

# BSR WATER

## Platform on Integrated Water Cooperation

Engaging the water expert community in the exchange of knowledge and innovation

Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission

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BSR WATER

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Baltic Sea Region

  
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# Union of the Baltic Cities

– leading network of cities in the Baltic Sea Region  
working together to foster sustainable, smart and safe cities

## Sustainable Cities Commission

- Urban mobility and urban planning
- Water management (wastewater, stormwater)
- Energy management and energy efficiency
- Local climate work
- Sustainable urban development

**BSR WATER platform**

**IWAMA, iWater**

**PRESTO, PURE**

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Integrated Water  
Cooperation



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31 March 2021

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Partners



19

Associated partners



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Interreg BSR  
Programme  
2014–2020



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EUR 1,133,440.40  
million



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Countries  
from Baltic  
Sea Region



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# BSR WATER project aims

to enhance cross-sectoral cooperation in the water sector by providing a possibility for

- transnational experience exchange,
- sharing of good practices and solutions,
- developing comprehensive overview of the current and future policy contexts.

# Partners

1. Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) Sustainable Cities Commission, FI
2. Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki Commission (HELCOM), FI
3. Technical University Berlin, DE
4. University of Tartu, EE
5. Gdansk University of Technology, PL
6. Environmental School of Finland (SYKLI), FI
7. Riga City Council, LV
8. City of Helsinki, FI
9. State Geological Unitary Company “Mineral”, RU
10. State Autonomous Institution of the Kaliningrad region  
“Environmental Center “ECAT-Kaliningrad”, RU

# Platform projects

1. **IWAMA** — Interactive Water Management
2. **BEST** — **Better Efficiency for Industrial Sewage Treatment**
3. **VillageWaters** — Water emissions and their reduction in village communities  
– villages in Baltic Sea Region as pilots
4. **Manure Standards** — Advanced manure standards for sustainable nutrient management and reduced emissions
5. **iWater** — Integrated Storm Water Management
6. **RBR** — Reviving Baltic Resilience
7. **CliPLivE** — Climate Proof Living Environment



**Developing new ideas  
by sharing experiences**



# BSR WATER activities



**WP2+3**

## **Collecting and synthesizing good practices, solutions and expertise on water management**

to make the results of transnational projects available in the region via an online platform Baltic Smart Water Hub, where different project results are displayed uniformly as developed tools, tested good practices and technical solutions

**WP4**

## **Facilitating regional policy dialog on sustainable water management**

to develop HELCOM recommendations for sustainable utilization of nutrients and other valuable components contained by waste- and stormwaters and sludge

A close-up photograph of a corrugated metal roof with water dripping from the ridges. The background is a soft-focus green landscape with trees. The text is overlaid in the center in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Improving links and  
integration among water  
sector experts in the region**

# Baltic Smart Water Hub

**Online portal  
enabling exchange of  
practical experience and  
promotion of local  
achievements in the region**

Fresh  
water



Storm  
water



BALTIC  
SMART  
WATER HUB

Sea  
water



Waste  
water



# Showcasing good practices, technical solutions and tools in four water areas

**Technical solution** 


FRESH WATER

**3D mapping of groundwater resources in Gotland, Sweden**

**Good Practice** 

SEA WATER

**Applying gypsum on agricultural fields to reduce phosphorus discharge to the Archipelago Sea, Finland**

**Technical solution** 

WASTE WATER

**Phosphorus reduction by chemical precipitation and tertiary filtration in sand filters at Växjö WWTP, Sweden**

**Good Practice** 

WASTE WATER

**Centralized wastewater treatment at Helsinki WWTP, Finland**

**Tool** 

STORM WATER

**Green Area Factor, GAF**

**Good Practice** 

WASTE WATER

**Reducing P-discharge from Riga WWTP, Latvia**

**Informing about the  
existing funding instruments,  
regional policy framework  
and potential  
networking associates**



**We welcome you to  
submit cases to the Hub  
and promote your  
expertise in the region!**

**[www.balticwaterhub.net](http://www.balticwaterhub.net)**

# For you as a case provider:

- Engagement into the international expert network
- Wider outreach and promotion of your organizations' qualifications and excellence
- Selected cases are presented at international events and webinars
- All cases are disseminated online in the region



Support your customers! Upst  
Grevesmühlen, Germany

Energetic autarky with  
Wiedenbrück WWTP

**Solution to which problem:**  
Indirect discharges from industries often pose a risk of disapproach to reduce the negative impacts is to define criteria. In Germany, these criteria often refer to DWA guideline M 115. Conflicts are often referred to happen if discharges do not meet the necessary. Conflicts are often referred to happen if discharges do not meet the necessary.

**Technical condition:**  
The wastewater treatment plant in Grevesmühlen serves 65,000 PE. The WWTP serves as a central sludge treatment facility for surrounding municipalities. After years of renovation a thermal disinfection unit and a side stream deammonification unit were installed to reduce maintenance intervals of e.g. plate aerator.

**Summary:**  
The Zweckverband decided to approach indirect dischargers if the concentration limits are exceeded and balanced. The discharges refer to toxic or non-degradable substances.

On the other hand, the Zweckverband offers to manage the wastewater at the manufacturing location or centralised at the WWTP. It is beneficial for the clean manufacturing area and do not need to change for the location. The Zweckverband is profiting from the qualified workers, who have regular bases to collect 24h mixed samples.

Regarding wastewater from a dairy it was decided to stop the operation of a flotation unit at the WWTP. The new unit will allow the operation of a C-source is needed for denitrification of wastewater, which in terms is beneficial for the treatment process. Sludge by trucks from the dairy to the WWTP.

**Result:**  
In the win-win situation both indirect discharger and operator are profiting. The treatment including optional maintenance as a service is making a number of unpleasant surprises due to unexpected discharge. The WWTP in a smart way since the reliability of predictions of the

During the waste water treatment process nutrients are valuable components. The results in a stabilization of the sludge. The biogas can be used for the production of electrical energy required for the sludge reactor, in which the sludge is heated. The energy costs are one of the main cost factors. One approved solution is to add further organic residues to the digesters are residues from slaughterhouse organic fraction of the municipal wastewater.

This addition of organic residues to a reactor have from case to case to be pre-treated in the digesters. Also it has to be checked to happen (like through the polyphenolic substances).

**Components installed in the solution:**  
The main components on the wastewater treatment project on co-fermentation and energetic autarky are the following:

• Pre-treatment plant for the slaughterhouse waste water treatment (sieve 1 mm, chemical-physical and biological pre-treatment);  
• Digester 6,500 m<sup>3</sup> volume;  
• Agitator / stirrer;  
• Heating system;  
• Gas flare;  
• Gas drying;  
• Activated carbon unit;  
• CHP (2 x 1.4 MW) including station building;

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• CHP station building: 1.4 M €;  
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• PANDA System: 1.42 M €.

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**Good practice  
WASTE WATER  
Example of operation and  
cooperation with industrial  
stakeholders at MWWTP  
Vitebsk Vodokanal**

- Gas drying;
- Activated carbon unit;
- CHP (2 x 1.4 MW) including station building;
- Gas storage (2,000 m<sup>3</sup>);
- Post sludge thickener;
- Sludge liquor treatment plant (PANDA System).

**Solution provider:**  
aqua & waste International GmbH  
aqua consult Ingenieur GmbH

**Example of functioning on site:**  
In Wiedenbrück the sewage of a slaughterhouse (approx. 650,000 PE) is pretreated on the site of the slaughterhouse and then commonly treated together with municipal wastewater (76,000 PE). The slaughterhouse wastewater is transported pneumatically via a 2.3 km long pressure pipe to the site of the municipal treatment plant next to the municipal treatment facility. The compressed air cushions are expanded by means of a co-substrate and anaerobically treated together with the primary and excess sludge of the slaughterhouse and the excess sludge from the biological slaughterhouse treatment. The location of the plant in the close vicinity of the municipal treatment plant offers considerable advantages due to short transport paths for the flotated sludge to the digester.

The biological main stage has a capacity of approx. 100,000 PE and treats the municipal wastewater (treated biologically after the flotation) by means of biological phosphate precipitation and denitrification. The biogas produced is used for the power generation by CHP units (capacity approx. 4 MW el) in order to cover the electricity demand of the sewage treatment plant (approx. 1.5 MW el). The excess energy is fed into the power grid.

During the anaerobic digestion of the flotated sludge considerable amounts of nitrogen get transferred to the liquid phase. To reduce the energy demand for the N elimination in the sludge water and the required external energy the nitrogen elimination can alternatively be conducted via nitrite instead of nitrate. For this purpose the PANDA system was implemented.

The total investment for the project is approx. 11 million of which:

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# Thank you!

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