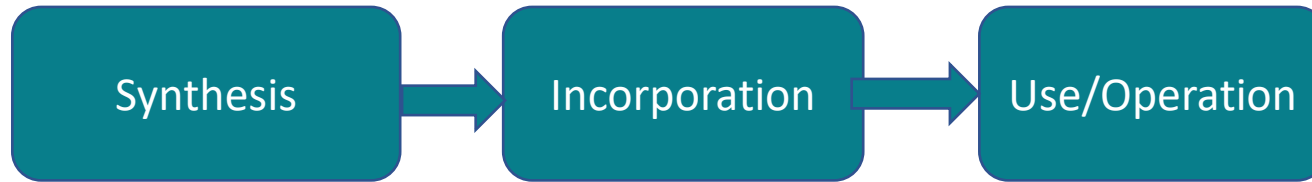
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Thermocatalytic nanocoatings for waste water treatment

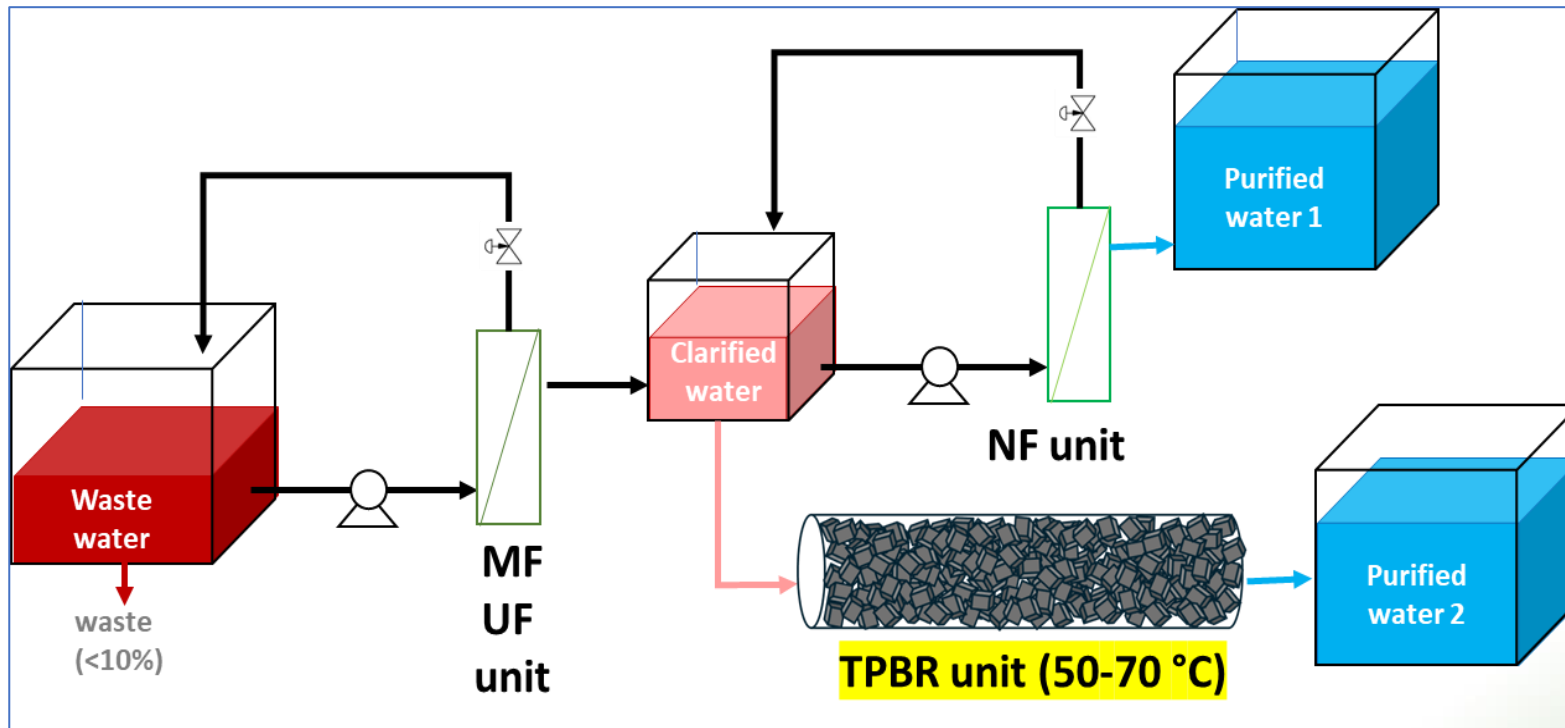


Materials:

- Ce-doped SrFeO₃-silica nanopowders
- bio-SiO₂@TiO₂

Circularity:

- Use post industrial materials fro substrates to be coated for the TPBR



INTEGRANO for integrating SSbD knowledge and best practices

A free Knowledge and Data Exchange Hub for SSbD applied to advanced materials targeted to industrial applications

Coming in September 2024 - the INTEGRANO project will launch a Knowledge and Data Exchange Hub

The platform will:

- Serve to **promote** application of the **SSbD** framework **for advanced materials** across diverse value chains (e.g. textile, biomedical, water purification, air filtration, packaging, cosmetics).
- Be targeted at a **broad range of stakeholders** – universities and researchers, companies and industries, organizations and institutions.
- **Host SSbD-related webinars, workshops and training courses**, with events tailored to the different stakeholder groups.
- Promote **knowledge exchange** – including stakeholder matchmaking, will enable data sharing, will be a repository for results and documentation produced by EU-funded projects.



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Anaerobic and autotrophic bioprocesses to transform a WWTP into a resource-generating biofactory with a positive energy balance.

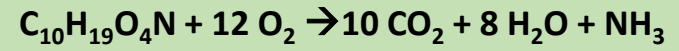


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BACKGROUND

Wastewater treatment energy consumption
0.5 – 0.7 kWh/m³



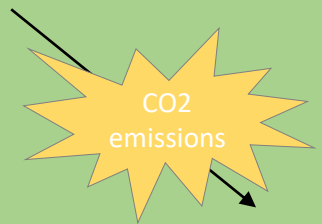
Conventional treatment
3% of the total Europe electricity consumption



60% of the total energy consumption in a WWTP aeration systems for nitrogen removal

Solid biowaste

Each person generates around 200 kg of biowaste per year



Transport of biowaste

Resources

Phosphorus for ferrigation
 ↓
 non-renewable

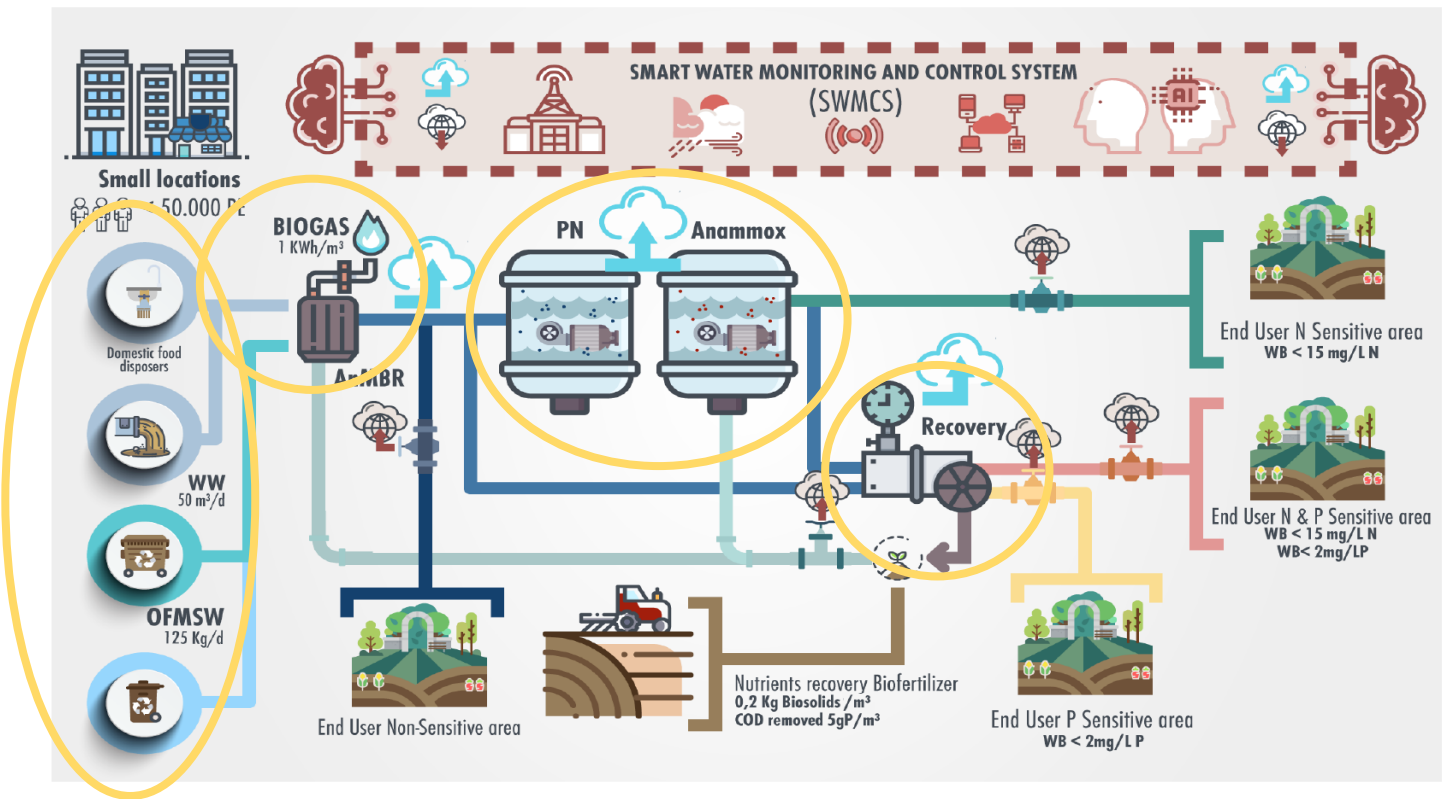
Water scarcity

Non-renewable energy sources

WASTEWATER = RESOURCE



LIFE ZERO WASTE WATER



Combined treatment of Urban Waste Water (WW) and the Organic Fraction of Municipal Solid Waste (OFMSW) in WWTPs with positive energy balance for small populations (less than 50,000 IE).

[Inicio - Life Zero Waste Water](#)



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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- The collection of **125 kg/day of OFMSW**
- Treatment capacity of **50 m³ /day**
- Production of **0.3 Nm³ CH₄(biomethane)/m³** in AnMBR → **3 kWh/ m³**
- **50% reduction in biosolids compared to the baseline (0.2 kg SS/m³)**
- **Recovery of 95% pathogen-free water** for use in fertigation or environmental purposes
- **Recovery of 5 g P/m³**
- **Obtaining 0.2 kg of soil fertilizer per m³**
- **Positive energy balance of 1.0 kWh/ m³**, considering energy produced in the AnMBR (Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor) and consumed for wastewater treatment plant operation.
- **Process control and monitoring software.**



DEMO PLANT – OFMSW treatment



Food waste (OFMSW):

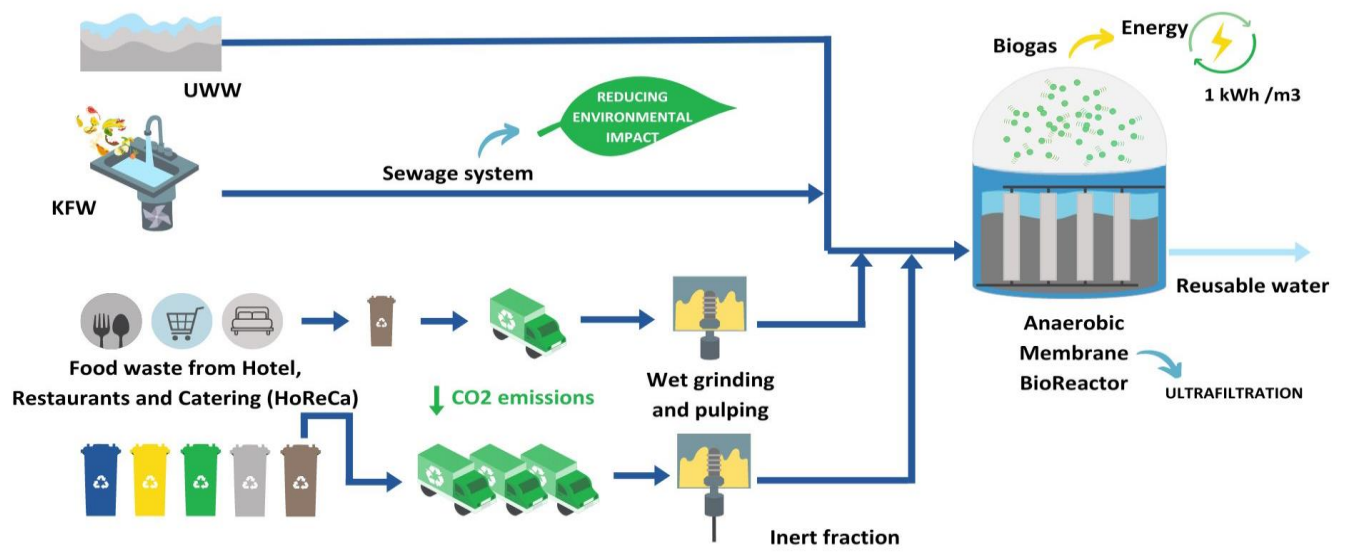
1. Increases organic content.
2. Enhances anaerobic biodegradability.
3. Does not affect nutrient content.
4. After grinding, 90% of particles are smaller than 0.5 mm.

In the AnMBR (Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor) incorporating FORSU and increasing the TRC (Total Reactor Cycle):

1. Induces a population shift → ↑ hydrolytic and fermentative bacteria.
2. Increases methane (**CH₄**) production (from 49.2 to 144 LCH₄ / Kg COD removed).
3. Reduces sludge production (from 0.614 to 0.142 KgSSV / Kg COD removed).
4. The population shift persists even after FORSU removal



DEMO PLANT – AnMBR unit



- Anaerobic reactor with a volume of 100 m³
- Filtration flow using KOCH membrane: 10 m³/day
- Excellent removal of Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) and solids



ColiMinder: pathogens measurements on-line
 Smart system water monitoring

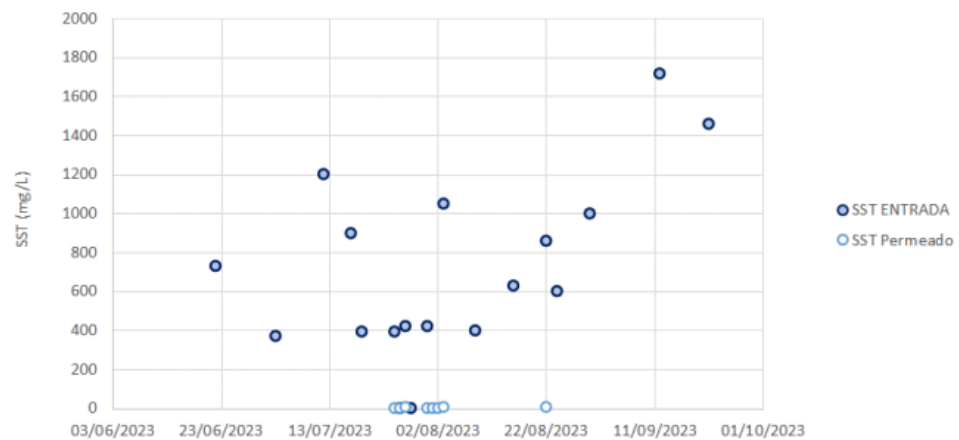
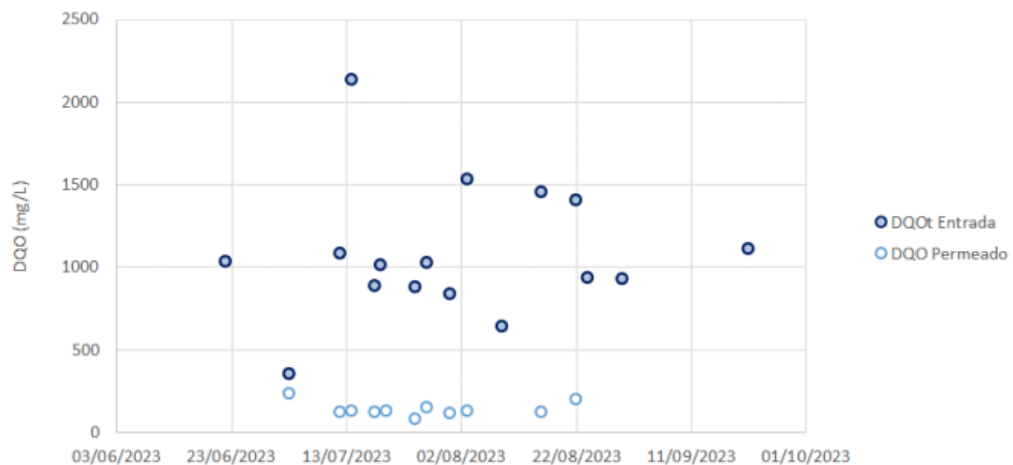


ULTRAFILTRATION MEMBRANES

- MODULE A:** PURON®, KMS 41 m³ filtration área, 0.03 µm pore size
- MODULE B:** ZENmbr2-S, LITREE, 40 m³ filtration área, 0.02 µm pore size
- MODULE C:** IMMEM®, POLYMEM, 40 m³ filtration área, 0.03 µm pore size



DEMO PLANT – AnMBR unit



**Joint patent
(EP3225596B1)**
 Anaerobic process with filtration
 procedure for treating wastewater
 at room temperature

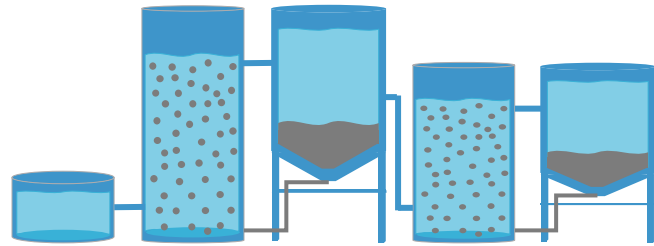
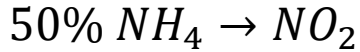


DEMO PLANT-PN/AMX unit



NITROGEN REMOVAL

Partial Nitrification Reactor



Anammox Reactor



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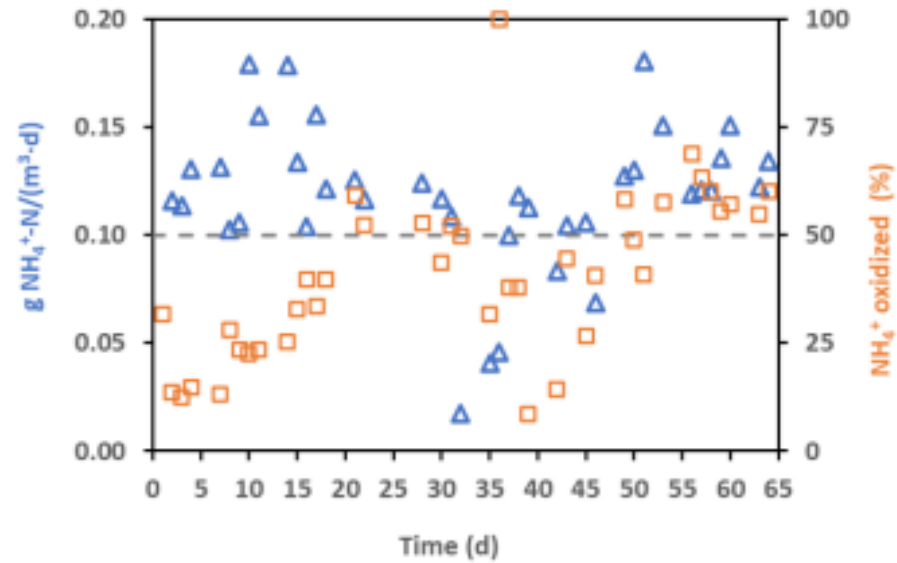
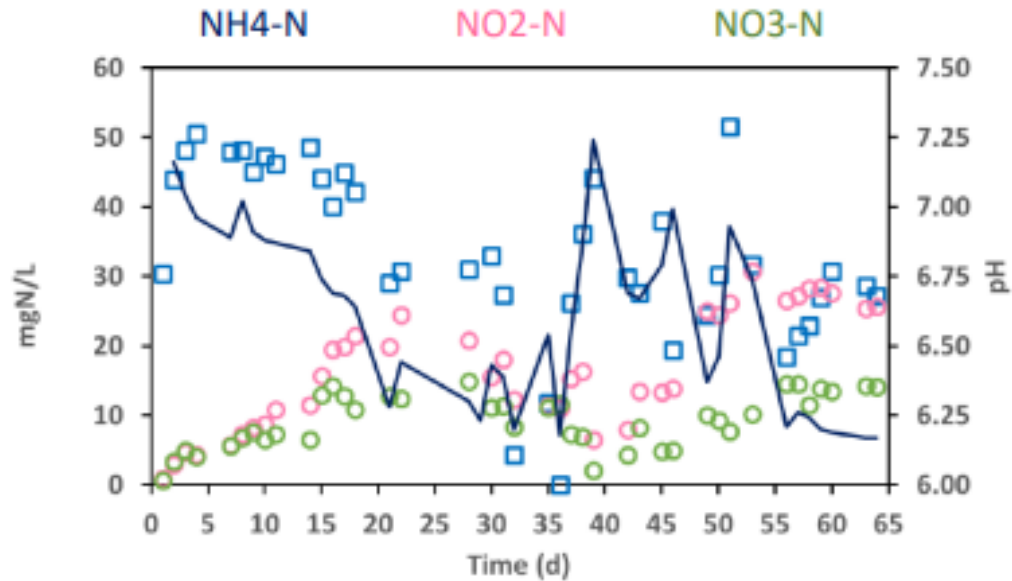
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<https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/056131484/publication/EP3255016A1?q=pn%3DEP3255016A1>



DEMO PLANT-PN/AMX unit



- 60% reduction in oxygen demand.
- 100% reduction in required organic matter.
- 90% reduction in produced biomass



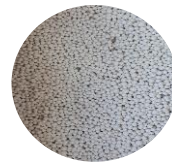
DEMO PLANT-Nutrients Recovery unit



Wollastonita



Phosflow



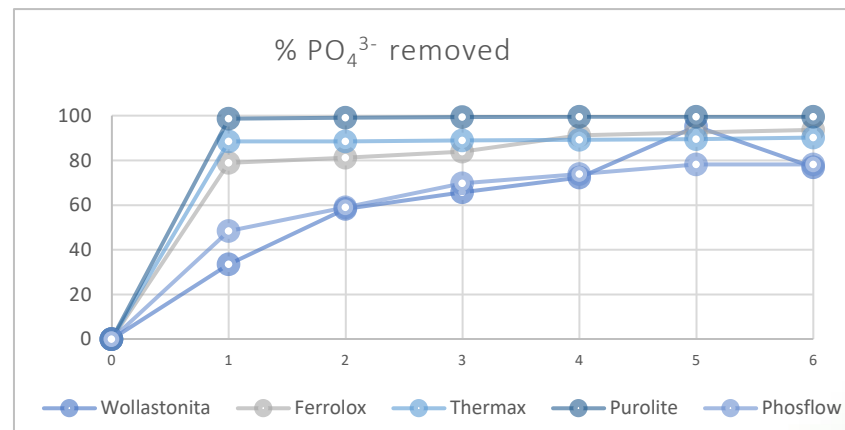
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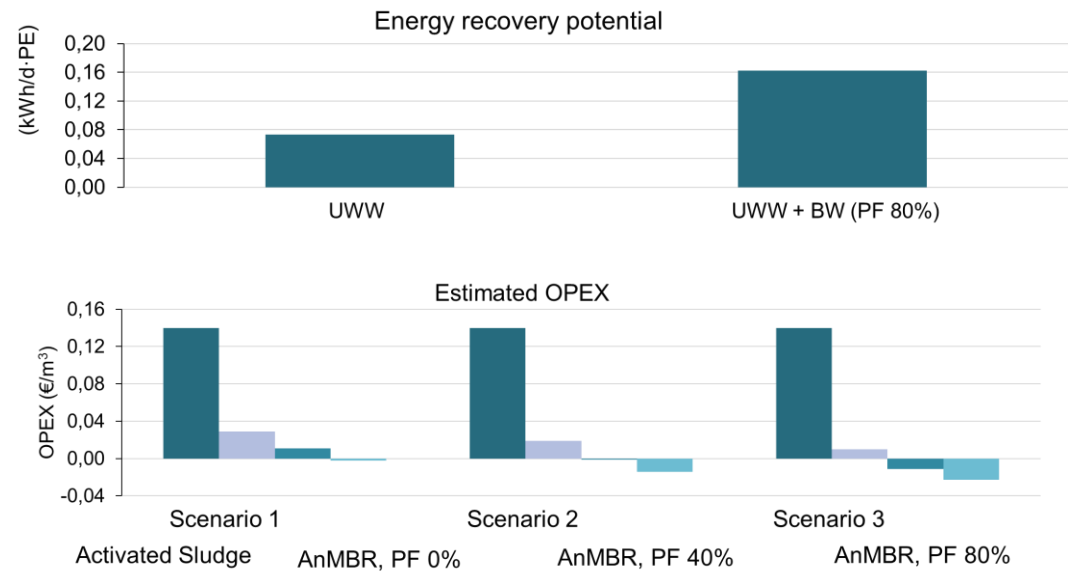
Thermax resin



Purolite



ENERGY AND ECONOMICAL BALANCE



	Activated Sludge	IRR LIFE ZWW
Energy consumption (kWh/m ³)	0.5	-1.0
Emissions (kgCO ₂ /m ³)	0.15	-0.30
Water rentability (%)	0 (without consider tertiary treatments)	95 (without terciary treatments)
N ₂ O emissions	36.0	7.2
Area	++	+

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Anaerobic and autotrophic bioprocesses to transform a WWTP into a resource-generating biofactory with a positive energy balance.



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WATER SMART INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS

ULTIMATE promoting water smart industrial symbiosis



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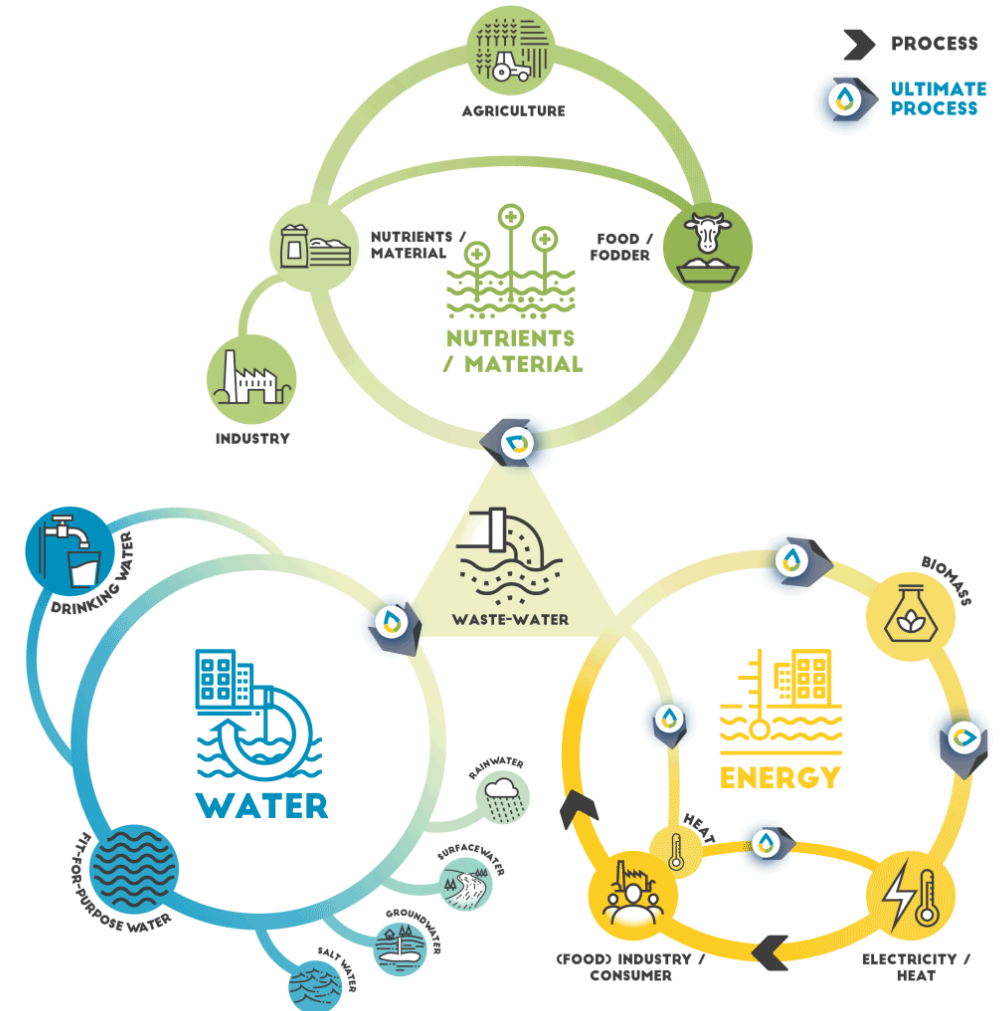


Introducing **ULTIMATE** indUstry water-utiLiTy symbiosis for a sMarter wATER society

Develop, optimize, and demonstrate **Water-Smart Industrial Symbiosis** technologies and solutions for:

- **Water reclamation and reuse** (recovery, refining, and reuse of municipal and industrial wastewater)
- **Exploitation of energy and heat** (extraction of energy, combined water-energy management, water enabled heat transfer, storage and recovery of heat)
- **Nutrient and material recovery/reuse** (nutrient mining, extraction/reuse of high-added value exploitable compounds)

Technological innovations are made available and shared through the **Water Europe MarketPlace**



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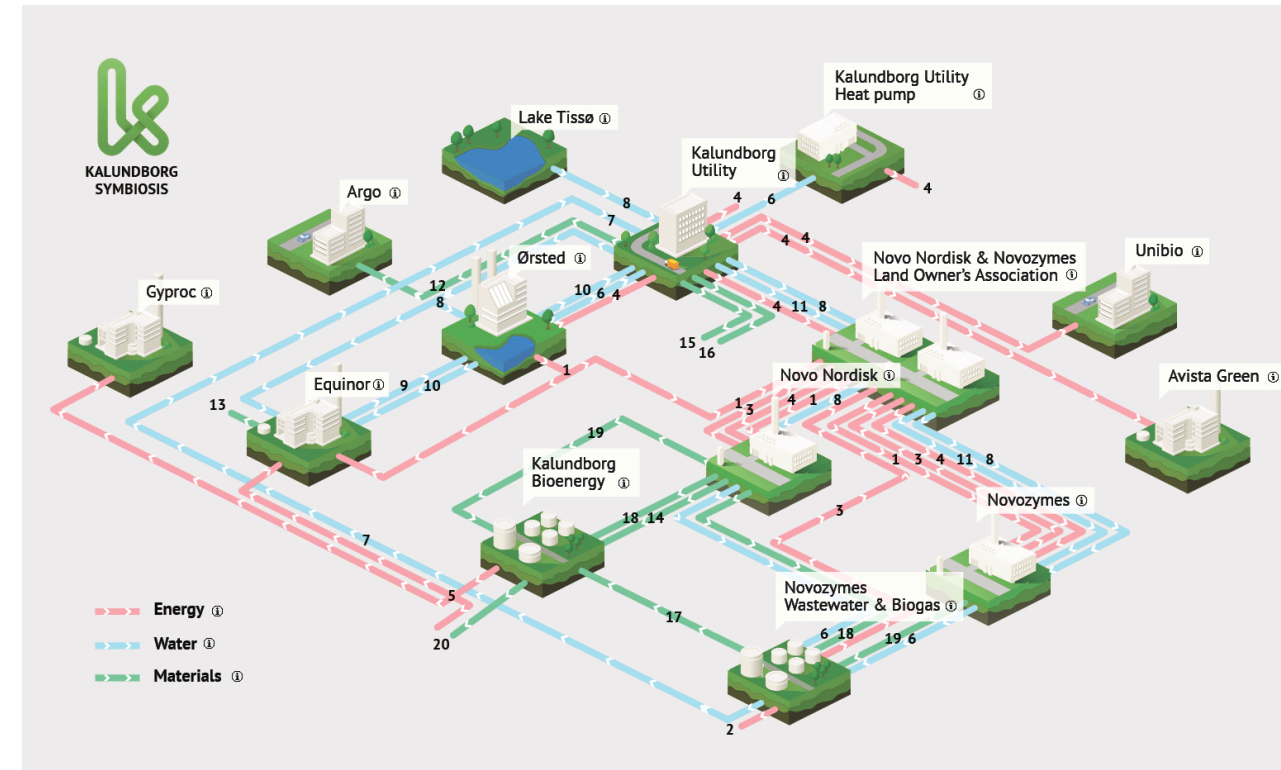


Industrial symbiosis

First industrial symbiosis plant worldwide in Kalundborg (since 1972).

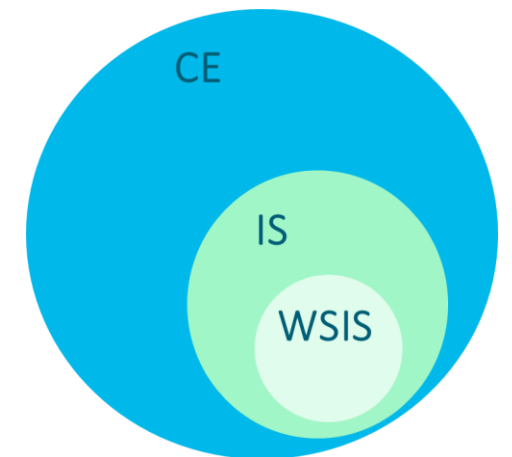
The cooperation between the companies in the symbiosis provides mutual benefits, economical as well as environmental.

The main principle is that a residue from one company becomes a resource in another.



From: <http://www.symbiosis.dk/>

Water Smart Industrial Symbiosis (WSIS) aims to create economic value and increased sustainability by introducing circular symbiotic arrangements between industry and water service provider.





We leverage much more than “just” technologies to achieve these objectives!

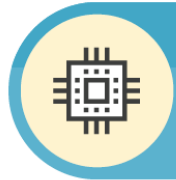
DEMONSTRATING WIN-WIN SYMBIOTIC OPPORTUNITIES ...

... FOR WATER-SMART INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS (WSIS)



ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES

Demonstrating novel (TRL 5-7) technologies at meaningful scales achieving quantifiable impacts (economic, environmental, social)



SMART TOOLS

Leveraging the power of Ontologies, Hybrid Modelling and Simulation, Gamified Visualisation and immersive Mixed Reality Storytelling



INNOVATOR ECOSYSTEM

Open Innovation and co-creation with industry and the public meets start-ups and established players in B2B, B2G, B2C CoPs and Living Labs



GLOBAL OUTREACH

Engaging EU and global networks of industries, water companies, SMEs, business innovators and media to disseminate, influence, broker, transfer

SYMBIOTIC PARADIGMS

Showcasing 9 WSIS 'modes' between water providers (municipal or industry owned utilities, service-providing SMEs) and key industries



WATER-ENERGY-MATERIALS

Demonstrating circular solutions for water as both resource and vector of energy and materials with millions invested and decades of experience



WSIS MARKET BUILDING

WSIS matchmaking supported by start-ups, ontologies and financial engineering linking investments to KPIs for business innovation



STRONG PARTNERSHIP

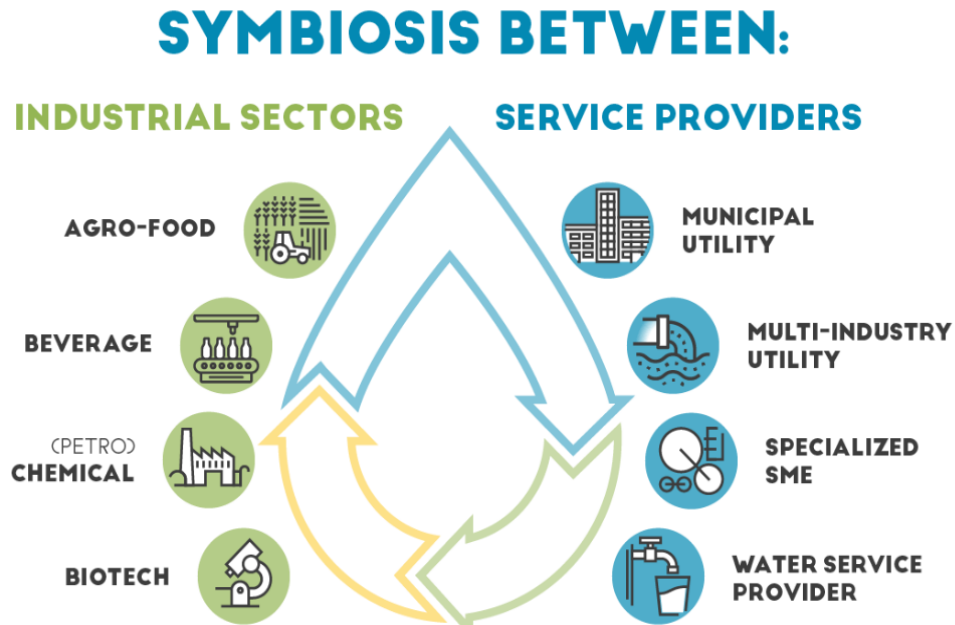
A team of 8 technology & service providers (of which 6 SMEs), 8 utilities (incl. 2 multinationals), 4 industries, 9 Research Centres and Water Europe





The core of ULTIMATE – integrated case studies

Concepts are developed for and validated in 9 case studies across Europe





Exploitation / valorisation schemes

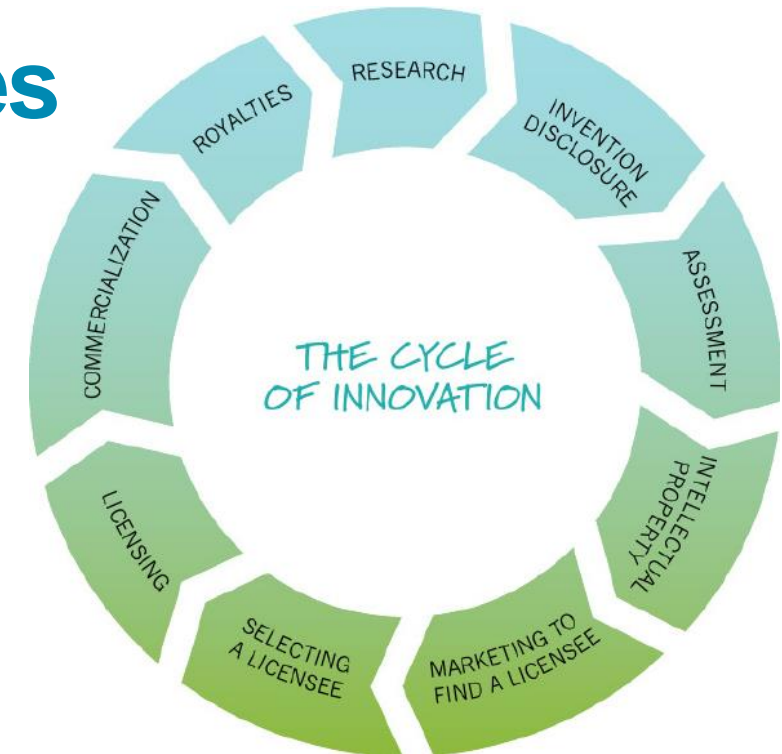
Develop new exploitation and valorisation schemes based on business models and services tailored to WSIS

Value chains for recovered resources are exploited by symbiotic arrangements between industries and water service providers:

- **Partnerships** between industries and municipal water utilities looking for symbiotic gains
- **Co-ownership** of water service providers by co-located industries to catalyse symbiosis
- **WSIS service provision** to industries by commercial companies of various scales: from niche SMEs to multinational corporations

Supported by:

- assessing the impact with life cycle (LCA, LCCs) and risk (QMRA, QCRA) analysis
- performance validation and certification schemes





Stakeholder Engagement

Promote active stakeholder engagement, innovation, co-creation and public awareness to accelerate socio-economic and business transformation towards a WSIS

Novel approaches include a.o.:

- Communities of Practice (COPs)\
- Co-creation
- Living labs
- Multi-use playspaces

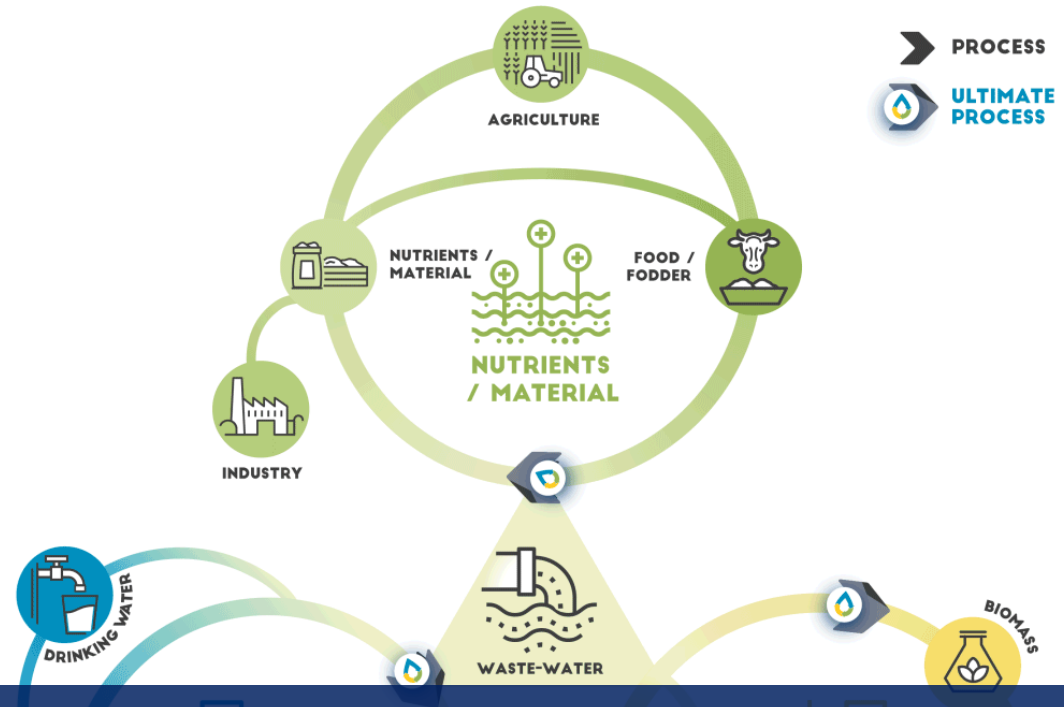


ULTIMATE stakeholder approaches





Ultimate solutions involve circular economy technologies



- Membrane technologies
- Adsorption technologies
- Electrostimulated systems

• 22 pilot plants

• 3 control and/or early warning systems

• 6 concept studies

- Biogas technologies
- Heat recovery
- Digitalization

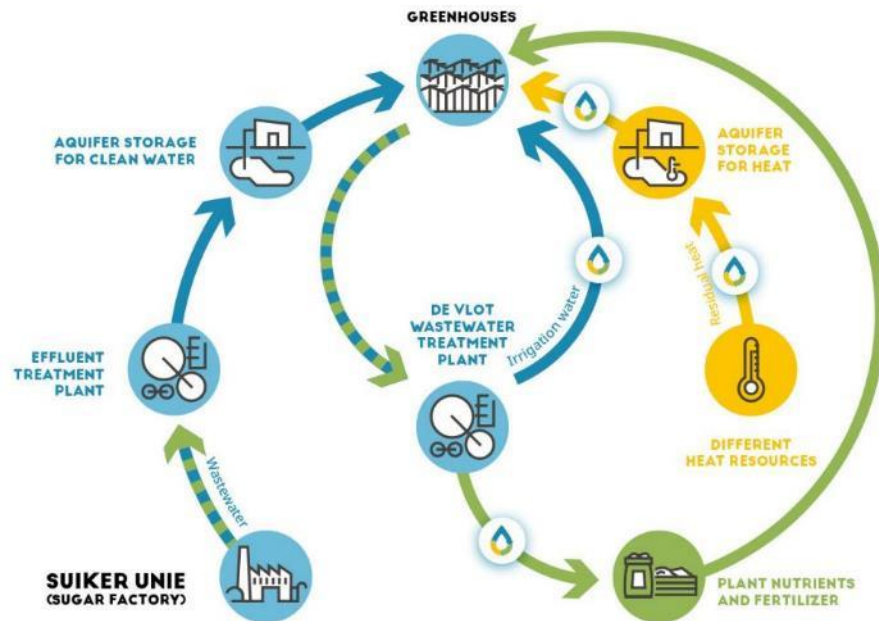


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CS2 Nieuw Prinsenland (NL)

- Greenhouses
- Feasibility study: Heat management via high temperature aquifer thermal energy storage
- Fit-for-purpose water for irrigation incl. nutrients



Electrodialysis to remove salts



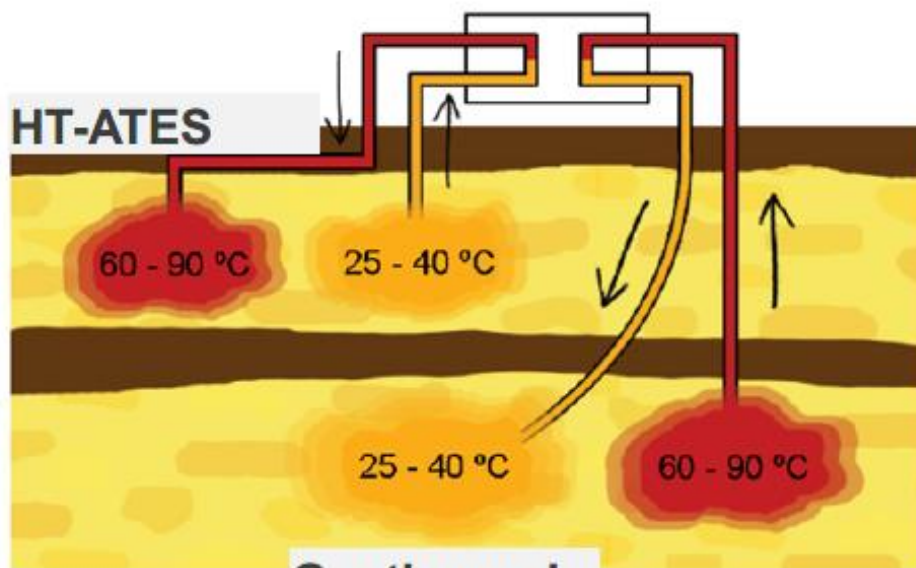


High Temperature Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage (HT-ATES)



Summer

Available heat is stored in the HT-ATES

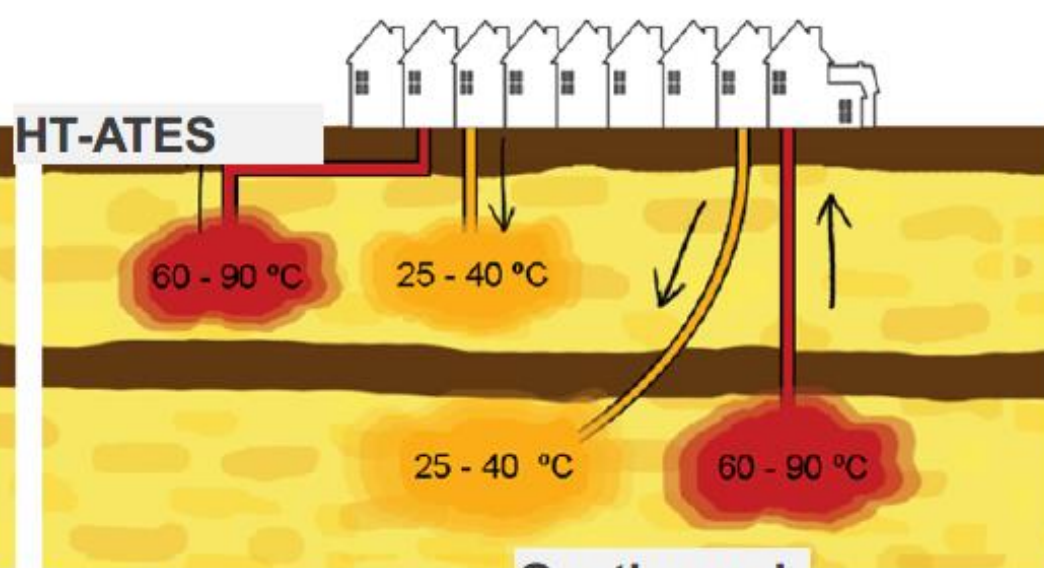


Geothermal well



Winter

HT-ATES delivers heat



Geothermal well

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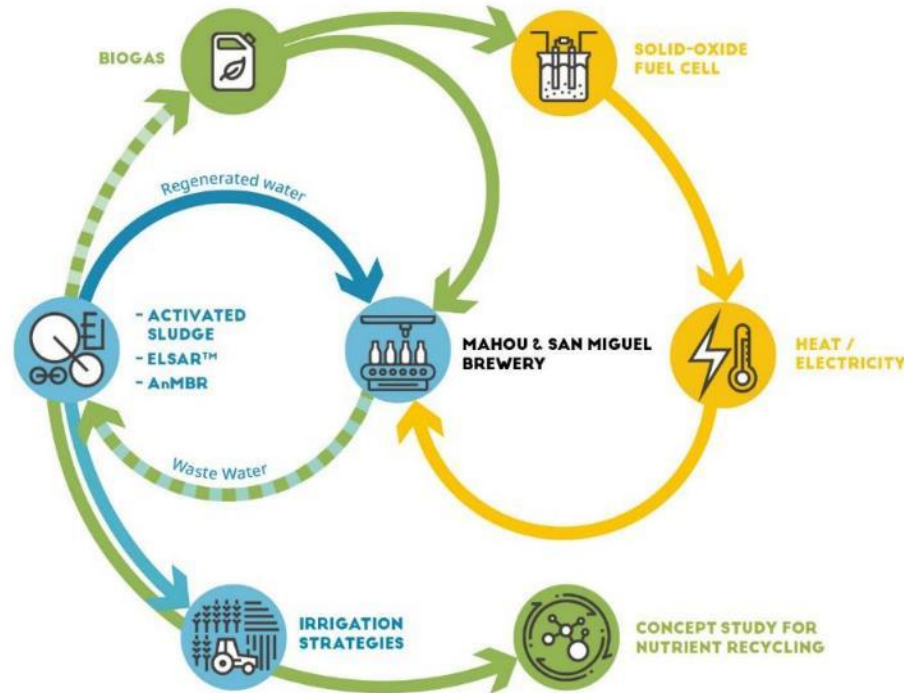




CS5 Lleida (ES)

- Brewery
- Biogas production
- Heat & electricity production
- Fit-for-purpose water for industrial reuse and irrigation

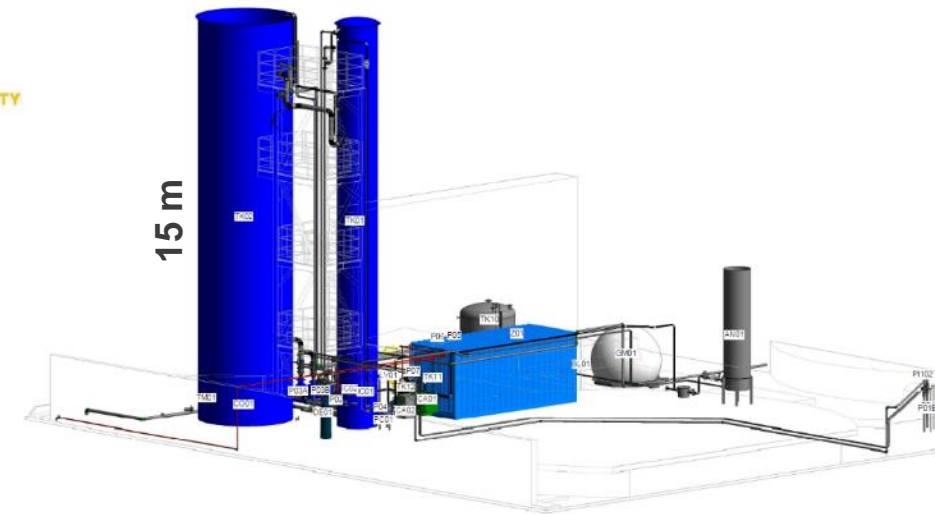
Anaerobic membrane bioreactor



Pilot: electrostimulated anaerobic reactor

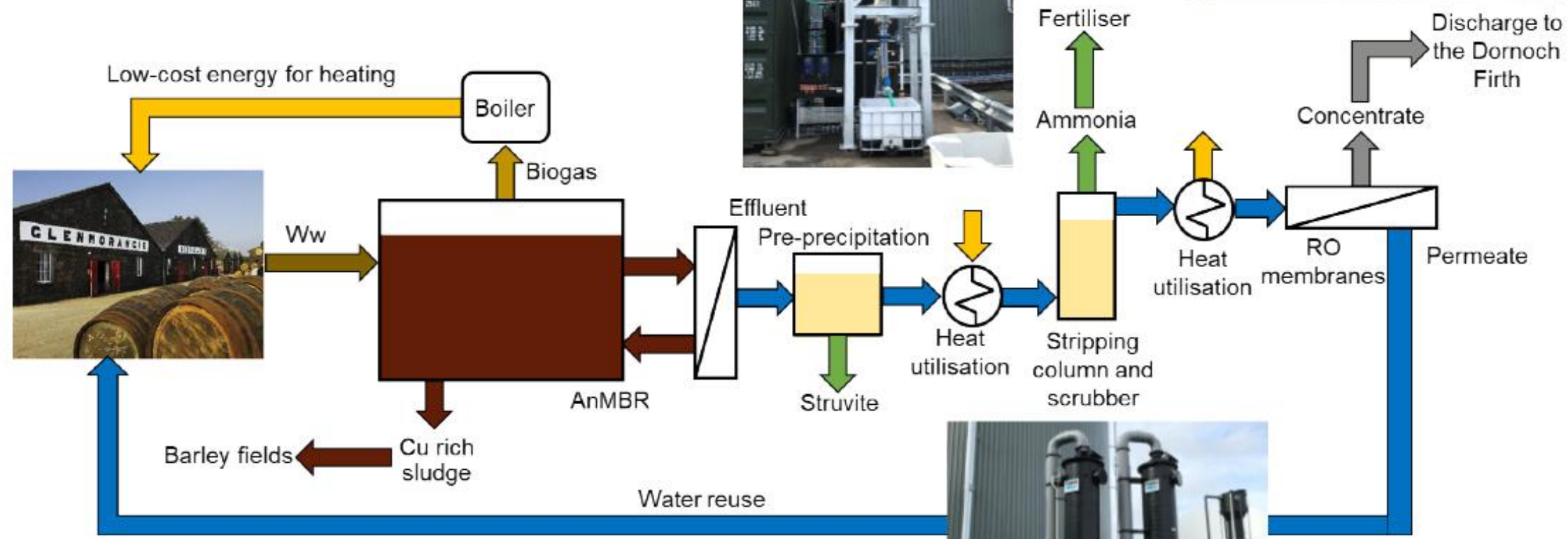


Full-scale: electrostimulated anaerobic reactor



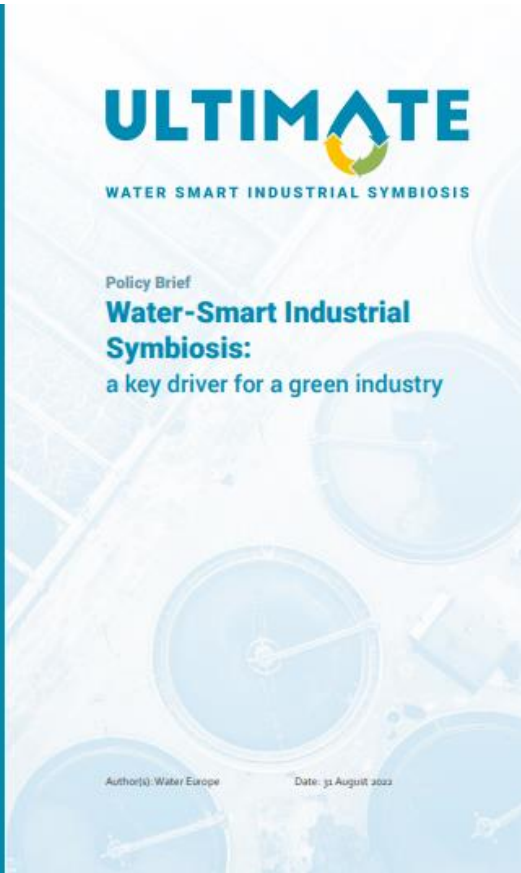


Ultimate interventions





Policy support for



Main Recommendations

- Adopt a risk-based approach for reused water and recovered materials in Europe.
- Encourage financial incentive for circular economy systems.
- Consider the opportunities of digital tools within the revision of the directive to support water-smart industrial symbiosis.
- Familiarise citizens with circular economy systems.
- Companies may provide a more transparent overview also of their non-circular activities.





Final messages

- Water Smart Industrial Symbiosis (WSIS) is a special type of Industrial Symbiosis in which **water, energy and materials** from municipal and industrial wastewater **are recovered and reused**
- Successful circular transitions depend on **systematically addressing technological, digital, socio-economic, governance and business systems interdependencies.**
- Showcasing WSIS cases (in living labs) with emphasis on **cross synergies, transferability and applicability** of the concept may contribute to a further acceptance and understanding.
- **Transformation** of linear production-consumption-disposal chains in industrial processes to circular systems may reduce the vulnerability to climatic changes and environmental degradation and **contribute to a more competitive industry.**





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Innovation for water reuse and resource recovery

Implementing AnMBR technology in SYMSITES EcoSites

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THE PROBLEM



THE SOLUTION



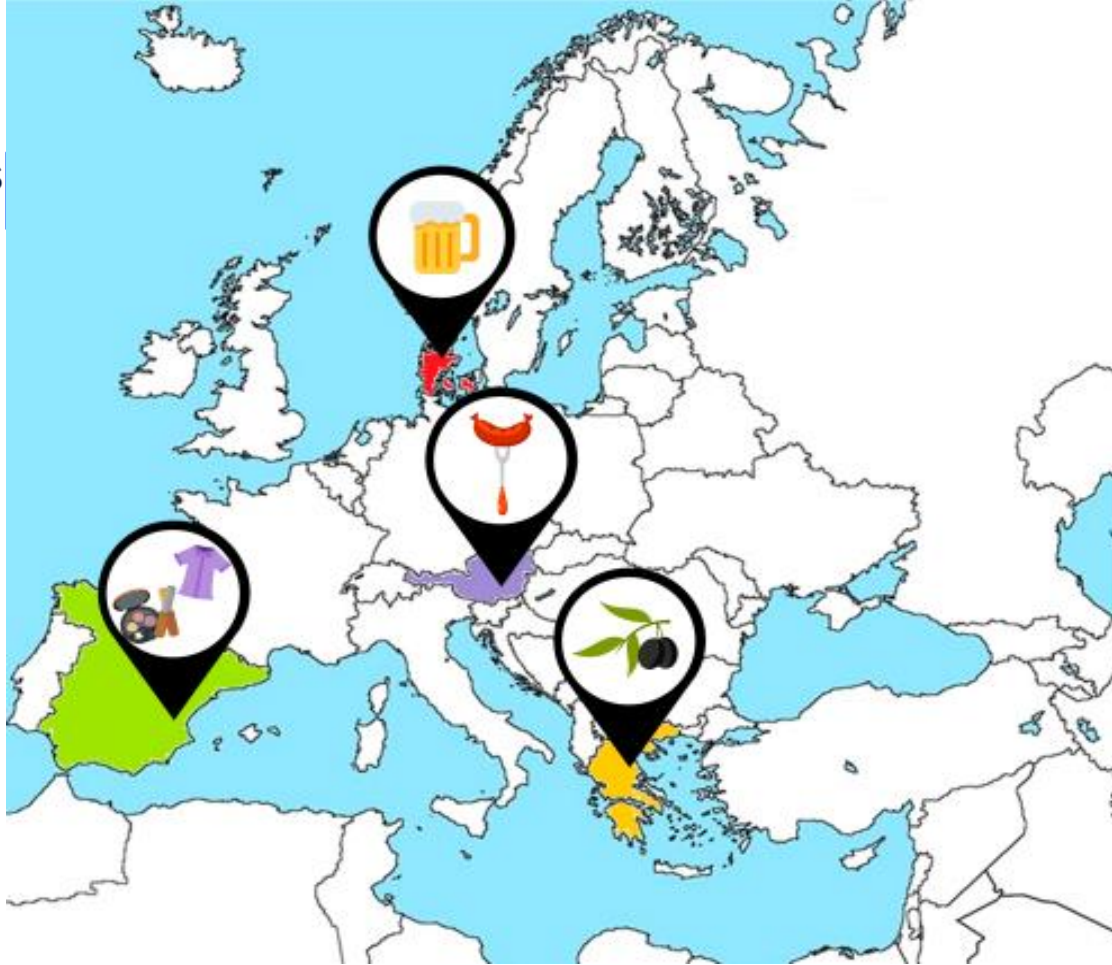
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Industrial-Urban Symbiosis



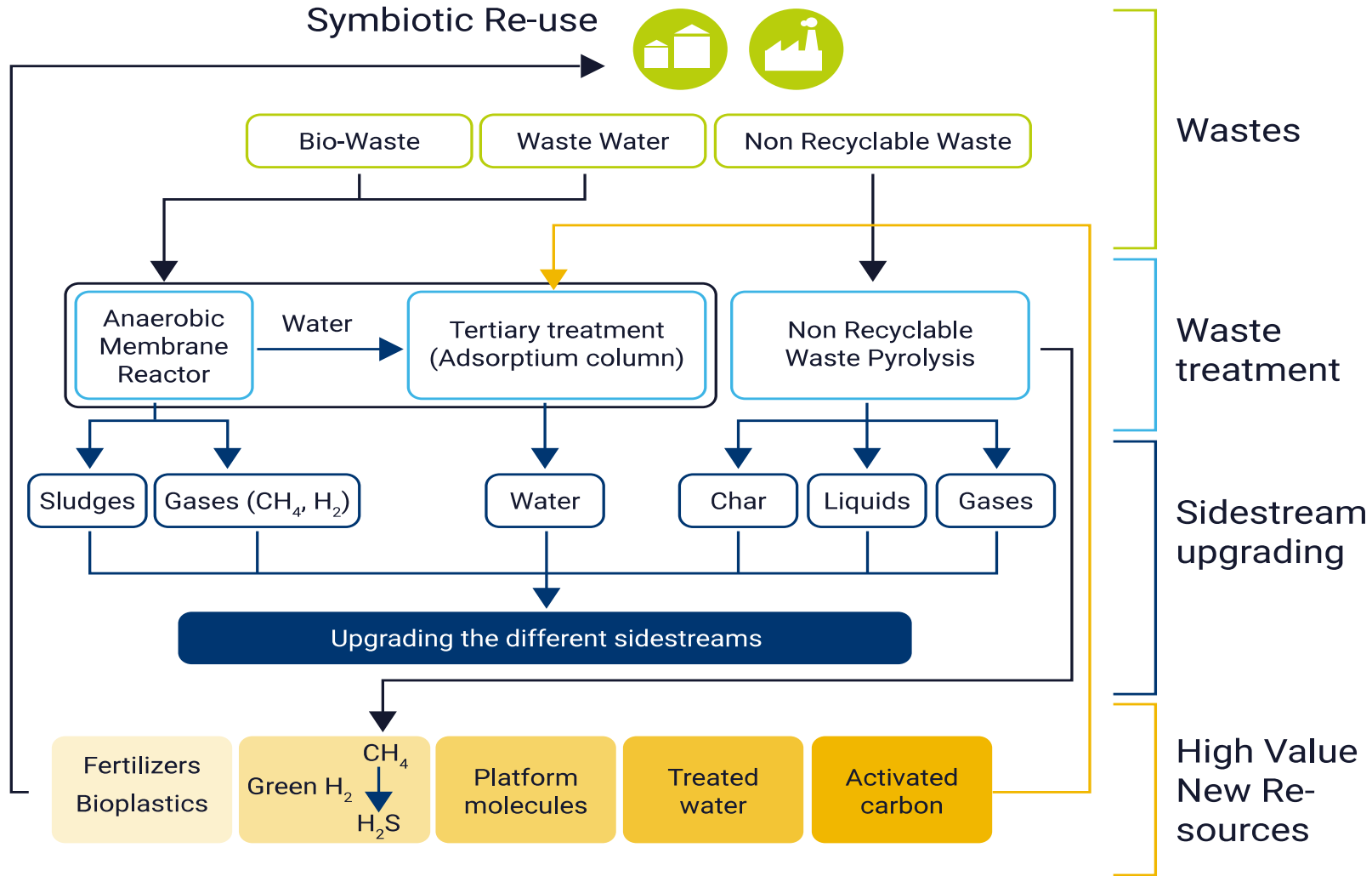
EcoSite concept

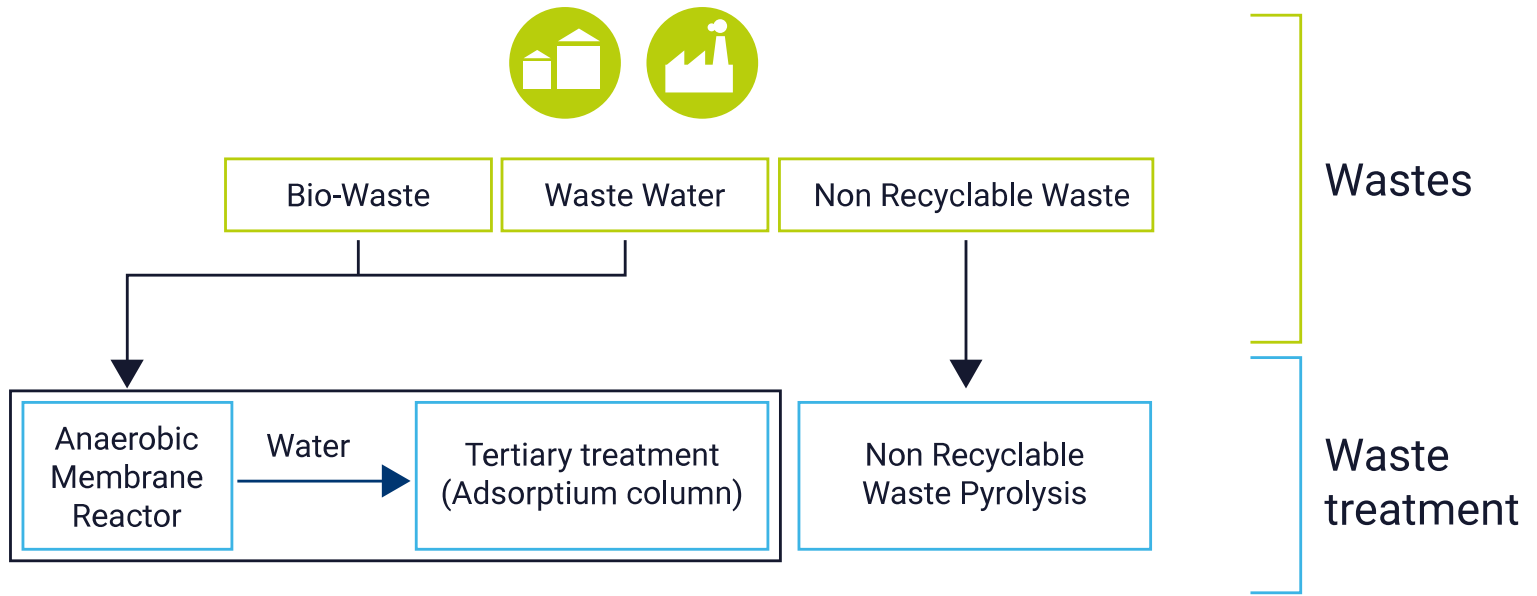


WHERE TO FIND
THE ECOSITES?



Symbiotic Re-use



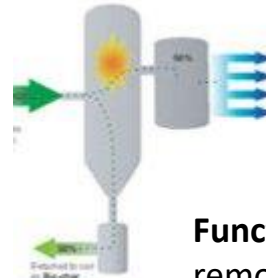


Energy from CH_4 and H_2 via metabolic route

Pyrolysis optimization of NRW using CH_4 as an energy source.

Antifouling treatment

- Nano structured coatings
- Carbon dots coatings
- Magnetically induced membrane vibration



Functionalized AC with LigNPs and/or CDs to remove emerging pollutants.





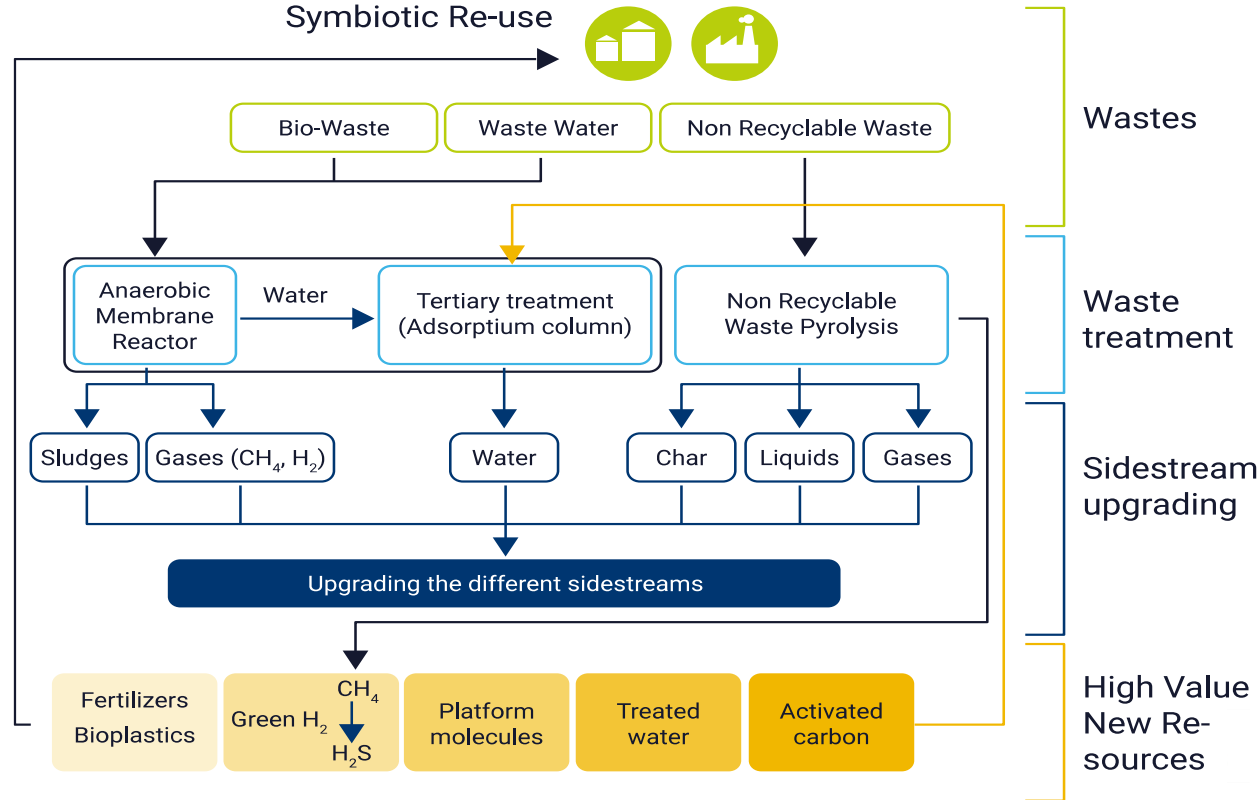
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4 EcoSites WITH THE SAME GOAL

Enhance recovery of resources, energy and reclaimed water from wastes



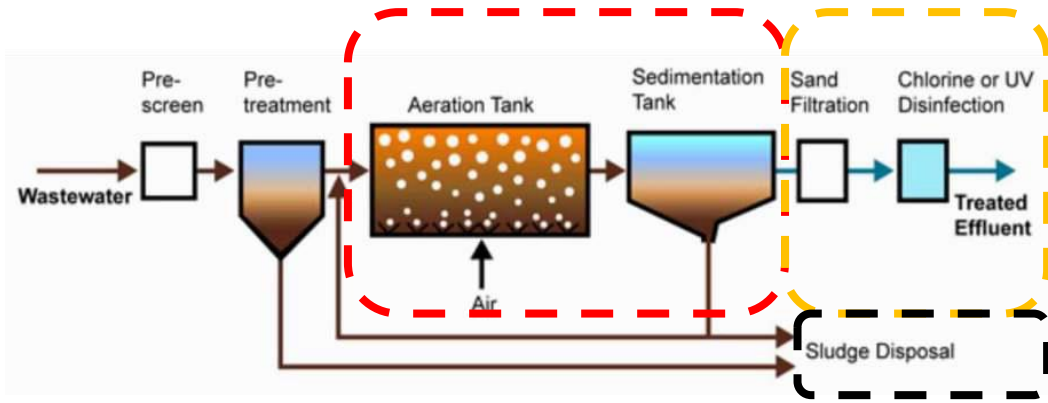
Technologies for water reuse with an I-U Symbiosis perspective



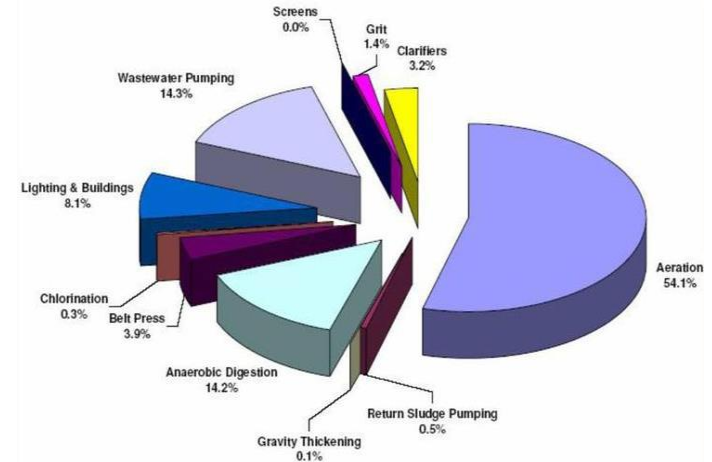
ENERGY PERSPECTIVE OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Should we directly apply anaerobic technologies for urban WWTP?

Energetic demands in WWTP



Management and regulation restrictions



Pros and cons:

- ✓ Low sludge production due to anaerobic kinetics of the biomass.
- ✓ No need of aeration with air supply.
- ✓ Biogas is produced and can be converted into electricity
- ✗ Large reactors
- ✗ Low efficiency in the separation of biomass

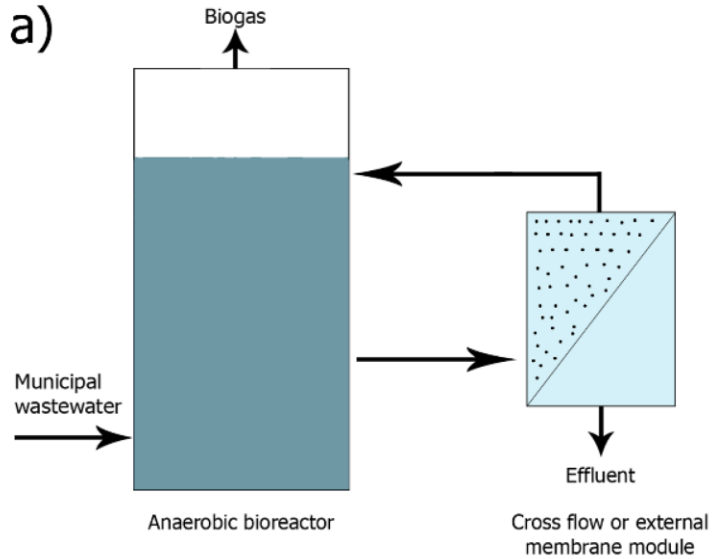




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INTRODUCING ANAEROBIC MEMBRANE BIOREACTORS

Different configurations:

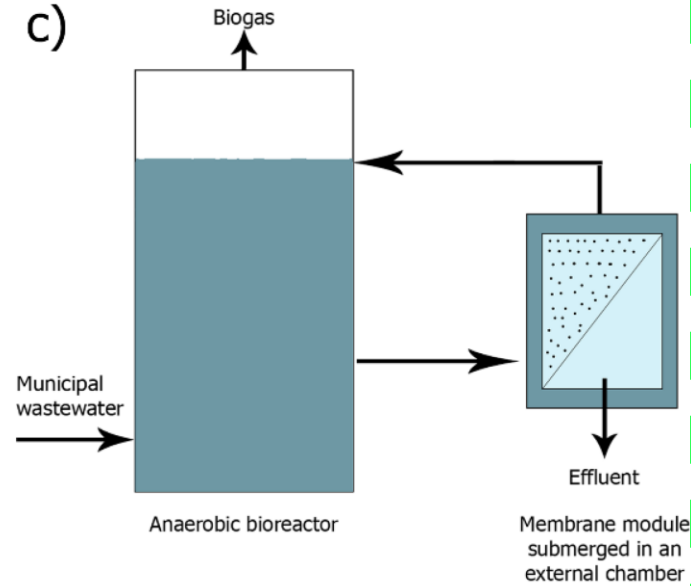
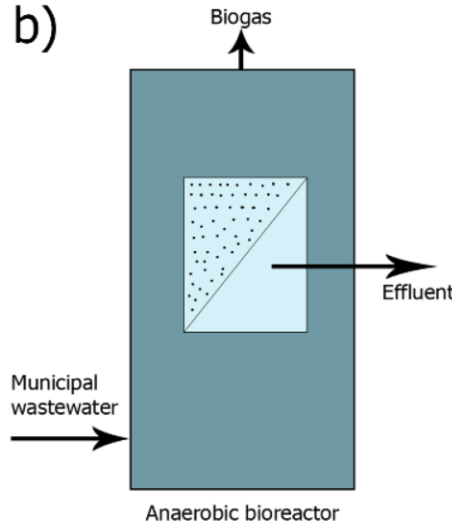
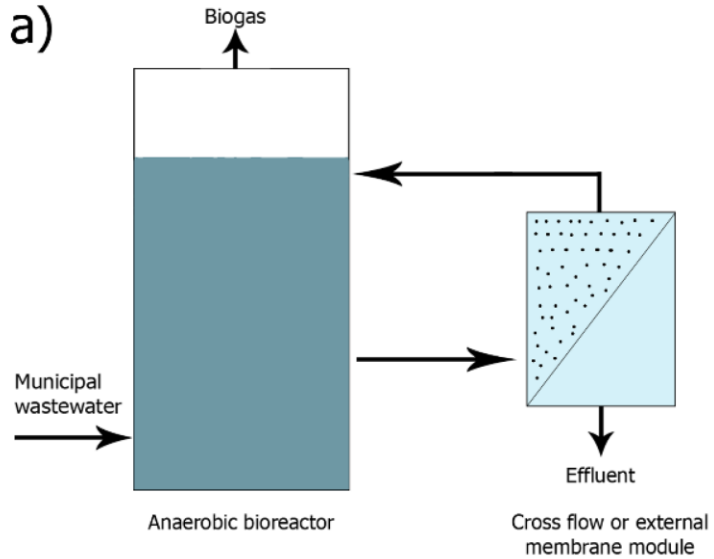




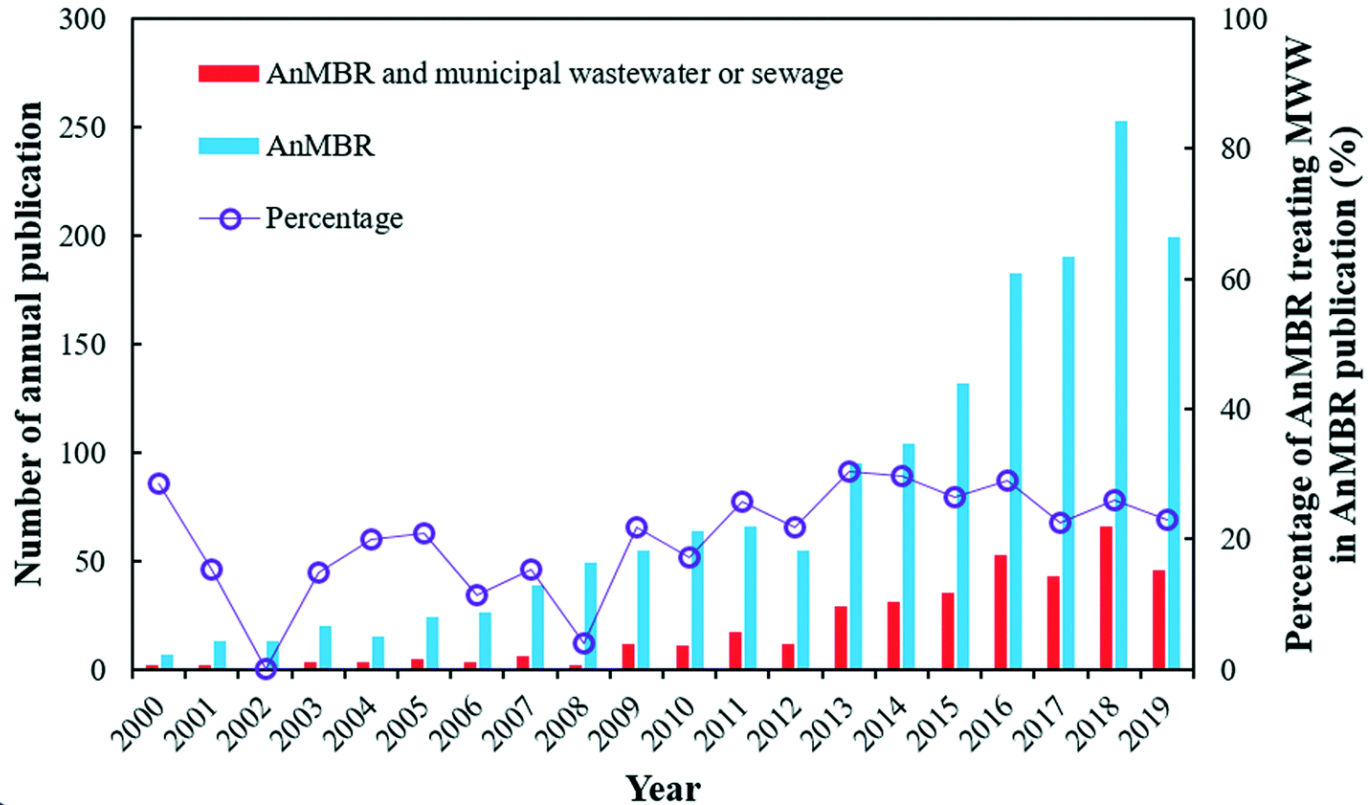
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INTRODUCING ANAEROBIC MEMBRANE BIOREACTORS

Different configurations:



Does AnMBR need “further research”?



Application to municipal wastewater treatment

↑ Energy if up-grading to H₂

Reference	COD (g·m ⁻³)	BOD (g·m ⁻³)	TN (g N·m ⁻³)	TP (g P·m ⁻³)	%CH ₄	%VSS _{sludge}
14	59	14	47.9	6.7	57.2	67.0
121	81	n.a.	44.9	3.9	62.0	59.3
36	70-100	n.a.	38.0-62.1	5.1-10.2	55.0-70.0	66.5-72.4
1	80-116	n.a.	34.2-54.3	6.1-10.3	74.1-77.5	65.8-73.0
38	91	n.a.	47.9	7.7	76.9	70.3
39	58	25	37.0	4.2	68.0	n.a.
37	50	n.a.	34.2	6.5	50.0-70	63.0-75.0
187	39-54	8-16	n.a.	n.a.	70.0-79.6	82.0-84.0

(n.a.: not available)

Fertirrigation or liquid fertilizer production

Biofertilizers

Reduce reagents and management costs



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DOES AnMBR NEED “FURTHER RESEARCH”?

Limitations of AnMBR technology

- Municipal wastewater has low COD
- Remaining COD in the effluent
- Dissolved methane losses in the effluent
- Energy recovered from biomethane
- Chemical reagents need for membrane cleaning
- High mineralization of the effluent
- Ultrafiltration membranes mainly retain bacteria

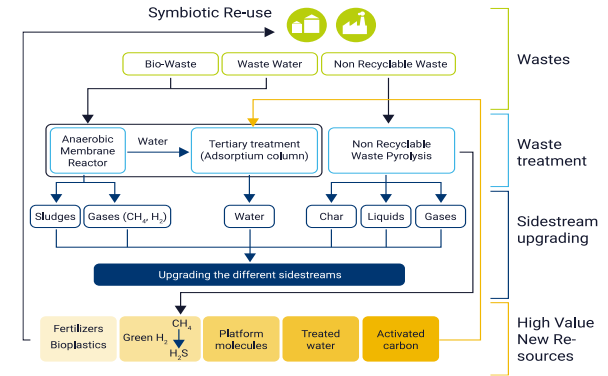
Innovation challenges in SYMSITES project

- ➔ Co-digestion in wastewater stream (I-U symbiosis)
- ➔ Adsorption column with pyrolised wastes
- ➔ Recovery using membrane contactors
- ➔ Up-grading to hydrogen
- ➔ Magnetic membrane vibration system
- ➔ Fertirrigation strategies
- ➔ Assessment of microbial risk associated to effluent reuse (virus, bacteria, other pathogens) and new disinfection materials



4 EcoSites WITH THE SAME GOAL

Innovations are needed to maximize AnMBR benefits



AnMBR + Adsorption Column + Biogas upgrading

SPAIN



Magnetic membrane
Vibration (MMV)



Lignin Nanoparticles

Methane plus nitrogen
recovery as ammonia
sulphate

DENMARK



Coated membranes



Lignin Nanoparticles

AUSTRIA



Carbon Dots



H₂S used for nitrogen
recovery as ammonia
sulphate

GREECE



Direct H₂ production



Carbon Dots

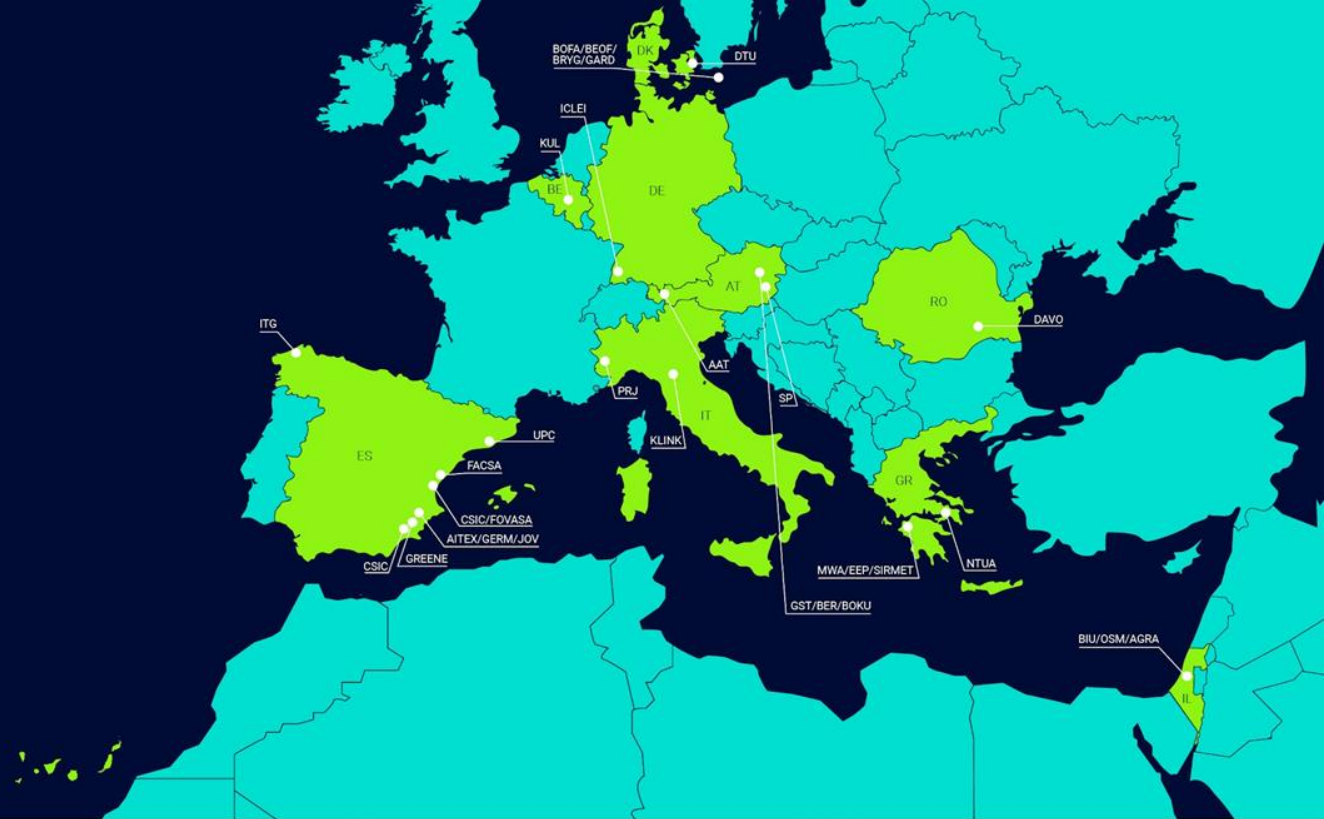
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CONSORTIUM MAP

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WASTE2COAG

Brine and Metal Wastes Valorisation to Produce
Coagulants for Wastewater Treatment

**Brine and metal waste valorization to produce
coagulants for wastewater treatment**

Laura Grima Carmena
June 2024

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Content

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- ▶ **Waste2Coag solution**
- ▶ **Technical overview**
- ▶ **Results and demo plant**



Project partners

LIFE W2C

Start: 01/10/2021

End: 30/09/2025

Total amount: 1,564,295 €



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Context



Problem to solve

Wastes

Brines & Scrap metals

Valorisation

Reagents

Coagulants

Brines

High generation (desalination plants >100M m³/d worldwide)
Discharged without treatment - Environmental impact

Metals

Scarcity of resources
Price

Coagulants

High consumption worldwide (Urban and industrial WWTP)
Outsource - Continuous price increments – expected to increase

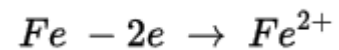


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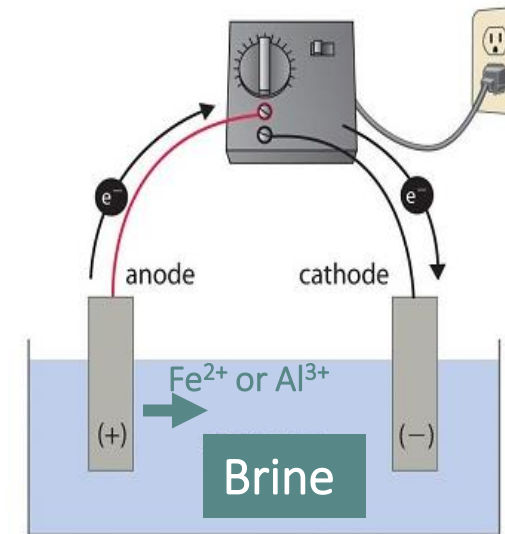
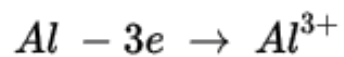
Based on electrolysis

- Apply a continuous electrical current to two metal electrodes immersed in a solution to cause a non-spontaneous chemical change.
- Anode (sacrificial electrode):

Steel: substitute of commercial $\text{FeCl}_3/\text{FeCl}_2$.



Aluminium: substitute of commercial PAC.



Lower electrical consumption

The higher conductivity of brines allows the application of lower voltages

W2C SOLUTION

Multi-sector approach

INPUTS

Scraps metals (Fe and Al)

Brines (Desalination and industrial)

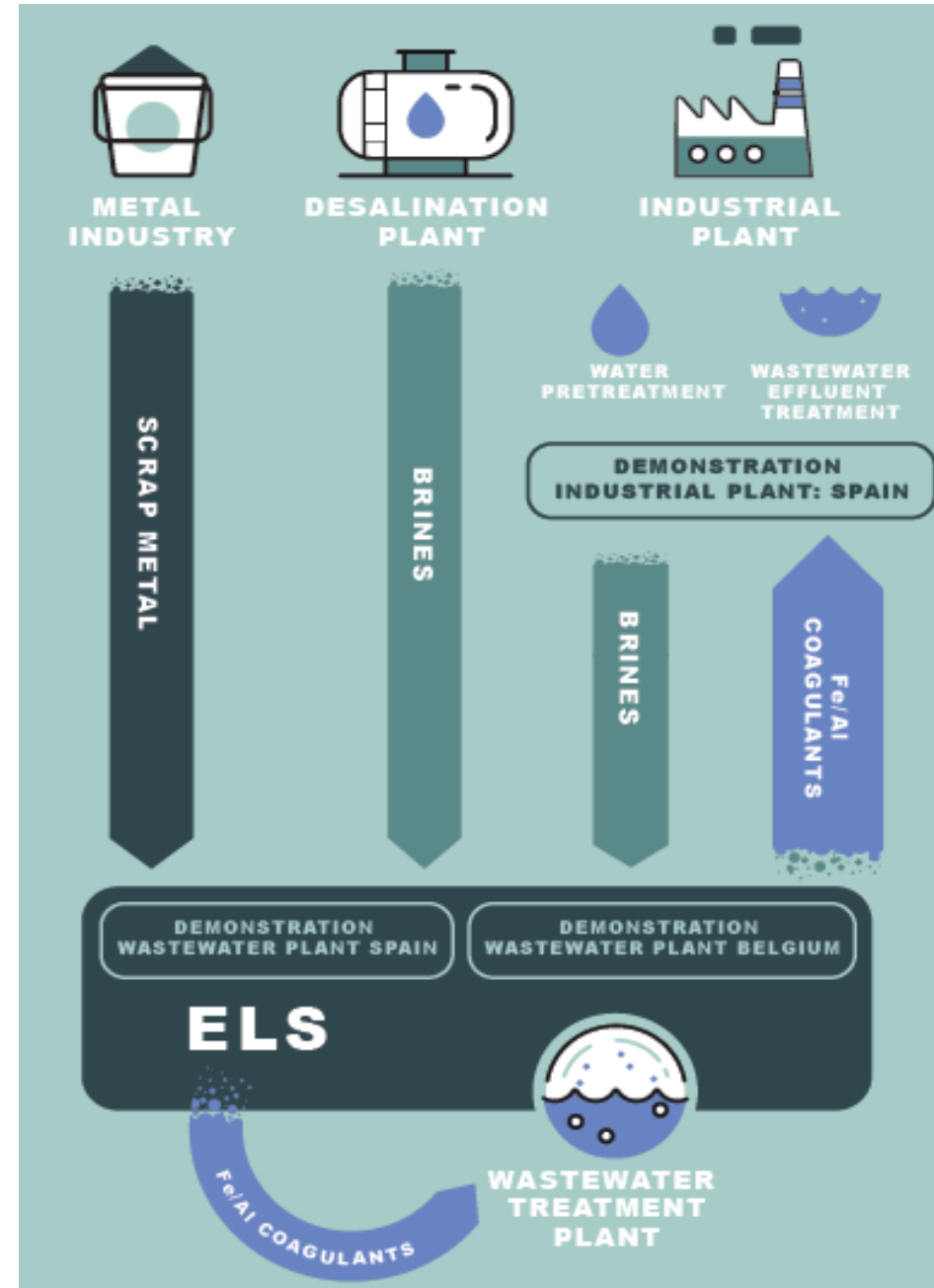
PROCESS

Electrolytic System (ELS)

OUTPUT:

WWTPs Reagents

Valorization of brines and scraps



Technical overview

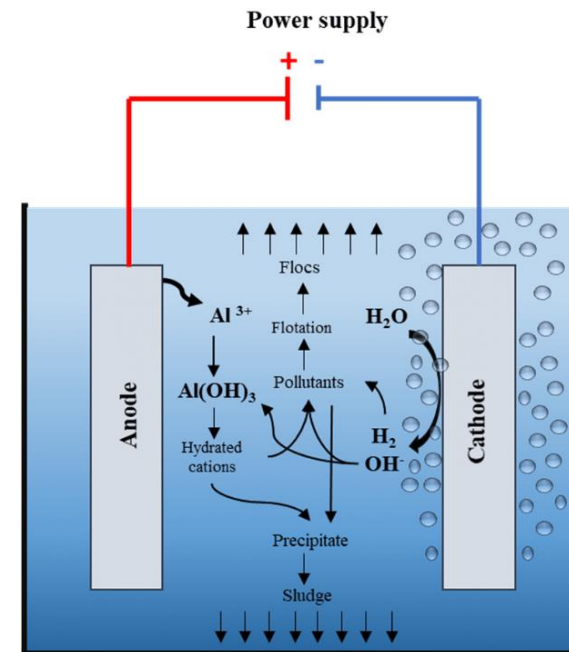
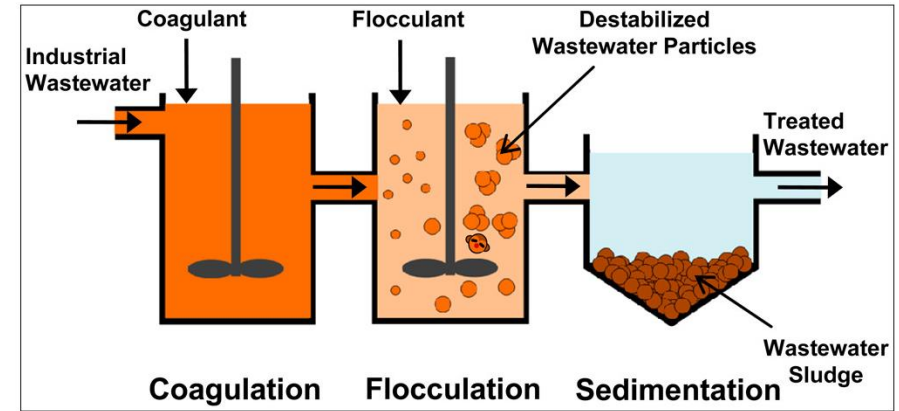
Coagulation for WWT

COAGULATION

Addition of reagents

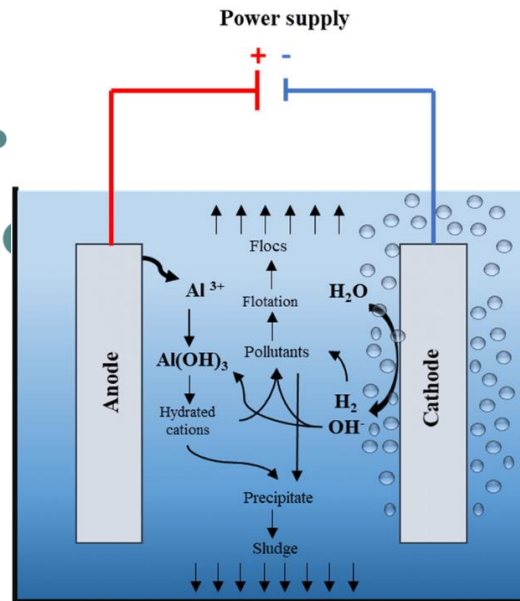
ELECTROCOAGULATION (EC)

Electrochemical coagulation

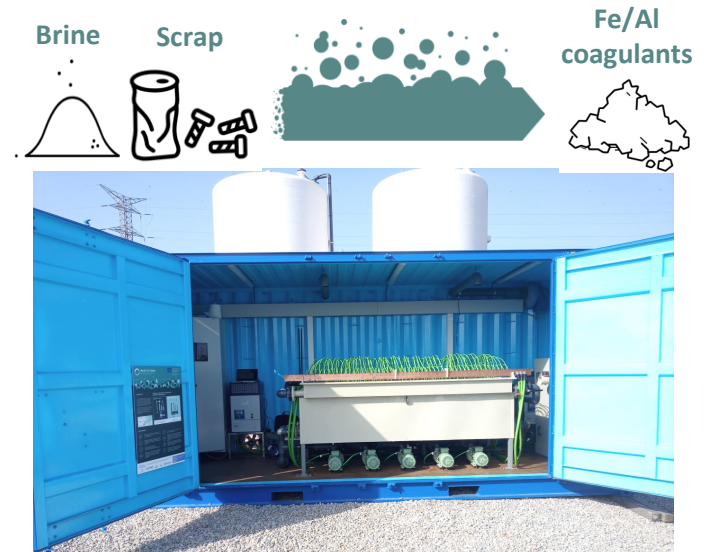


Technical overview

EC vs. ELS



Electrocoagulation (EC)



LIFE W2C Electrolytic System (ELS)

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Objective

WW treatment

Produce coagulants, valorise wastes

Electrodes

Commercial

Metal Scraps (cheaper+environment)

Electrolyte

Waste water

Brines (conductivity+environment)

Versatility

Standard

Wide range qualities received/delivered

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Easy to operate

✓

✓

No reagents (less sludge)

✓

✓

Commercial coagulant

No

✓

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Waste valorisation

No

✓

Low power consumption

No

✓

ELS pilot

Demo plant





ELS pilot

Fe & Al Coagulants

Coagulant production in the ELS system



Conclusions

- ▶ Problem: Brines, metals and coagulants
- ▶ Valorization of wastes into reagents
- ▶ Overview of the Electrolytic System
- ▶ Coagulant production





WASTE2COAG

Brine and Metal Wastes Valorisation to Produce
Coagulants for Wastewater Treatment

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