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## Executive Summary

The European industry is the [largest water consuming sector after agriculture](#), with a significantly larger water footprint than residential/urban areas. They also face a fierce competition worldwide, with limited domestic resources. Moving to a circular economy (CE) paradigm that valorises a wide range of water-embedded resources: water, energy, nutrients and high added-value compounds, will future-proof European industries, climate-proof European society and safeguard the environment. Water Smart Industrial Symbiosis (WSIS) as a particular form of CE applicable to industrial contexts promises a new potential by systematically looking to reuse wastes between industries as raw materials. WSIS promises benefits from lower costs as well as new types of revenues, exploiting 'waste' management not only as a legal obligation but as a new business opportunity.

WSIS is a novel approach with as of yet limited applications. In ULTIMATE, WSIS between the industrial sector and service providers of the water sector are demonstrated at significant scales thus creating an evidence-based approach for successful WSIS implementation anchored on real-world cases.

Therefore, at nine case studies distributed across Europe and Israel, the ULTIMATE consortium has established so called WSISs. They develop and demonstrate 21 pilot plants, which recover water, materials and/or energy.

Deliverable D1.2 is a demonstrator type deliverable and shall show, that the ULTIMATE pilot plants are operational. Therefore, presentations showing the operational pilot plants will be accessible on the ULTIMATE webpage at the case study section (<https://ultimatewater.eu/demonstration-cases/>). This document accompanies the presentations which are meant to be the main evidence for D1.2 and shows the progress until M24.

Prior to the pilot plant implementation, eight WSISs conduct laboratory experiments. In total, 15 different laboratory experiments and/or investigations of already existing facilities are accomplished to better understand the circumstances of the real environment and to learn more about the type of technology before it is up-scaled from laboratory to pilot scale. Seven of the 15 investigations are already completed and seven are close to be completed (75-90%).

Until M24, five pilot plants or (parts of) treatment trains were operational. Three of them are related to water recovery at the case studies in Nafplio (CS4), Lleida (CS5) and Kalundborg (CS9). One of them is related to material recovery in Lleida (CS5) and the last one is related to energy recovery in Karmiel (CS6).

Until M27, ten additional plants are expected to be operational. Most of them are quite close to be constructed with a progress between 70% and 100% such as the material recovery unit in Rosignano (CS3), final parts of the water recovery treatment train in





Lleida (CS5), two energy recovery units in Lleida (CS5) and one energy recovery unit in Shafdan (CS6). Even though the progress is only at 25% in Tarragona (CS1), the case study leader expects the two pilot plants for water recovery to be operational until M27 as for the pilot plants in Tain (CS7) dealing with water, nutrient and energy recovery and reuse.

Until M30, the last six pilot plants shall be operational according to the case study leaders. One of the six pilot plants recovers water, one recovers energy and the other four recovery different materials. Especially for those six pilot plants, the contingency plan is to extend and intensify the laboratory and preparatory experiments to gain more important data and experience in depth that suggest to accelerate and to shorten the start-up and optimisation phase of the pilot plants. Even though all case study leaders still expect to complete their pilot test within the project life time of 48 months, time is becoming a critical factor as sufficient time is required to gain experience from the pilots and translate this into best practices for WSIS implementation.

Until all pilot plants will be operational, a very close monitoring of the case studies will be done by the WP1 management team with the case study leaders and the risk officer via regularly meetings. In addition, the presentations referring to D1.2 will be updated every three months until every pilot plant will be operational.

D1.2 is the basis for the demonstration of the ULTIMATE solutions and for the generation of valuable data. Those data will be needed for the technology evidence base (D1.7), for the best practice guidelines (D1.3, D1.4, and D1.5) and also for the assessments of our circular economy solutions (D2.3 and D2.5). Those results will contribute to find suitable strategies for the replication of our concepts and thus, be the basis for the overall exploitation strategy (D5.9).

Hence, the EU-added value of this deliverable is its contribution to crucial deliverables that will foster and boost circular economy solutions in the European industry and the water sector. The collection and open access presentation of the technologies in the technology evidence base (D1.7) will support decision makers and investors to gain a fast overview of the opportunities and proven concepts of circular economy. Together with the Marketplace (D5.5), the technology evidence base can significantly contribute to the transition from a linear to a circular economy in Europe.

ULTIMATE promotes circular economy solutions that are in line with the ambitions of the European Green Deal (European Commission 2019) its Action Plan for Circular Economy (European Commission 2020) to reduce strongly our greenhouse gas emissions, to provide clean water, to maintain healthy soil, make industry resilient and produce cleaner energy. This deliverable (D1.2) presents technologies that can be applied in the frame of the Regulation (EU) 2020/741 on minimum requirements for water reuse, the Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products and the Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.





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## Abbreviations

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| AAT     | Advanced anaerobic treatment (immobilised high-rate anaerobic reactor) |
| AnMBR   | Anaerobic membrane bioreactor  |
| AnBTMBR | Anaerobic biofilm treatment membrane bioreactor                        |
| AOP     | Advanced oxidation process   |
| ATES    | Aquifer thermal energy storage   |
| BES     | Bioelectrochemical systems   |
| CE      | Circular economy   |
| COD     | Chemical oxygen demand   |
| CS      | Case study   |
| CTG     | Cross-cutting technology group   |
| ELSAR   | Electrostimulated anaerobic reactor                                    |
| GAC     | Granulated activated carbon  |
| HTC     | Hydrothermal carbonisation   |
| MBR     | Membrane bioreactor  |
| nZLD    | Near zero liquid discharge   |
| PE      | Population equivalent  |
| RO      | Reverse osmosis  |
| SBP     | Small bioreactor platform  |
| SCWE    | Supercritical water extraction   |
| SME     | Small and medium enterprises   |
| TEB     | Technology evidence base   |
| UF      | Ultrafiltration  |
| WSIS    | Water smart industrial symbiosis                                       |
| WWTP    | Wastewater treatment plant   |

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# 1. Introduction

In ULTIMATE, water smart industrial symbioses (WSIS) between the industrial sector and service providers of the water sector are established to implement and operate innovative circular economy solutions. The WSIS are considered to be the basis for a successful implementation of those technologies, because one partner produces the resource for the circular economy solution and the other partner has the demand for the recovered product. Thus, they cooperate for their mutual benefits. At nine case studies distributed across Europe and Israel, the ULTIMATE consortium develops and demonstrates 21 pilot plants, which recover water, materials and/or energy (Table 1).

Hereby, eight, six and seven pilot plants refer to water recovery, energy recovery and material recovery and reuse, respectively. The grey coloured technologies refer either to only concept studies or to early warning systems, data-driven matchmaking platforms and/or control systems. Those systems need more time than only 24 months to be investigated and developed. Therefore, they have been excluded from D1.2 that was already indicated in the grant agreement. Their results will be part of the deliverables D1.3, D1.4 and D1.5 *New approaches and best practices for closing the water, material and energy cycles*.

Deliverable D1.2 is a demonstrator type deliverable and is supposed to show, that the ULTIMATE pilot plants are operational. To document that this status has been achieved, for every case study a presentation containing pictures and/or videos of the operational pilot plant will be accessible on the ULTIMATE webpage in the case study section (<https://ultimatewater.eu/demonstration-cases/>). However, some pilot plants have delays and are not operational yet. For those, the presentations will be updated every three months until all pilot plants are operational. This document accompanies these presentations that are the main evidence for D1.2 and shows the progress until M24.

The baseline conditions of each case study were described in detail in D1.1 (Kleyböcker et al. 2021a) showing the opportunities and the demands for the implementation of the circular economy ULTIMATE concepts. In D1.8 (Kleyböcker et al. 2022), the concepts are explained in detail and discussed in the context of similar research projects and concepts. Hence, D1.2 is the next step towards the overall goal of ULTIMATE to show the successful implementation of the concepts and to derive best practise guidelines for closing the water, material and energy cycles at the case studies within the symbioses clusters. Those results will be presented in detail in D1.6 & D1.7 *Technology Evidence Base* (D1.6, Kleyböcker et al. 2021b) as well as in the deliverables D1.3, D1.4 and D1.5 *New approaches and best practices for closing the water, material and energy cycles*.





Table 1 Overview about the ULTIMATE solutions: relevant for D1.2 are the blue (water recovery and reuse), green (material recovery and reuse) and yellow (energy recovery and reuse) coloured technologies

| CS Name  | Water Smart Industrial Symbiosis                          |                                |                        |                | Explanation of colour code/scale indication  |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | Industrial Sectors  | Service Providers              | Multi-industry utility | Specialist SME |  |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | AgroFood<br>Beverage<br>Chemical/Petrochemical<br>BioTech | Municipal utility              | Multi-industry utility | Specialist SME | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE</td> <td>NUTRIENT &amp; MATERIAL RECOVERY &amp; REUSE</td> <td>ENERGY &amp; HEAT RECOVERY &amp; REUSE</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">NO PILOT PLANT --&gt; NOT PART OF D1.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">COMBINATION OF THE CS4 PILOT PLANTS FOR WATER &amp; MATERIAL</td> </tr> </table>  | WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE | NUTRIENT & MATERIAL RECOVERY & REUSE | ENERGY & HEAT RECOVERY & REUSE | NO PILOT PLANT --> NOT PART OF D1.2 |  |  | COMBINATION OF THE CS4 PILOT PLANTS FOR WATER & MATERIAL |  |  |
| WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE                                      | NUTRIENT & MATERIAL RECOVERY & REUSE                      | ENERGY & HEAT RECOVERY & REUSE |                        |                |  |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| NO PILOT PLANT --> NOT PART OF D1.2                              |   |                                |                        |                |  |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| COMBINATION OF THE CS4 PILOT PLANTS FOR WATER & MATERIAL         |   |                                |                        |                |  |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Technologies applied &amp; Circular Economy contributions</b> |   |                                |                        |                |  |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Tarragona (ES)  |                                |                        |                | <p>Zeolite adsorption for ammonia removal from urban reclaimed water, reducing energy consumption of urban WWRP<br/>TRL 5 → 6</p> <p>nZLD systems (membranes) for industrial water reuse<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Concept study for integration of urban and reclaimed water production for industrial water use<br/>TRL 4 → 6</p>   |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | Nieuw Prinsenland (NL)                                    |                                |                        |                | <p>Water treatment solution for recycling of drainwater from greenhouses allowing safe reuse in horticulture<br/>TRL 4 → 6</p> <p>Closed loop greenhouses with water and nutrient recycling<br/>TRL 4 → 6</p> <p>HT-ATES for use in greenhouse horticulture to balance out energy supply and demand using industrial residual heat<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p>   |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | Rosignano (IT)  |                                |                        |                | <p>Real-time data driven process control for salinity management to improve reclamation yield from municipal WWTP<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Data-driven matchmaking platform for water reuse of water from various sources<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Use of industrial byproducts as wastewater treatment process chemicals in ARETUSA reclamation plant<br/>TRL 4 → 7</p>   |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | Nafplio (EL)  |                                |                        |                | <p>Water reuse in industry after filtration, adsorption, super critical water extraction &amp; AOP<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Mobile wastewater treatment unit for use in seasonal food processing industry combining both water recovery and material recovery units<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Extraction of value added compounds from fruit processing wastewater by filtration, adsorption and supercritical fluid extraction<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> |                             |                                      |                                |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |





| CS Name  | Water Smart Industrial Symbiosis                          |  |                   |                        | Explanation of colour codescale indication  |
|--|---|--|-------------------|------------------------|---|
|  | Industrial Sectors  | Service Providers                          | Municipal utility | Multi-industry utility |   |
| 5  | AgroFood<br>Beverage<br>Chemical/Petrochemical<br>BioTech | Specialist SME<br>Providing water services |                   |                        | <p>WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE</p> <p>NO PILOT PLANT --&gt; NOT PART OF D1.2</p> <p><b>NUTRIENT &amp; MATERIAL RECOVERY &amp; REUSE</b></p> <p>COMBINATION OF THE CS4 PILOT PLANTS FOR WATER &amp; MATERIAL</p> <p><b>ENERGY &amp; HEAT RECOVERY &amp; REUSE</b></p>  |
| <b>Technologies applied &amp; Circular Economy contributions</b> |   |  |                   |                        |   |
| 6  |   |  |                   |                        | <p>Water reuse after treatment with AnMBR and ELSAR with fit-for-purpose post-treatment:<br/>NF &amp; RO: TRL 7 → 9;<br/>AOP &amp; UV: TRL 7 → 9;<br/><i>Online Monitoring: TRL 5 → 7</i></p> <p>Water reuse after treatment with AnMBR and ELSAR with fit-for-purpose post-treatment:<br/>NF &amp; RO: TRL 7 → 9;<br/>AOP &amp; UV: TRL 7 → 9;<br/><i>Online Monitoring: TRL 5 → 7</i></p> <p>Concept study for nutrient recovery via digestate application in agriculture<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Solar-driven hydrothermal carbonisation plant for biochar production<br/>TRL 5 → 6</p> <p>Increased yield in biogas production in anaerobic membrane bioreactors<br/>AnMBR: TRL 7 → 9<br/>ELSAR: TRL 5 → 7<br/>and biogas valorisation:<br/>SOFCC: TRL 7 → 9</p> |
| 7  |   |  |                   |                        | <p>Shafdan: Combined immobilised high rate anaerobic filter (AAT) with membrane filtration and activated carbon (AC) for increased biogas production<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>RO treatment of AnMBR effluent for water reuse in cleaning processes at the distillery<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Ammonia recovery from distillery wastewater<br/>TRL 5 → 7<br/>Struvite recovery<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Heat recovery from AnMBR effluent<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Extraction of value added products from olive mill wastewater by adsorption &amp; supercritical fluid extraction<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Karmiel: AAT for biogas production from poorly degradable organic matter<br/>TRL 5 → 8</p>  |
| 8  |   |  |                   |                        | <p>Flue gas scrubbing &amp; dust removal for sulphur recovery as sodium bisulphite<br/>TRL 4 → 6</p> <p>Concept study for a method to recover metals (e.g. Fe, Cu, Zn, Ni, Cr) from flue gas cleaning water<br/>TRL 4 → 6</p> <p>Concept study to recover heat from the flue gas washing water for steam or electricity production<br/>TRL 2 → 4</p>  |
| 9  |   |  |                   |                        | <p>Combination of novel ultrafiltration membranes as pre-treatment for wastewater with high-nondegradable organic matter<br/>TRL 5 → 7</p> <p>Concept study for nutrient and/or high-value product recovery (<i>Integration of solutions of other sites with TRL &gt; 6</i>)</p> <p>Data driven control system to increase energy efficiency through a synergetic operation of an industrial and municipal WWTP<br/>TRL 5 → 8</p>   |





The results will also be used for the different assessments and analyses in WP2, they will be used as a basis for potential replication ambitions (WP5), for the identification of policy gaps for the implementation of such technologies (WP4) and the marketability of their products (WP5).

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## 2. Operational demo cases

In ULTIMATE, 21 pilot plants are developed and will be demonstrated at nine case studies to showcase innovative circular economy solutions (Table 2). Furthermore, CS1 - CS8 conduct laboratory experiments, before they implement their pilot plants. In total, 15 different laboratory experiments and/or investigations of already existing facilities are accomplished to better understand the circumstances of the real environment and to learn more about the type of technology before it is up-scaled from laboratory to pilot scale.

Table 2 Overview about the resources and pilot plants referring to each case study

| Case study                                 | Resources   | Treatment trains  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>CS1</b><br>Tarragona<br>(ES)            | Municipal wastewater and industrial wastewater from the petrochemical complex             | <b>Water recovery:</b> reverse osmosis and membrane distillation<br><b>Water recovery:</b> ammonia removal via zeolites   |
| <b>CS2</b><br>Nieuw<br>Prinsenland<br>(NL) | Drain water from greenhouses; residual and geothermal heat                                | <b>Water recovery:</b> reclamation of greenhouse drain water using electrodialysis<br><b>Material recovery:</b> recovery of nutrients including test beddings and demo greenhouse   |
| <b>CS3</b><br>Rosignano<br>(IT)            | Byproducts from industry for reuse in water treatment                                     | <b>Material recovery and reuse:</b> pilot scale adsorption system & use of byproducts   |
| <b>CS4</b><br>Nafplio<br>(EL)              | Wastewater from fruit processing industry   | <b>Water recovery:</b> filtration, advanced oxidation and small bioreactor platform<br><b>Material recovery:</b> plant to recover antioxidants  |
| <b>CS5</b><br>Lleida<br>(ES)               | Wastewater from brewery & municipal wastewater  | <b>Water recovery:</b> nanofiltration & reverse osmosis as part of the post-treatment<br><b>Material recovery:</b> solar-driven hydrothermal carbonisation demo plant<br><b>Water recovery:</b> Advanced oxidation & UV light treatment<br><b>Energy recovery:</b> Anaerobic membrane bioreactor<br><b>Energy recovery:</b> Solid oxide fuel cell<br><b>Energy recovery:</b> Full-scale electrostimulated anaerobic reactor (ELSAR) |
| <b>CS6</b><br>Karmiel/<br>Shafdan<br>(IL)  | Wastewater from olive oil production, slaughterhouses and wineries & municipal wastewater | <b>Energy recovery:</b> Biogas production from olive mill wastewater: high rate anaerobic reactor<br><b>Energy recovery:</b> High rate anaerobic reactor with membrane filtration incl. PAC<br><b>Material recovery:</b> plant to recover polyphenols   |





| Case study  | Resources  | Treatment trains   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>CS7</b><br>Tain<br>(UK)                            | Wastewater from whiskey distillery                                 | <b>Water recovery:</b> reverse osmosis to treat AnMBR effluent<br><b>Energy recovery:</b> heat recovery unit<br><b>Material recovery:</b> struvite and ammonia sulphate recovery units |
| <b>CS8</b><br>Chem.<br>Platform<br>Roussillon<br>(FR) | Wastewater from chemical industry                                  | <b>Material recovery:</b> sulphur recovery unit  |
| <b>CS9</b><br>Kalundborg<br>(DK)                      | Wastewater from pharma & biotech industry and municipal wastewater | <b>Water recovery:</b> Treatment train for water recovery involving a novel ultrafiltration membrane   |

In the following chapters, the progress per case study referring to the relevant subtasks for D1.2 are shown in detail.





## 2.1. CS1: Tarragona

| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |                                       |  |                         |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train         | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 1                                   | 1.2.1   | RO + MD; ammonia removal via zeolites | 100%                                     | 25%                     |                         | 25                             |

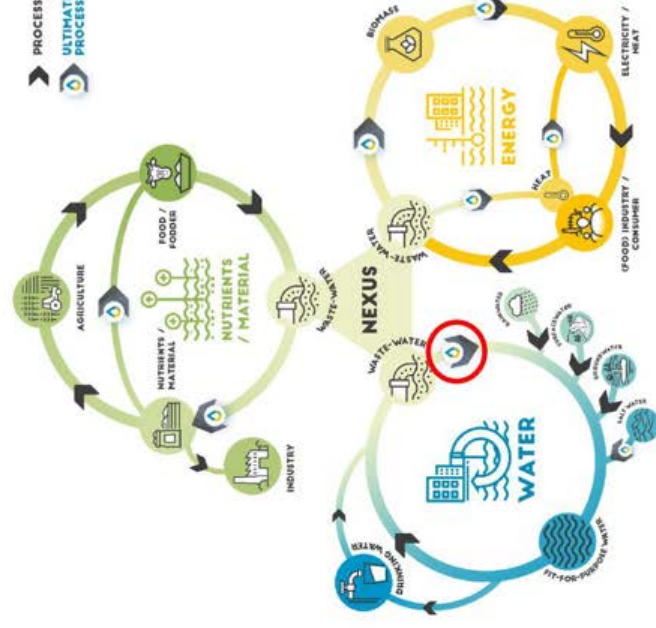


# CS1: Tarragona

Lead partner:



Other partners:



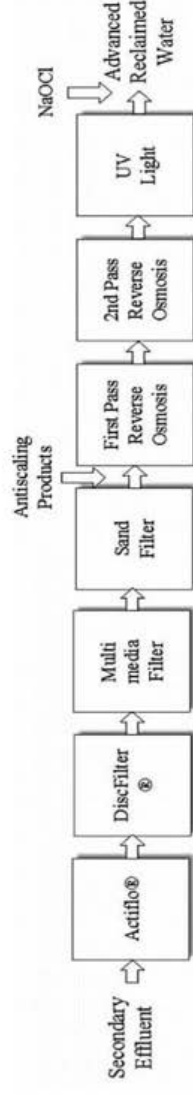
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## CS1: Situation before Ultimate

- ✓ The Tarragona and Vilaseca-Salou wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) were interconnected by a 4-km pipeline to ensure that the AWRP can be supplied with enough secondary effluent from either or both WWTPs. Secondary effluent undergoes a basic **water reclamation process at the WRP** (1021 m<sup>3</sup>/h average inlet flow rate), consisting of a ballasted clarification step (Actiflo® unit), followed by disc filtration (DiscFilter® unit), multimedia filtration and sand filtration. The effluent undergoes an advanced reclamation process including a two-pass reverse osmosis (RO) treatment processes and disinfection, using ultra-violet light and chlorine, before it enters the reclaimed water distribution system. Furthermore, chemical reagents such as coagulant, flocculent and antiscaling are added to enhance the plant performance.



- ✓ On the other hand, in order to meet future water requirements (BREF limits), an **industrial wastewater treatment plant (iWWTP)** has been commissioned in April 2022 to polish the aggregated wastewater from the petrochemical complex and to produce reclaimed water for the complex (1348 m<sup>3</sup>/h average water flow rate). The technology train to be implemented in these new facilities will be:
  - Dissolved air flotation (DAF)
  - Biological membranes (MBR)
  - Granular activated carbon (GAC)

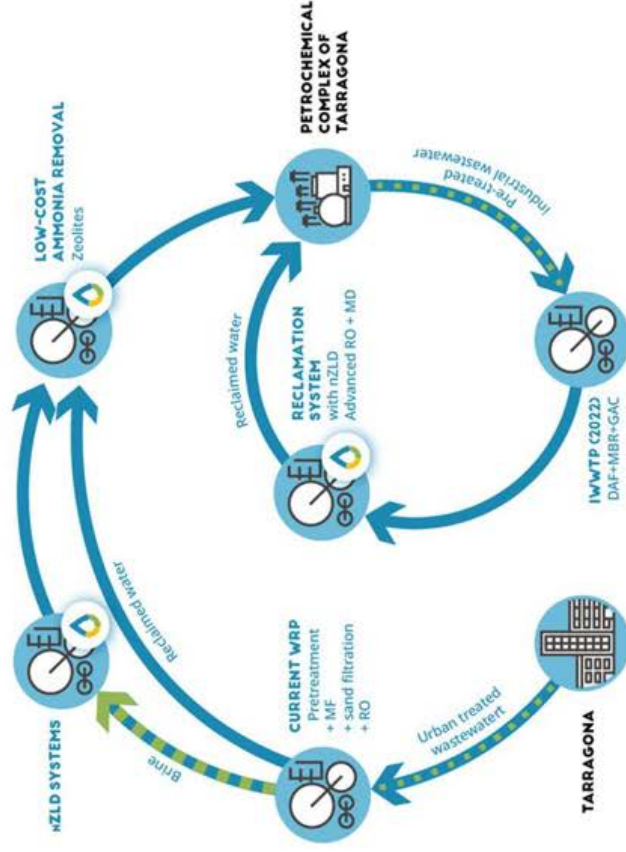


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# CS1: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions



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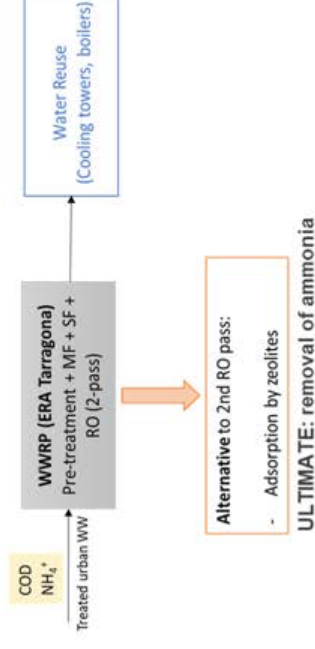


## CS1: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions

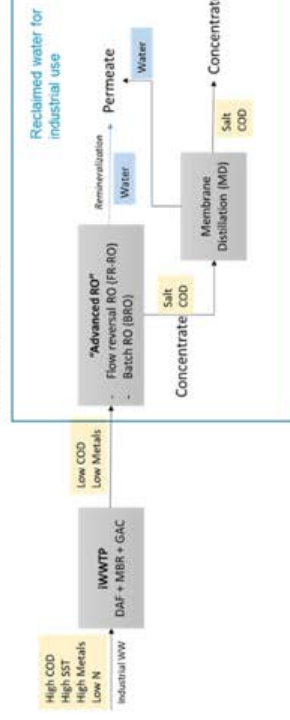
### OBJECTIVE:

Increase reclaimed water availability for the complex by 20%:

- **Current WWRP:**
  - Increase water recovery of the current WWRP with nZLD technologies
  - Remove the ammonium with low-cost technology (zeolite adsorption)
- **Future iWWTP:**
  - Defining a novel tertiary treatment with nZLD technologies (reverse osmosis and membrane distillation) to obtain reclaimed water



ULTIMATE: Proposed WWRP scheme to maximize water recovery (near ZLD)



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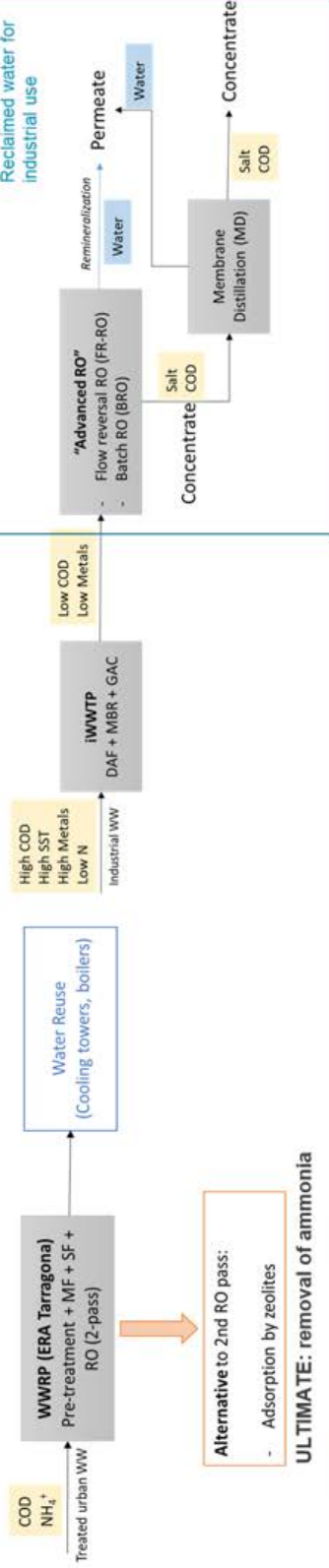


# CS1: Status/progress

**Subtask: 1.2.1 Increasing reclaimed water availability of the petrochemical complex of Tarragona (ES)**  
**Baseline technology: WWRP (pre-treatment+MF+SF+2-pass RO), iWWTP in operation in April 2022.**

**ULTIMATE: Proposed WWRP scheme to maximize water recovery (near ZLD)**

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:**



**TRL: 5→7 (membranes), 5→6 (adsorption on zeolites)**

**Capacity: 12 m<sup>3</sup>/d**

**Quantifiable target: <20% reduction of fresh water through reuse of treated wastewater; 10 % reduction of energy demand**

**Status/progress:**

- Bench scale experiments finished (UF, RO, MD and adsorption on zeolites)
- Pilot plant ordered (two different suppliers)
- Adsorption process designed by Eurecat/AITASA



# CS1: Pictures/videos of the new technologies

## Subtask: 1.2.1 Increasing reclaimed water availability of the petrochemical complex of Tarragona (ES)

Optimal operation conditions obtained experimentally at bench scale → Pilot plant design



UF bench scale experimental set-up



RO bench scale experimental set-up



MD bench scale experimental set-up



Zeolite adsorption bench scale experimental set-up



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# CS1: Operational procedures and methodologies

**Subtask: 1.2.1 Increasing reclaimed water availability of the petrochemical complex of Tarragona (ES)**

- Work at bench scale is finished.
- Pilot plant:
  - UF+ batch RO pilot plant ordered to supplier 1
  - MD pilot plant ordered to supplier 2
  - Adsorption pilot plant designed by Eurecat/AITASA
  - AITASA is preparing the pilot plant location (pilot plant will be inside a 40 ft maritim container)

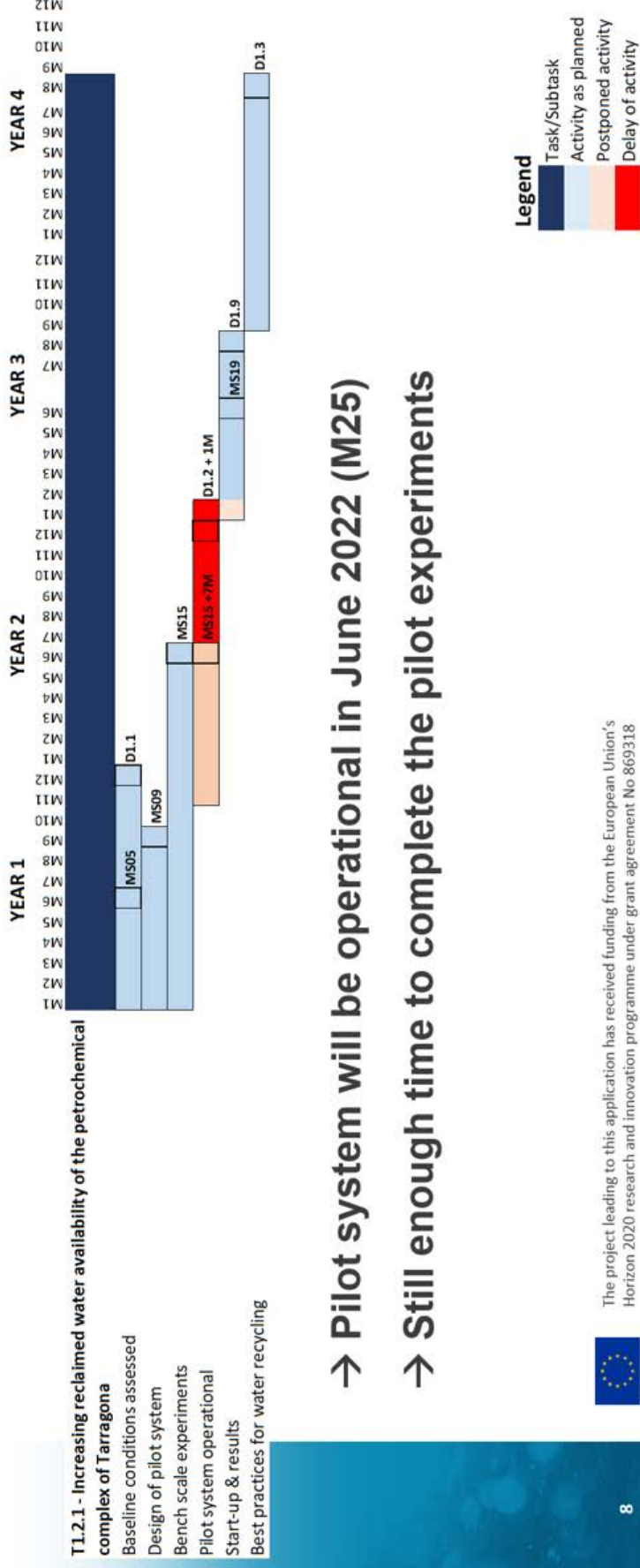


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# CS1: Task 1.2.1 – Timeline

Subtask: 1.2.1 Increasing reclaimed water availability of the petrochemical complex of Tarragona (ES)



- Pilot system will be operational in June 2022 (M25)
- Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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## 2.2. CS2: Nieuw Prinsenland

| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |   |  |                                       |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train                               | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed               | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 2                                   | 1.2.2   | Reclamation of greenhouse drain water using electrodiolysis | 75%                                      | 25%                                   |                         | 28                             |
|                                     | 1.3.1   | HT-ATES   |  | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2 |                         |                                |
|                                     | 1.4.1   | Recovery of nutrients: test beddings & demo greenhouse      | 75%                                      | 25%                                   |                         | 28                             |



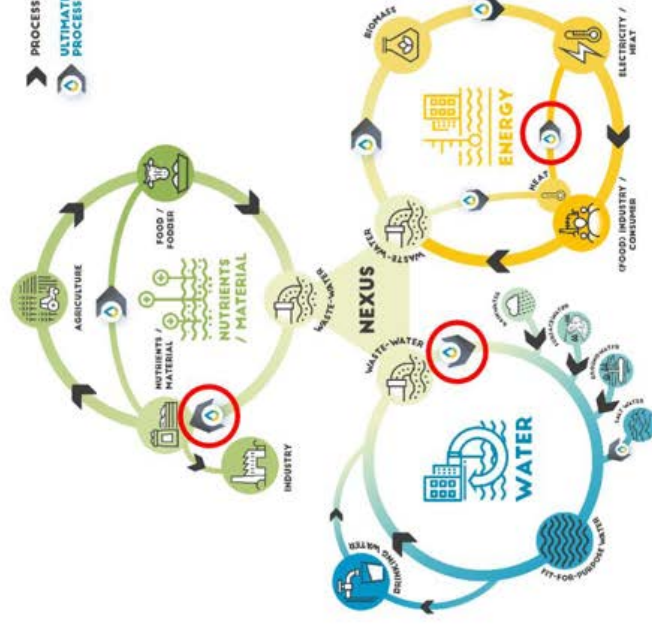
## CS2: Nieuw Prinsenland

Lead partner:



Collaborators:

Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering  
De Vliet



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## CS2: Situation before Ultimate

### Situation at the Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vliot (November 2020)

The current status is that the wastewater treatment plant is operational. From January 2021, they can remove crop protection agents from the wastewater. The cooperative aims to start working towards reusing/recovering water and nutrients from 2021 onwards.

Process steps at the site:

Prefiltration by vibrating and rotating filters: suspended solids removal

Coagulation in sedimentation buffers: P removal

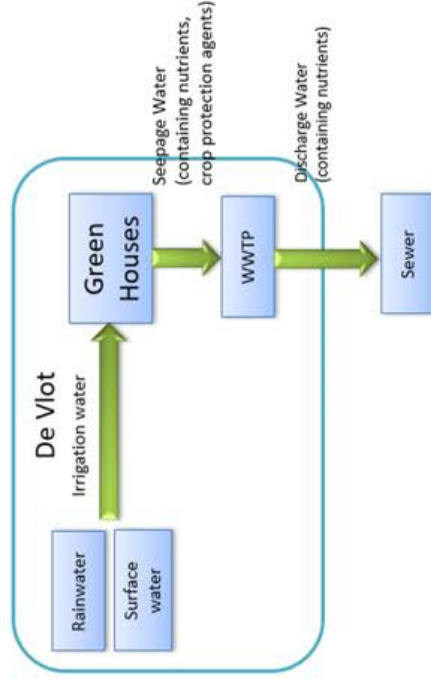
Sand filtration with glycerol dosage: N removal  
(not operational as high nutrient load results in clogging and hence too high maintenance)

Activated carbon: crop protection agent removal



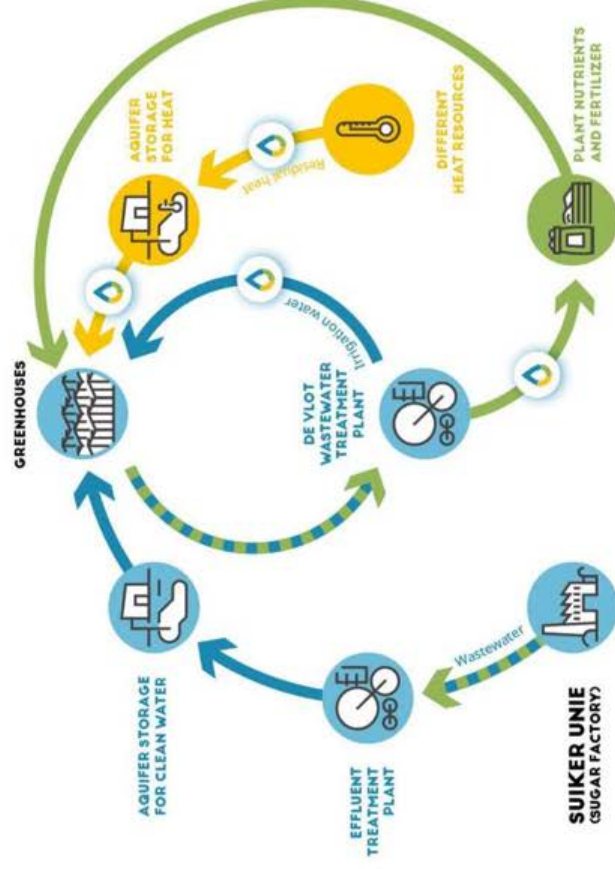
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### Current hydrological cycle De Vliot





# CS2: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions



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## CS2: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions

**WATER: Task 1.2.2 (KWR)** Optimizing water reclamation from agro-food industries in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot

The main aim of this task is to facilitate the reuse of wastewater from greenhouses with a view on optimizing the water reclamation. To do so, an extensive analysis of the treated wastewater will be conducted. Then, an adequate treatment will be determined supported by a quantitative microbial risk assessment (WP2), so that water suitable for irrigation purposes (main objectives - free of pathogens, low in sodium) can be supplied for irrigation in the greenhouses.

In order to validate a reliable way of removing plant diseases from the water, the reuse of this water will be investigated on pilot scale in a demo-greenhouse.

Finally, a full-scale treatment solution will be designed based on the previous results and the ones of the economic analysis (WP2).

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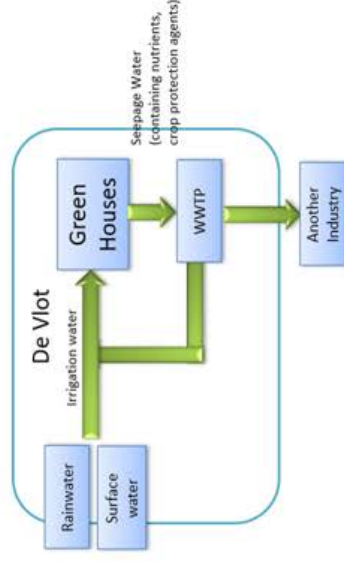
## CS2: Subtask 1.2.2 Status/progress

Subtask: 1.2.2 Optimising water reclamation from agro-food industries in N. Prinsensland and Coöperatieve

Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot

Baseline technology: no water reuse so far

Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:  
New hydrological cycle



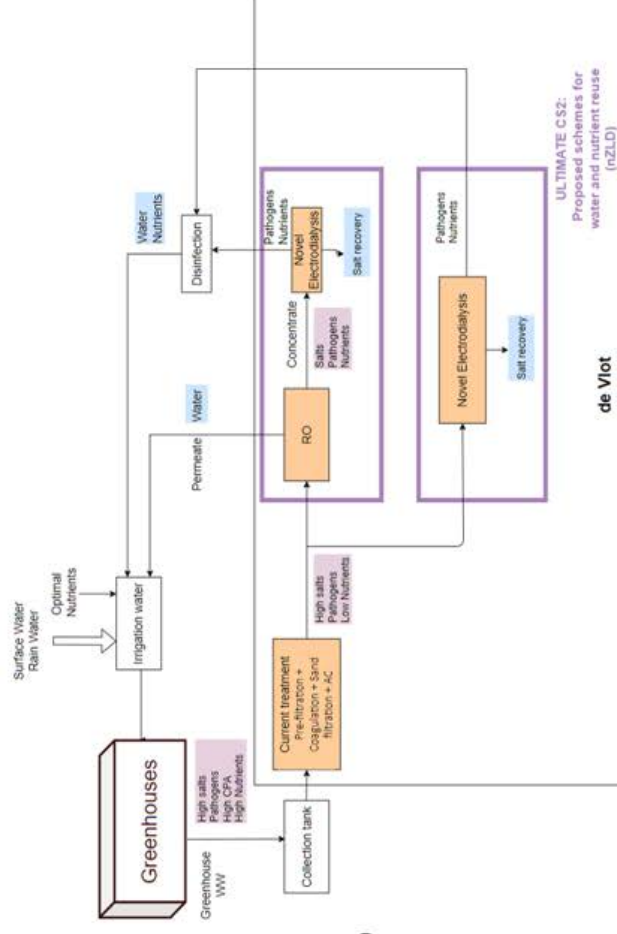
TRL: 4 → 6

Capacity of the pilot plant: 0.1 m<sup>3</sup>/day

Quantifiable target: ambition beyond the project: 25% reduction of freshwater through water reuse (700 m<sup>3</sup>/d)

Status/progress:

- Performance validation for Proof of Concept on laboratory scale being finalized.
- Detailed pilot design – completed
- Construction of pilot plant – acquisition of components ongoing, construction started first half of May 2022





## CS2: Pictures/videos of the new technologies

**Subtask: 1.2.2 Optimising water reclamation from agro-food industries in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot**

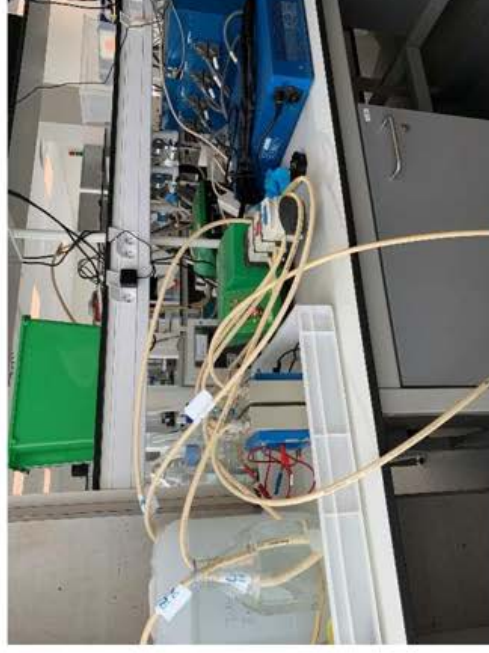
**Electrolysis experiments**



**Lab experiments ongoing at KWR**



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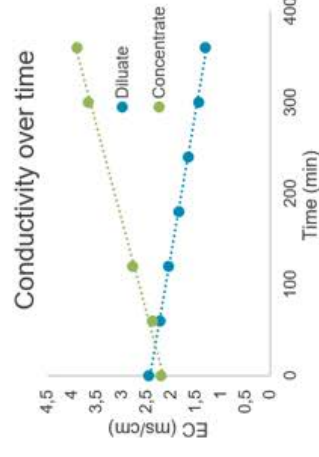
**Lab experiments ongoing at Ghent University**



## CS2: Results of the laboratory experiments

**Subtask: 1.2.2 Optimising water reclamation from agro-food industries in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot**

- Results of initial experiments with NaCl simulated wastewater
- NaCl removal performance for salts with high and low concentrations with similar operation conditions
- 60% reduction in EC (1 ms/cm) (~50% Na removal)
- On-going optimization lab experiments with Greenhouse simulated wastewater



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## CS2: Operational procedures and methodologies

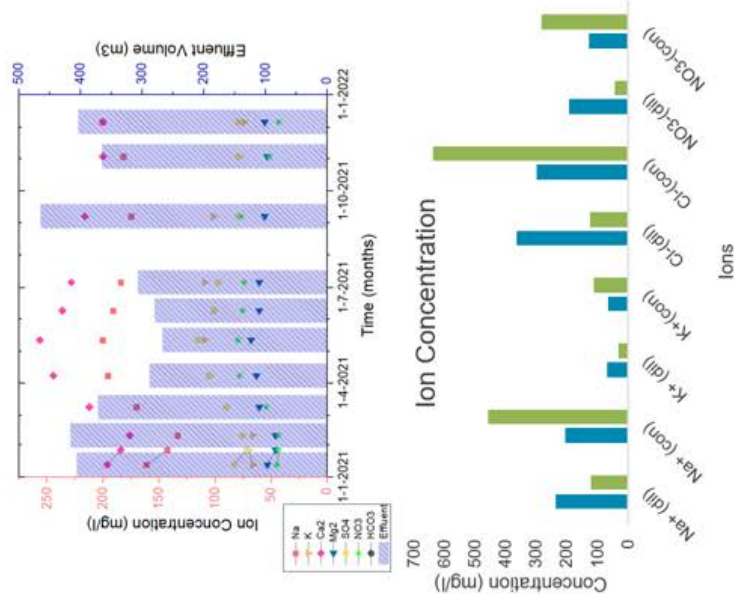
### Subtask: 1.2.2 Optimising water reclamation from agro-food industries in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot

Work to date has focused on validation of the methodology on lab scale and confirming the required performance in selective removal of sodium can be achieved.

- Experiments conducted for simulated greenhouse wastewater for ion removal performance

Design of the pilot has been completed based on the outcomes of the bench scale tests.

Operational procedures will be developed by operating the pilot plant on KWR premises before it is moved to the field location.

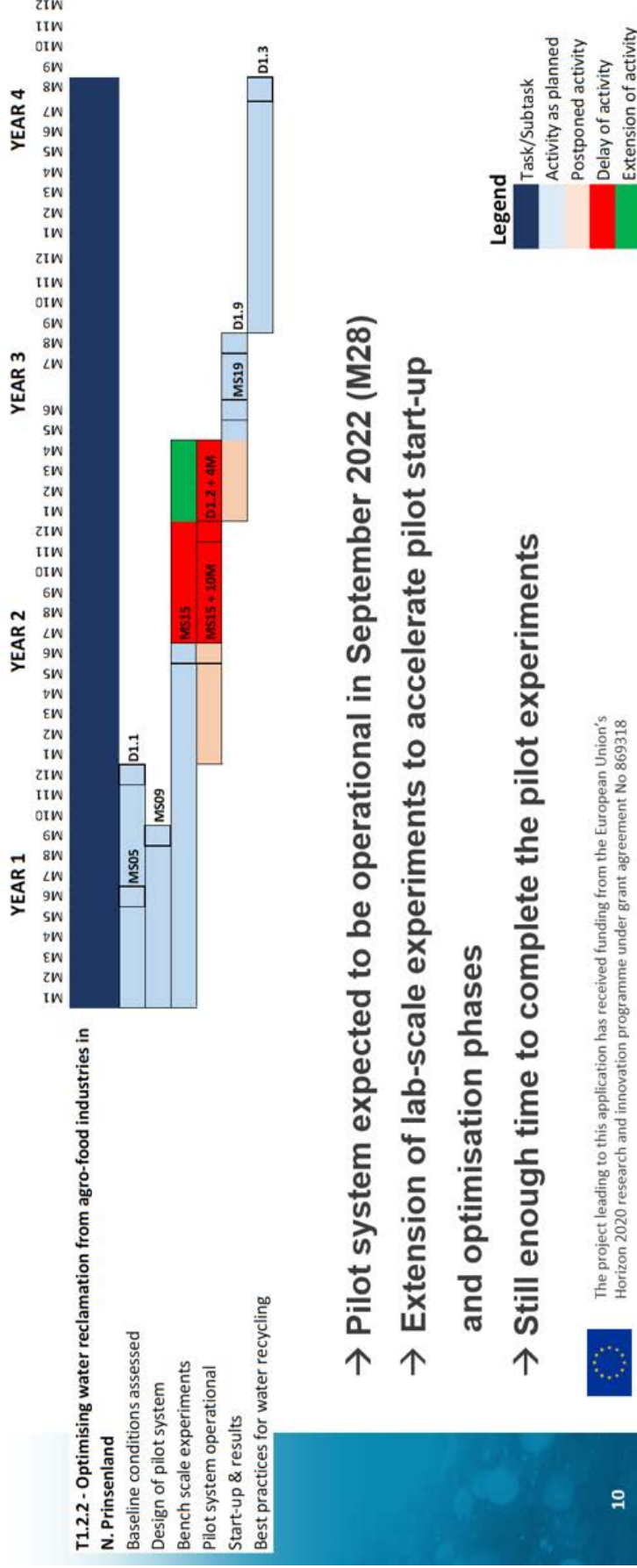


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# CS2: Subtask 1.2.2 – Timeline

**Subtask: 1.2.2 Optimising water reclamation from agro-food industries in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot**



- Pilot system expected to be operational in September 2022 (M28)
- Extension of lab-scale experiments to accelerate pilot start-up and optimisation phases
- Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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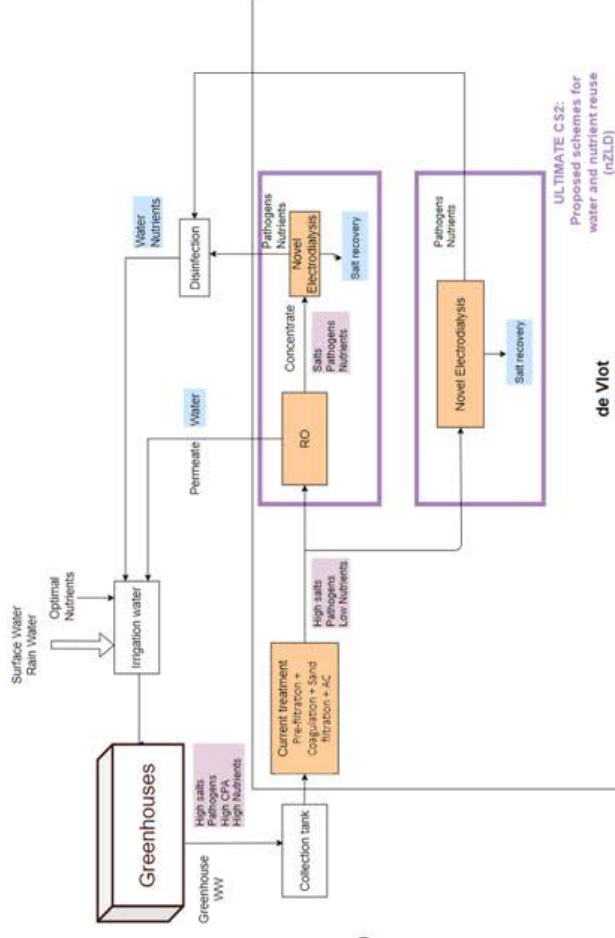
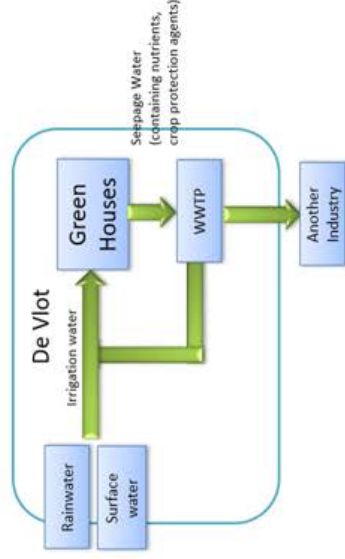
# CS2: Subtask 1.4.1 Status/progress

**Subtask: 1.4.1 Recovery of nutrients from greenhouse wastewater in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot**

**Baseline technology:**

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:**

**New hydrological cycle**



**TRL: 4 → 6**

**Capacity: 0.1 m<sup>3</sup>/day (K recovery & N recovery)**

**Quantifiable target: first results 55% K recovery; 75% N recovery; 60% Ca recovery; 55% Mg recovery**

**Status/progress:**

- Performance validation for Proof of Concept on laboratory scale being finalized.
- Detailed pilot design – completed
- Construction of pilot plant – acquisition of components ongoing, construction starts first half of May 2022



## CS2: Pictures/videos of the new technologies

**Subtask: 1.4.1 Recovery of nutrients from greenhouse wastewater in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vliet**

**Electrodialysis experiments**

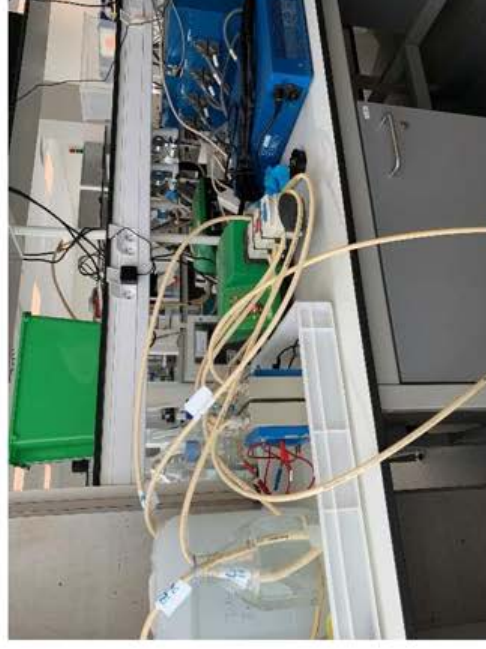


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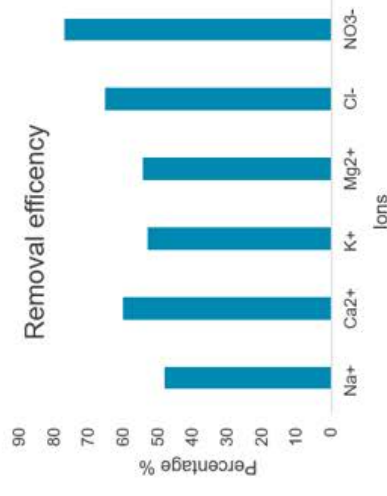
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## CS2: Results of the laboratory experiments

**Subtask: 1.4.1 Recovery of nutrients from greenhouse wastewater in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vliet**

See also subtask 1.2.2: For the recovery of nutrients and their reuse, the removal of sodium is required. Thus, the described experiments in subtask 1.2.2 do also apply to this subtask 1.4.1.



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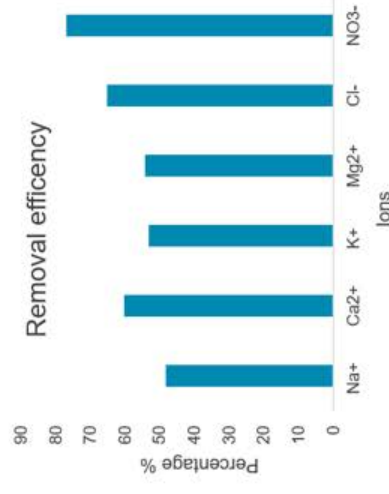


## CS2: Operational procedures and methodologies

**Subtask: 1.4.1 Recovery of nutrients from greenhouse wastewater in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vlot**

For the recovery of nutrients, the following treatment steps are being established:

- 1) Removal of sodium
- 2) Efficiency in retaining nutrients (N, P, K) in the matrix
- 3) Optimal operational conditions and energy requirements



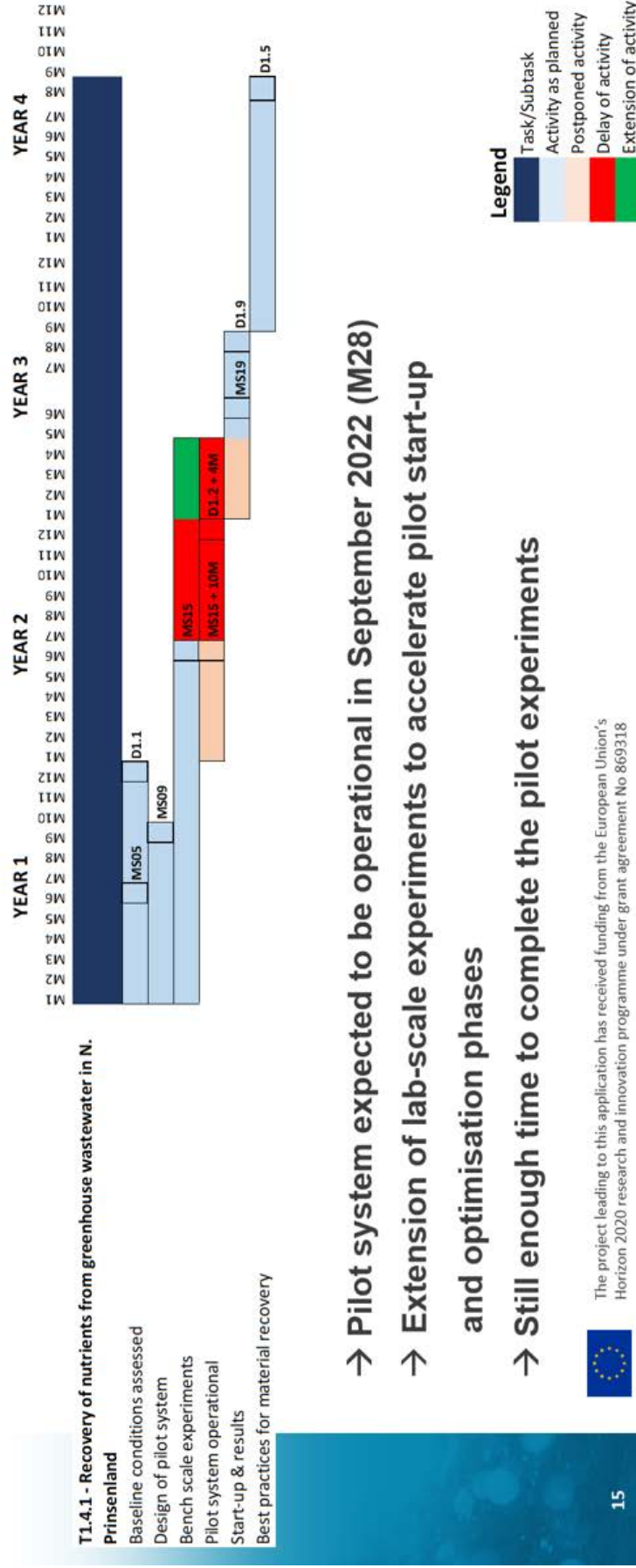
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# CS2: Subtask 1.4.1 – Timeline

Subtask: 1.4.1 Recovery of nutrients from greenhouse wastewater in N. Prinsenland and Coöperatieve Tuinbouw Water Zuivering de Vliet



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# ULTIMATE

WATER SMART INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS



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## 2.3. CS3: Rosignano

| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |  |  |                                       |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train  | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed               | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 3                                   | 1.2.3   | Control system to avoid high chlorine concentrations<br>Use of byproducts: pilot scale adsorption system | 85%                                      | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2 |                         | 25                             |
|                                     | 1.4.2   |  | 80%                                      |                                       |                         |                                |

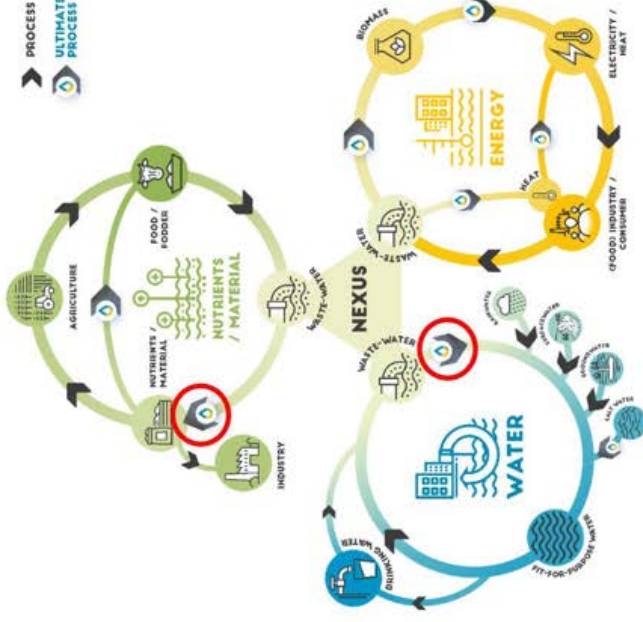


### CS3: Rosignano

Lead partner (PPP site operator):



Other partners:

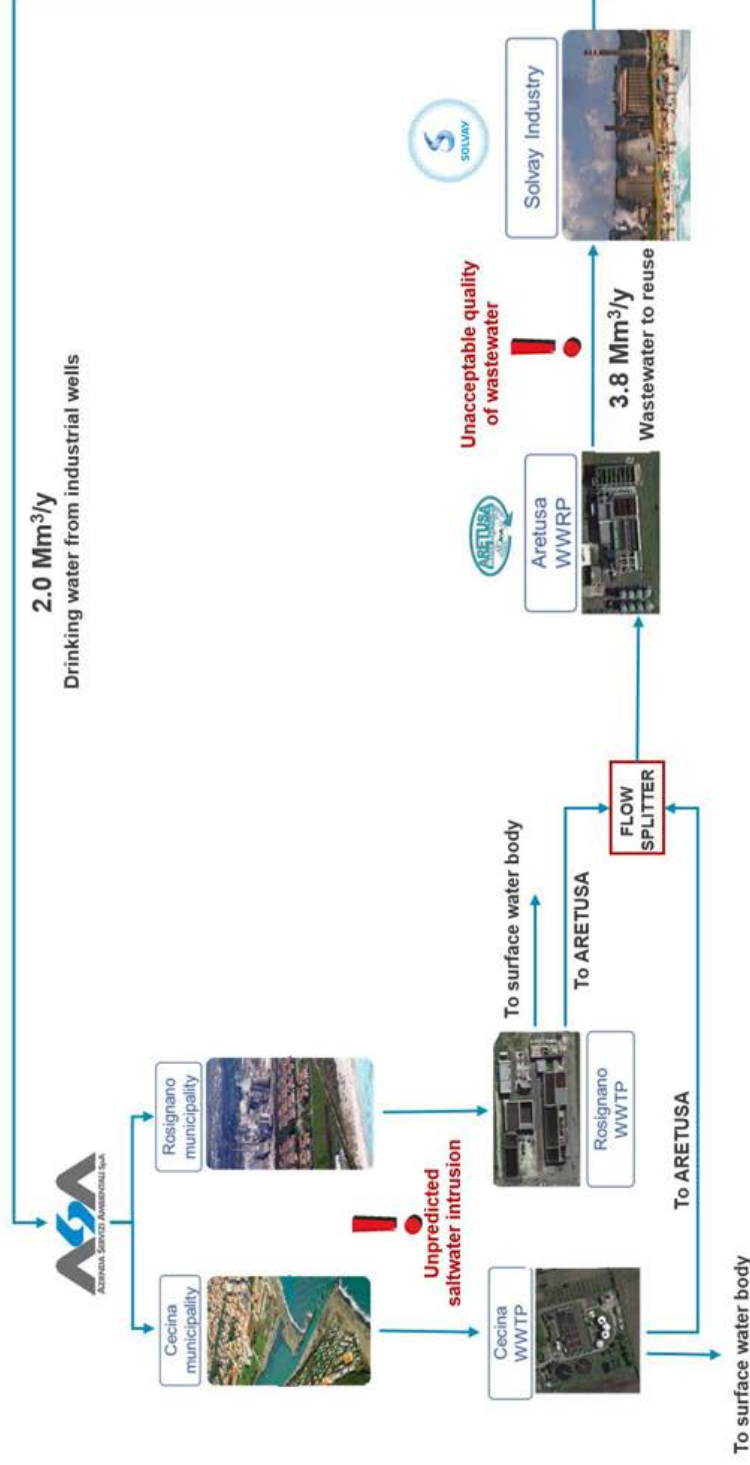


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# CS3: Situation before Ultimate



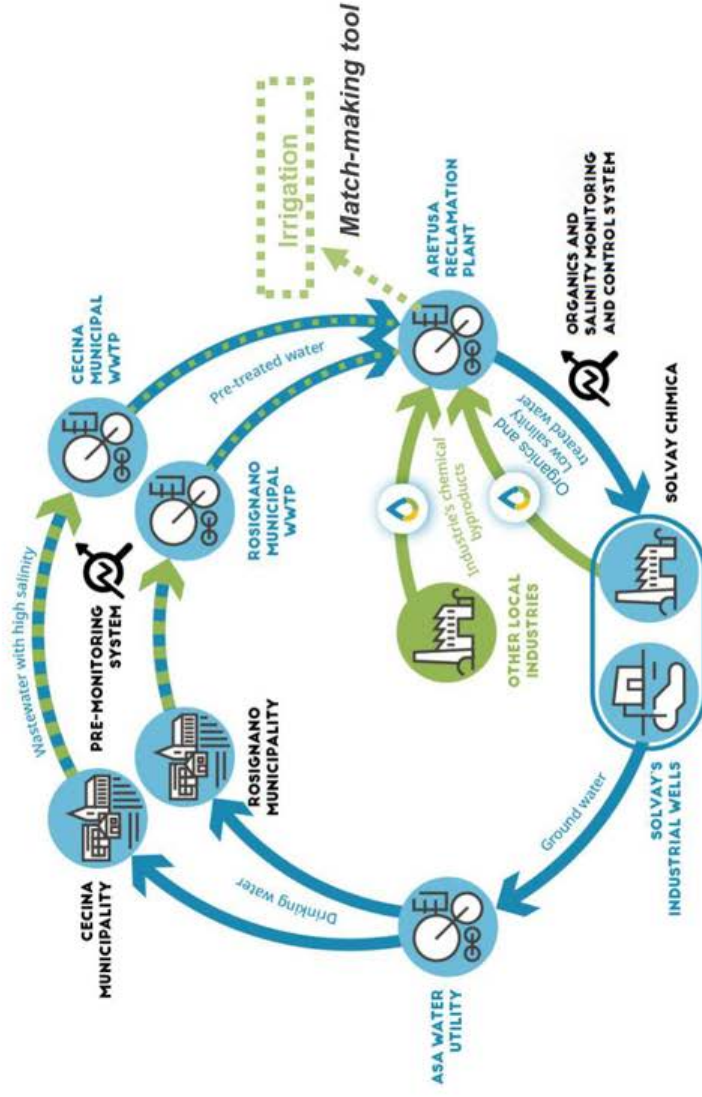
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# CS3: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions



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## CS3: Subtask 1.4.2 Status/progress

Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano

Baseline technology: No material reuse is in place so far

Ultimate solution to foster circular economy: Adsorption pilot with alternative GAC, (coupled with a coagulation flocculation unit and/or AOP?)

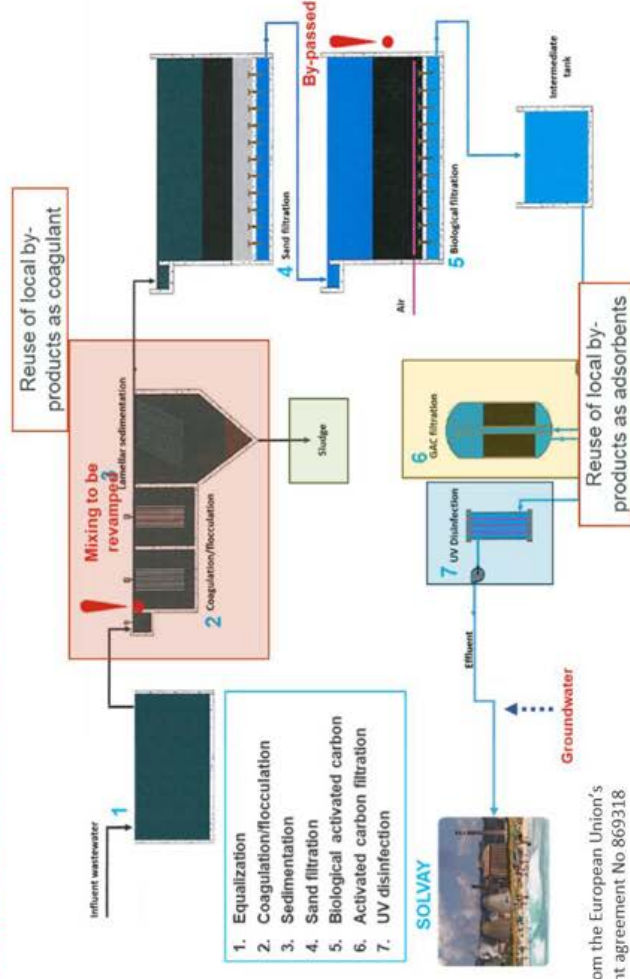
TRL: 4 → 7

Capacity: < 50 m<sup>3</sup>/h

Quantifiable targets: > 10% material recovery

Status/progress:

- detailed design completed
- under construction (almost finalized)



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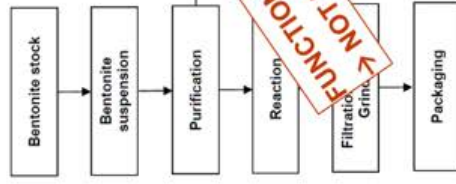
# CS3: Results of the functional test

Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano

## MATERIALS (BY-PRODUCTS) CHARACTERIZATION

ORGANOCLAY (LAV1) 

Laviosa Chimica Mineraria SpA extracts, process and distributes industrial mineral products, in particular bentonitic products and special 'modified' clay products called "Organo-clay". From the necessary purification stages in the organic production process comes this 'grit' that is poor in bentonite but rich in zeolites and other minerals.



FUNCTIONAL TESTS SHOWED LOW PERFORMANCES  
 NOT FURTHER TEST OR SCALE-UP

Analisi chimiche e mineralogiche: la composizione ai raggi X dimostrano che la fase più abbondante risulta quella silicea (silice, calcare, pirolucio, miche ed altri riportati nella tabella)

| Fase          | Quantità [%] |
|---------------|--------------|
| Zeoliti       | 33           |
| Aluminati     | 15           |
| Polisilicio   | 15           |
| Quarzo        | 10           |
| Mica          | 8            |
| K-Alisilicati | 8            |

L'umidità risulta mediamente del 35 % in massa e la perdita alla calcinazione del 11,67 %.

La composizione degli ossidi invece risulta come nella seguente tabella:

| Analisi                        | Quantità [%] |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 1,80         |
| MgO                            | 0,86         |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 11,75        |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 59,05        |
| CaO                            | 1,35         |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 2,78         |
| CaO                            | 9,65         |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0,30         |
| MnO                            | 0,40         |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 1,22         |

Oxides composition



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## COMMERCIAL ACTIVATED CARBON (CA)

TES

### CARBONE ATTIVO GRANULARE FA 300-SB

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Origine                         | Antracite attivata con vapore d'acqua                             |
| Granulometria, U.S. Mesh        | 8 x 30<br>> 8 (2,36 mm)<br>< 30 (0,60 mm)<br>5 % max.<br>4 % max. |
| Densità apparente, g/l          | 490 - 540<br>ASTM D 2854  |
| Umidità all'imballaggio, %      | < 2<br>ASTM D 2867  |
| Durezza, %                      | > 95<br>ASTM D 3802   |
| Indice di abrasione, %          | > 90<br>AWWA B 604/74   |
| Indice di Iodio, mg/g           | > 950<br>ASTM D 4607  |
| Indice di Blu di Metilene, mg/g | > 220<br>Spettrofotometrico                                       |





## CS3: Results of the functional test

**Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano**

### MATERIALS (BY-PRODUCTS) CHARACTERIZATION: HYDROCHAR ACTIVATION

#### Physical activation – ATT1

- Heating of the char pellets in a tubular oven up to 700°C (5°C/min) with N<sub>2</sub> purging.
- CO<sub>2</sub> flushing and isotherm for 2 hr.
- Cooling of the tubular furnace in N<sub>2</sub> purging.



**47%  
WEIGHT  
LOSS**



#### Chemical activation – ATT4

- Impregnation of char pellets in KOH aq. solution (KOH to char ratio: 1:1) at 60°C for 6 hr.
- Drying of the impregnated char at 105°C.
- Heating in a tubular oven up to 600°C (5°C/min), isotherm at 600°C for 1 hr and cooling (5°C/min) with N<sub>2</sub> purging.
- Washing with 1M HCl and demi water (up to pH 7).
- Drying at 105°C until constant weight.

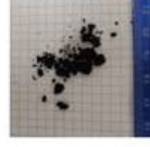


**55%  
WEIGHT  
LOSS**



#### Chemical activation – ATT5-ATT6/7

- Mixing of the char pellets (previously ground) with KOH in flakes (KOH to char ratio: 1:1).
- Heating in a tubular oven up to 600°C (5°C/min), isotherm at 600°C for 1 hr and cooling (5°C/min) with N<sub>2</sub> purging.
- Washing with 5M HCl and demi water (up to pH 7).
- Drying at 105°C until constant weight.



**60%  
WEIGHT  
LOSS**



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# CS3: Results of the functional test

Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano

## MATERIALS (BY-PRODUCTS) CHARACTERIZATION

|                  | LAV1  | HC ATT1 | HC ATT4 | HC ATT5 |
|------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| F <sup>-</sup>   | < 0.1 | 54.2    | 0.2     | 0.4     |
| Cl <sup>-</sup>  | 2.5   | 44.4    | 62.5    | 26.4    |
| NO3 <sup>-</sup> | 0.2   | 1.3     | < 0.1   | < 0.1   |
| PO4 <sup>-</sup> | 3.2   | 38.5    | < 0.1   | 54.3    |
| SO4 <sup>-</sup> | 32.9  | 147.3   | 143.9   | 110.2   |
| COD              | 81    | 4200    | < 15    | < 15    |

✓ RAW (NOT ACTIVATED) HYDROCHAR CONTAINS TAR → HIGH COD  
 ✓ NEED OF PRE-TREATMENT (WASHING) OF RAW HYDROCHAR (NOT ACTIVATED)

|   | LAV1  | HC ATT1 | HC ATT4 | HC ATT5 | CA1       |
|---|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Specific surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g) | 6     | 117     | 449     | 752     | 1100±1150 |
| Specific pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g) | 0.003 | 0.055   | 0.214   | 0.359   | -         |
| Average pore radius(Å)                    | 50.23 | 13.61   | 15.16   | 16.08   | -         |

✓ COMMERCIAL ACTIVATED CARBON (CA)  
 WAS USED AS REFERENCE FOR THE  
 ADSORPTION TESTS  
 ✓ HIGH SURPHACE AREA DEVELOPED BY  
 ACTIVATED HYDROCHAR

|                      |                 |                          |                          |                              |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| LAV 1<br>Organo Clay | HC<br>Hydrochar | HC ATT 1<br>Activated HC | HC ATT 4<br>Activated HC | HC ATT 5-6-7<br>Activated HC | CA1<br>Activated carbon |
|                      |                 |                          |                          |                              |                         |

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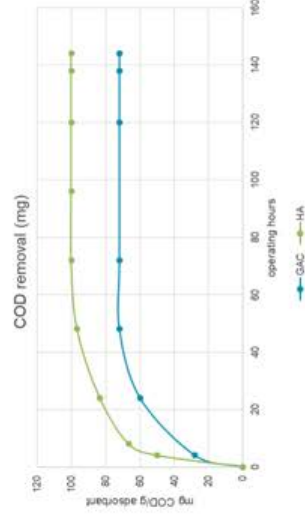
# CS3: Results of the functional test

Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano

## ADSORPTION TESTS

Material tested: Activated Hydrochar (AH) and Commercial Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)

### KINETIC AND ISOTHERM WITH MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

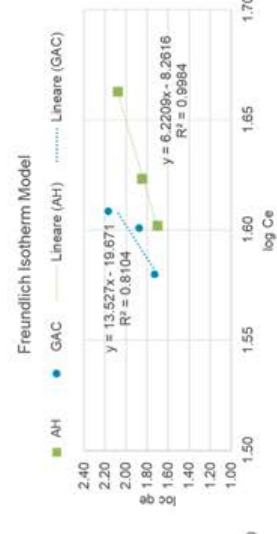
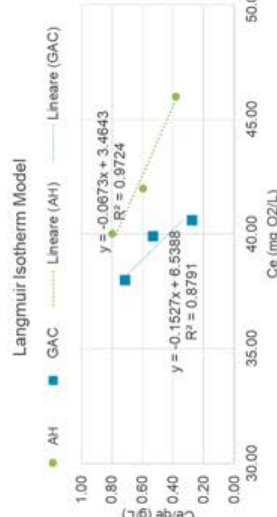


| KINETIC             | EQUATION   | PARAMETERS              | GAC   | HTC   |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Pseudo-First Order  | $\log(q_e - qt) = \log(q_e) - \frac{k_1 t}{2.303}$ | $k_1$ min <sup>-1</sup> | 0.164 | 0.148 |
| Pseudo-Second Order | $\frac{t}{q} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e} + \frac{t}{q_e}$  | $k_2$ g/mg·min          | 0.287 | 0.268 |
|                     |  | $R^2$                   | 0.003 | 0.002 |
|                     |  | $R^2$                   | 0.999 | 0.999 |

✓ AH has a higher % of COD removal in a shorter time: in the first 8 hours 60% of COD was removed with AH and 25% with GAC.

| ISOTHERM   | EQUATION  | PARAMETERS                      | GAC      | HTC     |
|------------|---|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Freundlich | $\log(q) = \log(K) + \frac{1}{n} \log(C_e)$         | $1/n$                           | 13.53    | 6.221   |
|            |   | $K$ (mg/g)(L/mg) <sup>1/n</sup> | 2.86E-09 | 2.58E-4 |
|            |   | $R^2$                           | 0.810    | 0.998   |
| Langmuir   | $\frac{C_e}{q} = \frac{1}{q_m} + \frac{C_e}{q_m b}$ | $q_m$ mg/g                      | 6.547    | 14.87   |
|            |   | $b$ L/mg                        | 0.023    | 0.019   |
|            |   | $R^2$                           | 0.879    | 0.972   |

✓ Both AH and GAC have better fit with a kinetic of Pseudo Second Order while for Isotherm model Langmuir is to be preferred to Freundlich model.



✓ 100 mg and 70 mg of COD was removed by AH and GAC respectively, after 72 operating hours.



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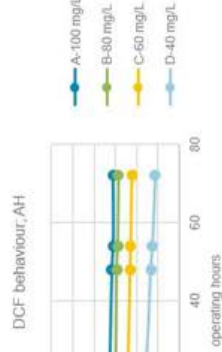
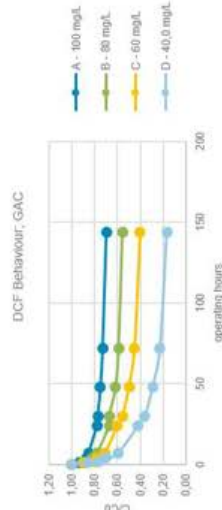
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Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano

## ADSORPTION TESTS

Material tested: Activated Hydrochar (AH) and Commercial Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)

### KINETIC WITH DICLOFENAC SOLUTION



| KINETICS            | EQUATION  | ADSORBANT MATERIAL: GAC |       |       |       |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                     |   | A                       | B     | C     | D     |
| Pseudo-first Order  | $\ln(q_e - q_t) = \ln(q_e) - k_1 t$                   | 0.06                    | 0.07  | 0.07  | 0.07  |
|                     | $R^2 = 0.93$  | 0.96                    | 0.97  | 0.97  | 0.97  |
| Pseudo-Second Order | $\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{t}{q_e}$ | 0.001                   | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
|                     | $R^2 = 0.999$   | 0.999                   | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.999 |

| KINETICS            | EQUATION  | ADSORBANT MATERIAL: AH |       |       |       |
|---------------------|---|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                     |   | A                      | B     | C     | D     |
| Pseudo-first Order  | $\ln(q_e - q_t) = \ln(q_e) - k_1 t$                   | 0.20                   | 0.148 | 0.129 | 0.116 |
|                     | $R^2 = 0.803$   | 0.863                  | 0.893 | 0.899 | 0.899 |
| Pseudo-Second Order | $\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{t}{q_e}$ | 0.003                  | 0.005 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
|                     | $R^2 = 0.999$   | 0.999                  | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.999 |



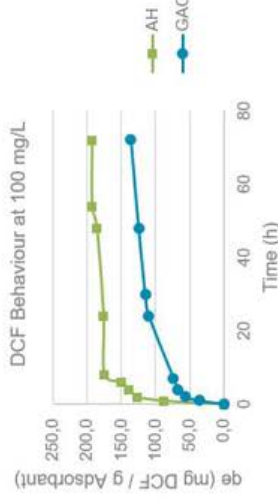
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Experimental Setup for Batch Tests

✓ The adsorption capacity of DCF was 191.9 and 151.4 mg DCF/g for AH and GAC, respectively.

✓ The adsorption equilibrium is reached, after 72 operating hours for HTC and after 144 hours for GAC





# CS3: Results of the functional test

**Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano**

## MATERIALS (BY-PRODUCTS) CHARACTERIZATION

✓ "Precotto": granulated limestone rocks only partially calcinated and slacked, with a declared content of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> of about 9%.



✓ Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> "Soda Solvay® Light" product that resulted to be out of specification.



Solvay Chimica Italia  
SpA by-products tested



## SOFTENING/COAGULATION/FLOCCULATION TESTS

| SUBSTRATE                     | SOFT. AGENT        | COAGULANT           | FLOCCULANT | Final pH | COD Removal (%) | Mg Removal (%) | Ca Removal (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Influent municipal wastewater | Commercial SODA 1M |                     |            | 8.5-10   |                 | 0              | < 53           |
| Influent municipal wastewater | Soda Solvay        |                     |            | 8.5-10   |                 | 0              | 44-80          |
| Influent municipal wastewater | Precotto           |                     |            | 8.5-10   |                 | 4-8            | < 35           |
| Influent municipal wastewater |                    | Alluminium Sulphate | Poly       |          | 64              | 2.6            | 4.1            |
| Influent municipal wastewater | Precotto           |                     | Poly       | 8-9.5    | 49-58           | 0              | 17-24          |
| Effluent wastewater           |                    | Alluminium Sulphate | Poly       |          | 39              | 9.2            | 11.4           |
| Effluent wastewater           | Precotto           |                     | Poly       | 8-9.5    | 25-40           | 7-19           | 0              |
| Effluent wastewater           | Soda Solvay        |                     | Poly       | 8-9.5    | < 10            | 0              | 7-45           |



✓ Solvay by-products proved to be successful in reducing COD and, even if with lower performances, also Magnesium and Calcium

✓ Final test are now being performed to optimize the dosage





# CS3: Pictures/videos of the new technologies

Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano

## CONSTRUCTION FINALIZED

Adsorption column

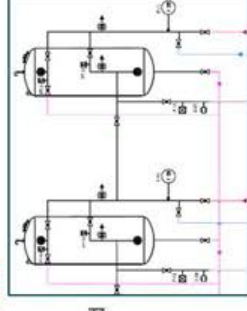


Tank for meters (POT)



**TO BE IMPLEMENTED**  
(in order -> to be delivered)

- ✓ Addition of 2 smaller columns (total number of column will still be 4)
- ✓ Equipment of the system with sensors:
  - Conductivity
  - pH
  - UV/Vis (COD, BOD5 and TOC)
  - Fluorescence
- ✓ Electrical cabinet



| ID       | INSTRUMENTS                 | Q. ty | Position                               | Characteristics  |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| PT-01-08 | Pressure transmitter        | 8     | Influent and effluent from each column | 0 – 4 bar (Sensitivity 0.01 bar)   |
| S-01     | pH meter                    | 1     | Effluent                               | pH:0-14; T:–5° C - 50° C<br>Measuring cell: 5 mm<br>Measuring range: 0.1-600.0 m-1 Calibrable on the COD and TOC parameters<br>Compensation: 550 nm<br>Cleaning system: automatic by wiper<br>Measuring interval:> 1 min |
| S-02     | UV/Vis meter (254 nm)       | 1     | Effluent                               | filter band for wavelengths centered on ex/em 345/440 nm<br>250 µS - 2.5 S/cm<br>0.5– 10 m3/h  |
| S-03     | Fluorimeter                 | 1     | Effluent                               |  |
| S-04     | Conductivity meter          | 1     | Effluent                               |  |
| F-01     | Electromagnetic water meter | 1     | Effluent                               |  |



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## PILOT SYSTEM UNDER CONSTRUCTION



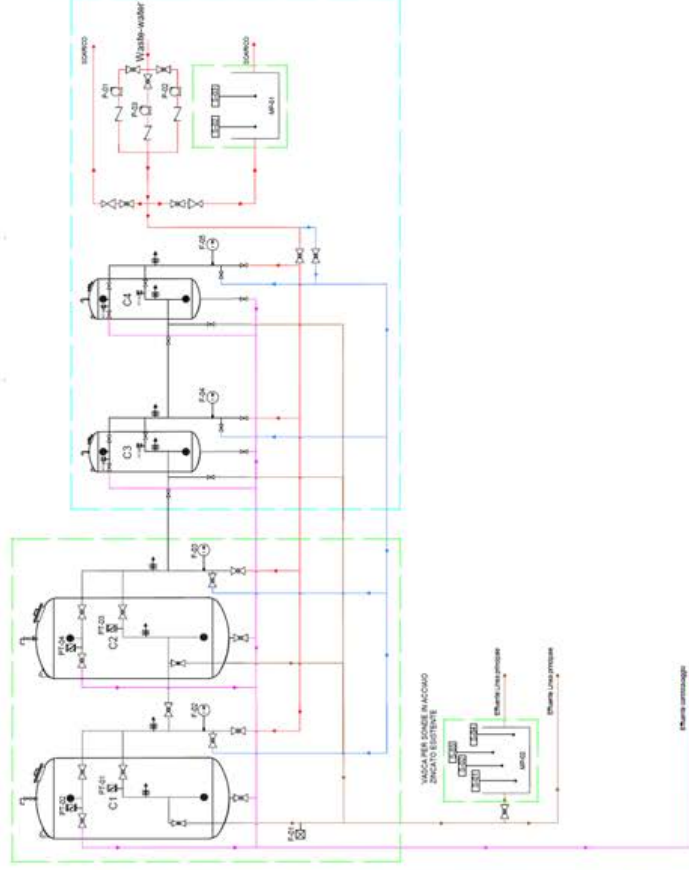
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# CS3: Operational procedures and methodologies

## Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano



- ✓ Pilot plant has been designed to allow the **use of columns both in series and in parallel**
- ✓ The pilot is able to **work with different flow rates** in order to optimize the operation of bigger and smaller columns.
- ✓ **Pressure** in all the columns will be **monitored online** to check when it is necessary to proceed with **back-washing operations that will be carried out with a counter-current water flow**.
- ✓ **Conductivity, pH and COD (UV/Vis and fluorescence) will be monitored** at the exit of the pilot. COD will be monitored also in the incoming flow.
- ✓ **All sensors, pressure transmitters and pumps will be connected to the electrical cabinet and data will be available online**
- ✓ The pilot will be firstly installed and operated at the pilot hall of UNIVPM and than will be transported and installed at ARETUSA site



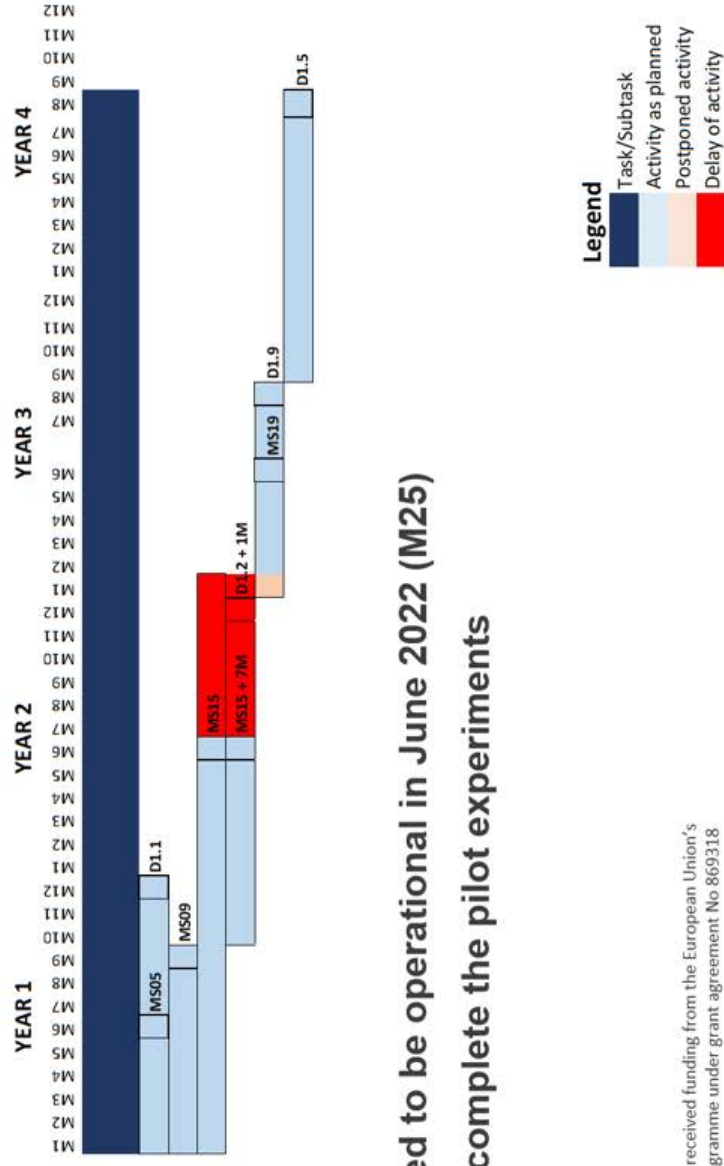
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# CS3: Subtask 1.4.2 – Timeline

Subtask: 1.4.2 Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano



- T1.4.2 - Use of by-products of local industries for wastewater treatment in Rosignano
- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Laboratory scale experiments
- Pilot system operational
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for material recovery

- Pilot system expected to be operational in June 2022 (M25)
- Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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## 2.4. CS4: Nafplio

| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |  |  |                         |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train                      | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 4                                   | 1.2.4   | Reuse of fruit processing WW: filtration, AOP, SBP | 100%                                     | 100%                    | 100%                    | 24                             |
|                                     | 1.4.3   | Recovery of antioxidants: adsorption/extraction    | 100%                                     | 85%                     |                         | 30                             |

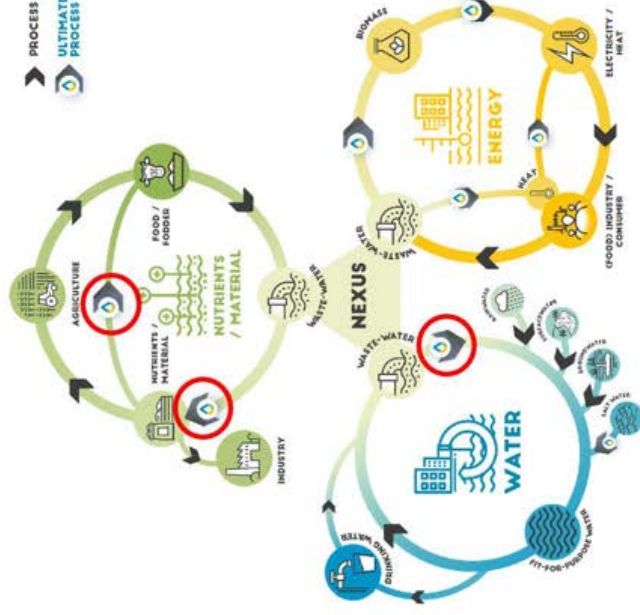


# CS4: Nafplio

Lead partner:



Other partners:



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## CS4: Situation before Ultimate

### Argolida area:

- increasing water demand for irrigation
  - high-water consumption of the fruit processing industry
- great pressure on regional aquifer

### Alberta S.A has a primary treatment unit of about 20 m<sup>3</sup>/h capacity:

- high production periods (Nov.-Mar. & Aug.-Oct.): 3500 m<sup>3</sup> WW/d
- other months: 500 m<sup>3</sup> WW/d
- treatment unit consists of a series of tank:  
Raw wastewater tank → Rotostrainer → Less solids tank → equalization/ homogeneous tank → Neutralization tank → Pre Sedimentation tank → Aeration tank → Flocculation tank → Final sedimentation tank → Final tank of treated water → Central treatment unit of local water authority (DEYARM)

### Aim of the Ultimate solutions (after the implementation of the additional pilot wastewater treatment process):

- to achieve lower organic burden in the final effluent,
- compliant to limits specified by the local water management authority
  - either for disposal to the local final treatment unit,
  - either for irrigation
  - or for reuse in the production procedure of Alberta S.A.

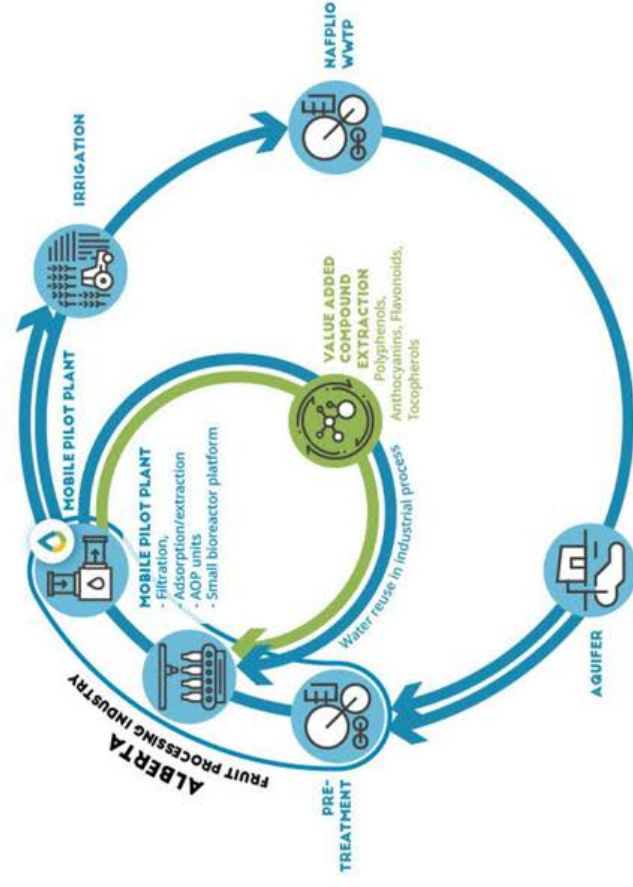


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# CS4: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions



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## CS4: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions

Ultimate aims to address the various issues involved in fresh-water management and reduce wastewater disposal cost. Thus, different techniques are to be implemented to guarantee a sustainable management of the end-of-the-pipe wastewater effluents derived from the food industry, and also to prevent the losses of inorganic and organic pollutants to the environment, making it easier to recycle/reuse the purified water.

The activities in ULTIMATE target both the recovery of various inorganic and organic contaminants from the processing water and the reuse of the purified water. In Alberta's fruit processing plant, a mobile pilot plant will demonstrate a hybrid adsorption / SubCritical Water Extraction (SCWE) process to extract high value-added compounds, such as antioxidants from the wastewater. Residual wastewater will be treated in pilot-scale by an AOP before polishing in an on-site Small Bioreactor Platform (SBP) for reuse in irrigation or discharge into the municipal WWTP to reduce operational costs. The extracted compounds will be assessed for their use by Alberta making "fortified juice" with antioxidant properties, increasing the value of their product, but also by selling the extract to the food-supplement sector.



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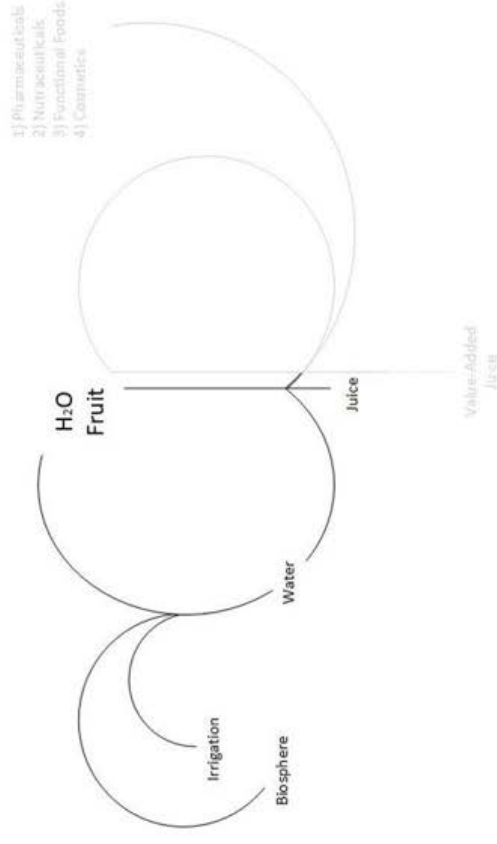




## CS4: Subtask 1.2.4 Status/progress

**Subtask: 1.2.4 Reuse of fruit processing wastewater in Nafplio**  
**Baseline technology: no water reuse so far**

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:**



**TRL: 5→7**

**Capacity: 10 m<sup>3</sup>/d**

**Quantifiable target: Ambition beyond the project: 100% water reuse for irrigation; >90% reduction of freshwater through water reuse**

**Status/progress:**

- detailed design completed
- The unit has been installed in Nafplio / several parts to be integrated



# CS4: Pictures/videos of the new technologies

CS4 video

## Subtask: 1.2.4 Reuse of fruit processing wastewater in Nafplio

The unit installed in Nafplio



Coagulation tests



Sensors



AOP



AOP operating with Alberta's wastewater



SBP capsules



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# CS4: Pictures/videos of the new technologies

Unit installation video



## Subtask: 1.2.4 Reuse of fruit processing wastewater in Nafplio

The unit installed in Nafplio



Dosing pumps



TOC analyzer



Sensors



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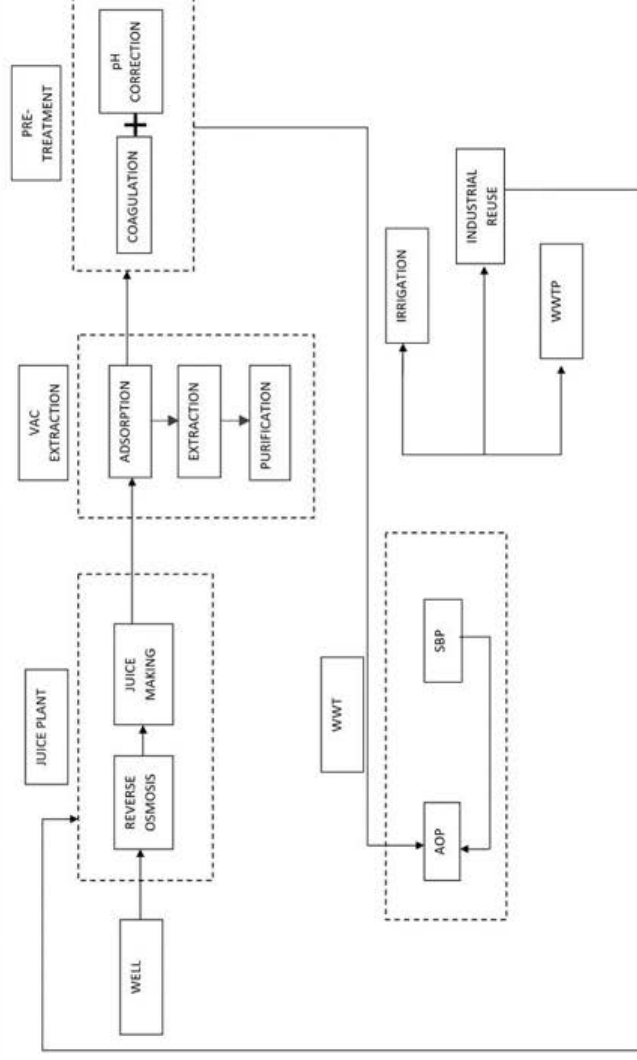
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# CS4: Operational procedures and methodologies

## Subtask: 1.2.4 Reuse of fruit processing wastewater in Nafplio



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## CS4: Results of laboratory experiments

Subtask: 1.2.4 Reuse of fruit processing wastewater in Nafplio

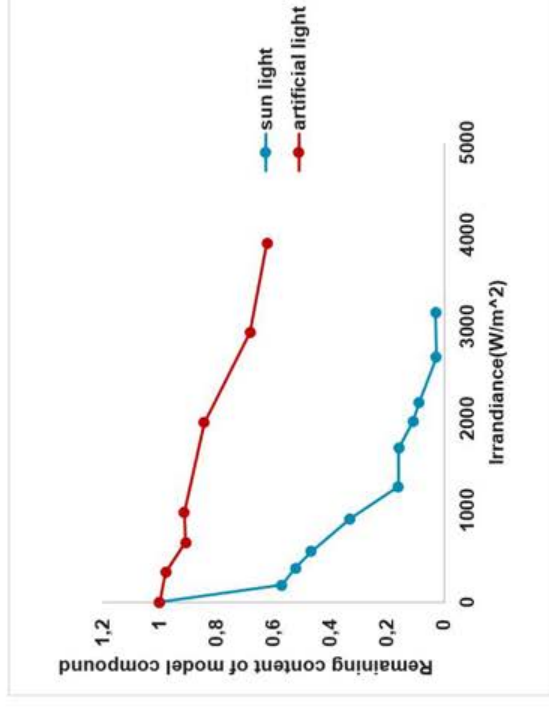


### Results of the individual technologies

- Coagulant effectively removes TSS
- The adsorption of VAC is more efficient if it goes prior to any chemical process → Minor change in our initial design
- The AOP effectively degrades organic matter when used both under solar or artificial light
- **More results will be available the upcoming weeks**



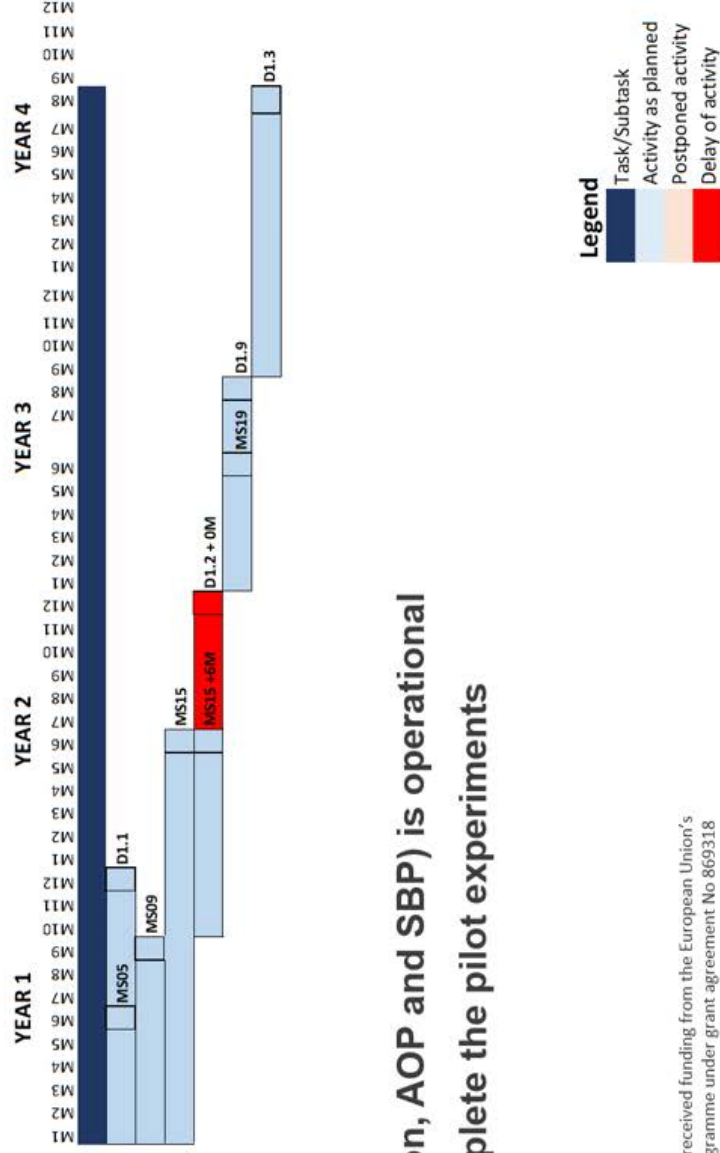
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# CS4: Subtask 1.2.4 – Timeline

Subtask: 1.2.4 Reuse of fruit processing wastewater in Nafplio



- Pilot system (filtration, AOP and SBP) is operational
- Enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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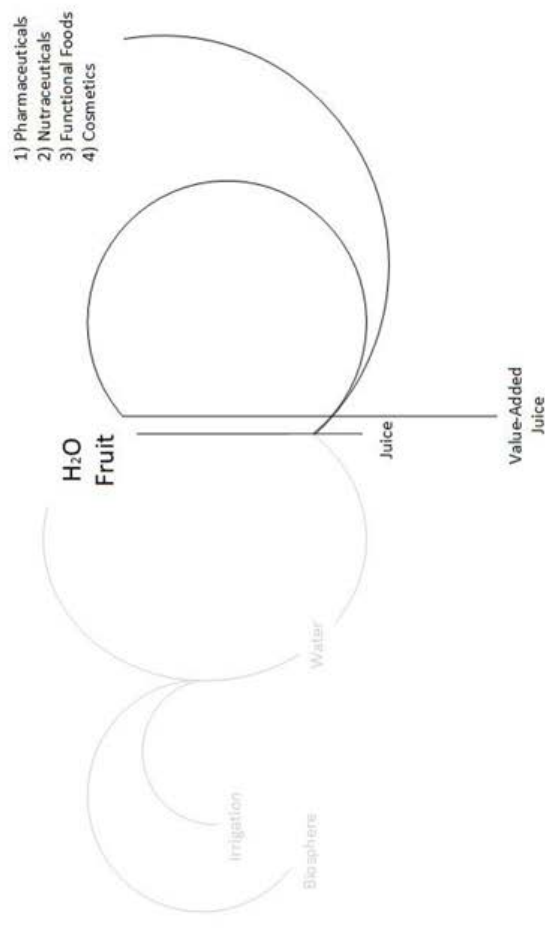




## CS4: Subtask 1.4.3 Status/progress

**Subtask: 1.4.3 Recovery of high-added-value compounds (antioxidants) in Nafplio**  
Baseline technology: No recovery

Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:



TRL: 5 → 7

Capacity: 10 m<sup>3</sup>/d

Quantifiable target: Recovery of polyphenols: 50-70%

Status/progress:

- Lab scale experiments completed
- Pilot unit under construction





## CS4: Pictures/videos of the new technologies

### Subtask: 1.4.3 Recovery of high-added-value compounds (antioxidants) in Nafplio

#### Lab scale – Dynamic adsorption



#### Static adsorption

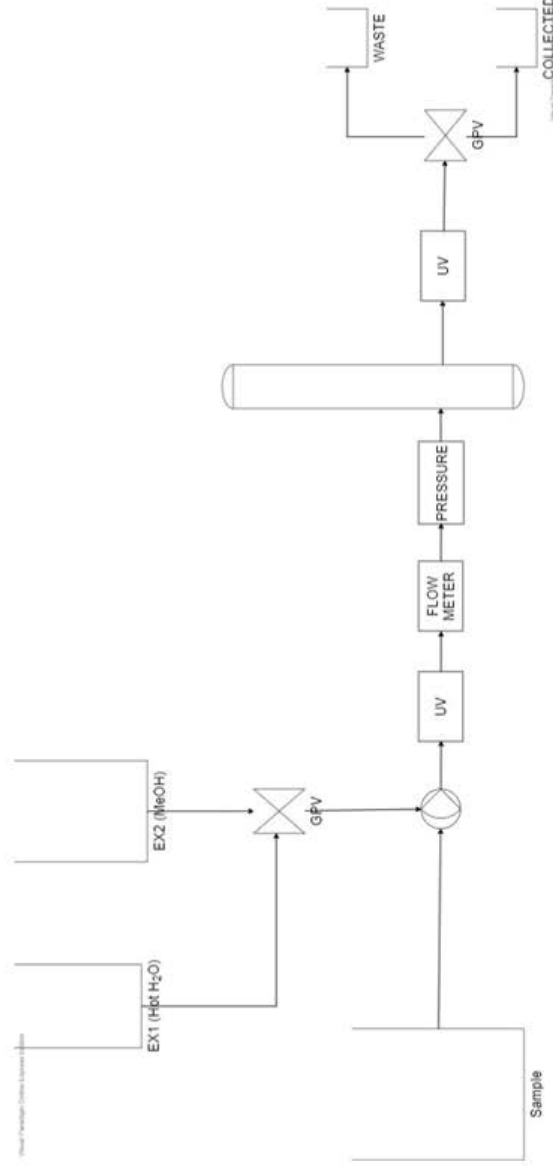


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# CS4: Operational procedures and methodologies

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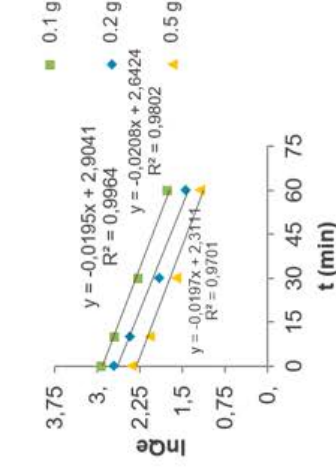
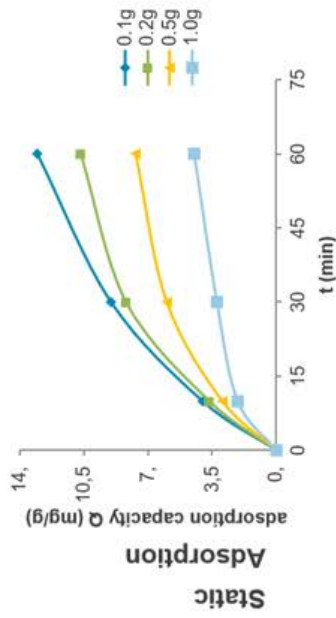
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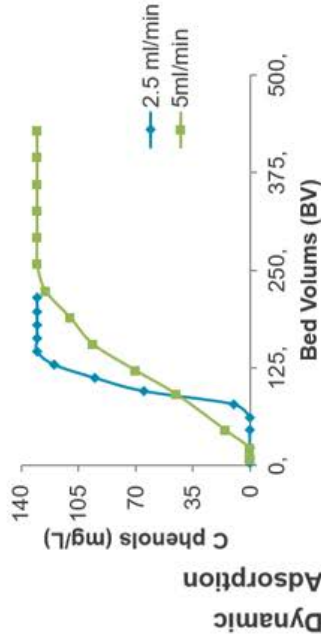


# CS4: Results of the laboratory experiments

## Subtask: 1.4.3 Recovery of high-added-value compounds (antioxidants) in Nafplio



maximum adsorptive capacity (Q): 23 g of polyphenols per kg of resin for the FPX 66 resin



The breakthrough curves showed that 1.7 m<sup>3</sup> of wastewater can be treated per kg of resin per 10 cycles



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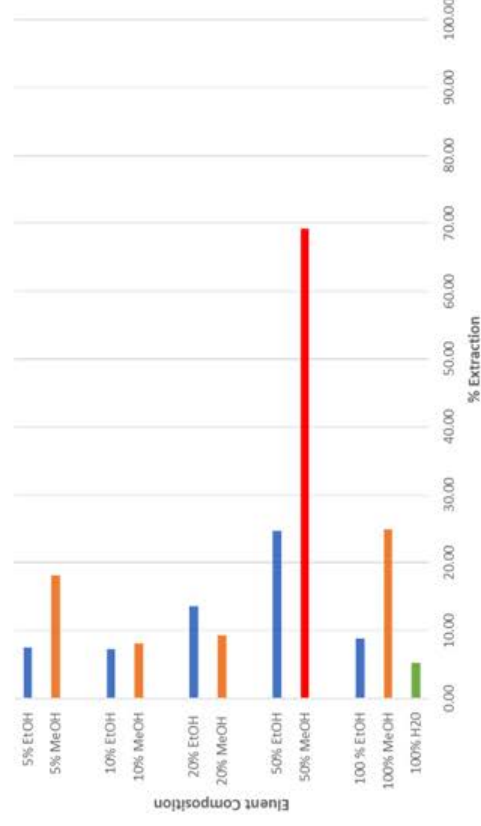




## CS4: Results of the laboratory experiments

### Subtask: 1.4.3 Recovery of high-added-value compounds (antioxidants) in Naflplo

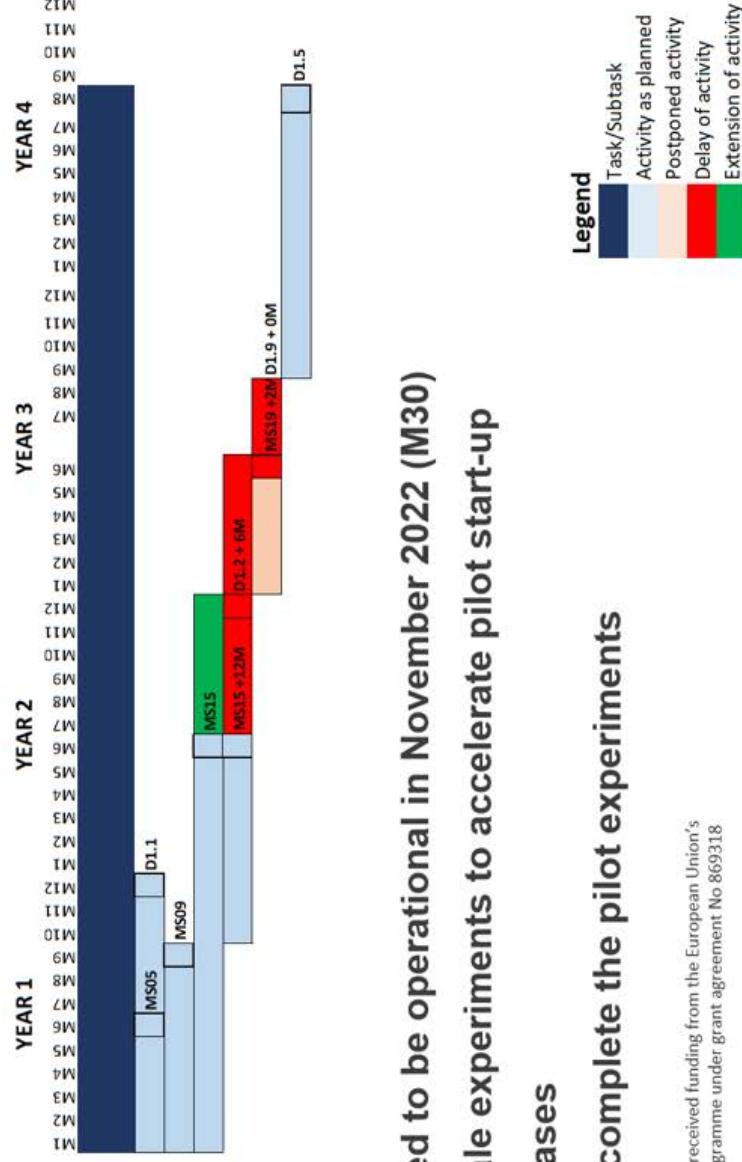
- Static extraction experiments were performed employing hot water and organic solvents
- Water-methanol mixture (50:50 b.v.) yielded **69% polyphenols recovery**
- Currently working on dynamic extraction experiments,
  - Aiming to optimise:
    - experimental conditions and
    - solvent recovery and reuse strategy





# CS4: Subtask 1.4.3 – Timeline

Subtask: 1.4.3 Recovery of high-added-value compounds (antioxidants) in Nafpilio



T1.4.3 - Recovery of high added-value compounds (antioxidants) in Nafpilio

- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Laboratory experiments
- Pilot system operational
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for material recovery

- Pilot system expected to be operational in November 2022 (M30)
- Extension of lab-scale experiments to accelerate pilot start-up and optimisation phases
- Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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## 2.5. CS5: Lleida

| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |  |  |                         |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train  | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 5                                   | 1.2.5   | (NF + RO) + (AOP + UV)   | 100%                                     | 100%                    | 100%                    | 20, 25                         |
|                                     | 1.3.2   | AnMBR  | 100%                                     | 100%                    | 25%                     | 25                             |
|                                     |         | ELSAR  | 100%                                     |                         |                         | 30                             |
|                                     |         | SOFC   |  | 100%                    | 50%                     | 26                             |
|                                     | 1.4.4   | Concept study: Recovery nutrients from digestate; fertigation strategies<br>Solar-driven hydrothermal carbonisation demo plant | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |
|                                     |         |  | 100%                                     | 100%                    | 100%                    | 24                             |

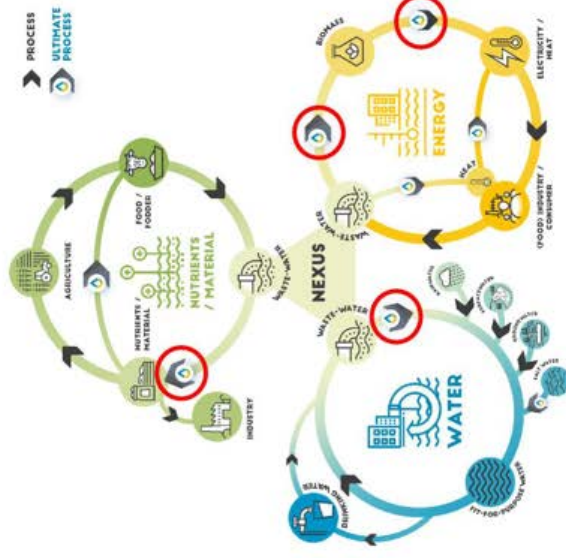


CS5: Lleida

Lead partner:



Other partners:

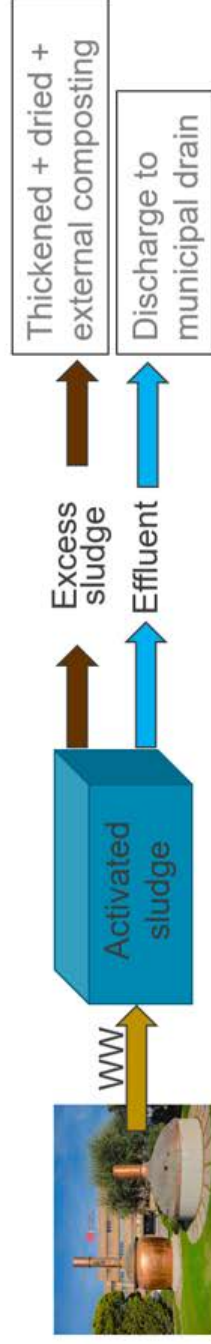


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## CS5: Situation before Ultimate



Municipal WWTP with  
sludge management  
(digestion)      Biogas      CHP



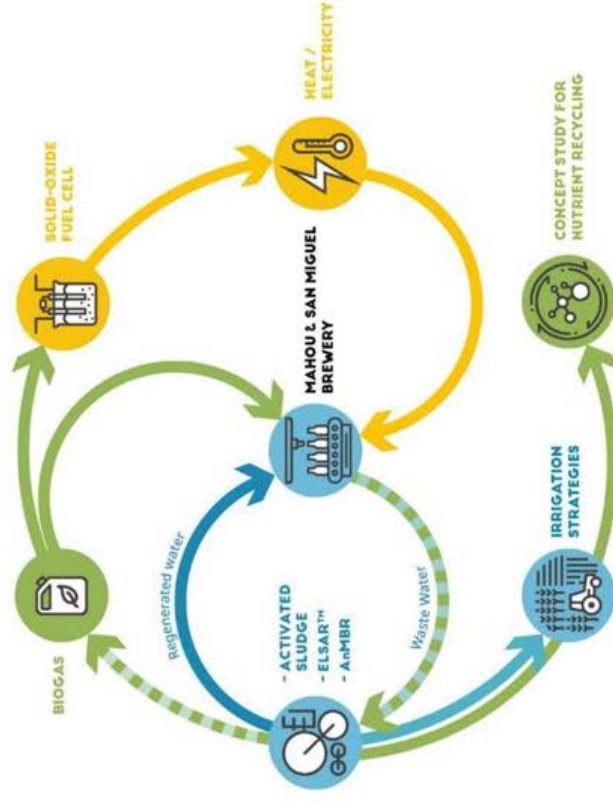
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# CS5: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions



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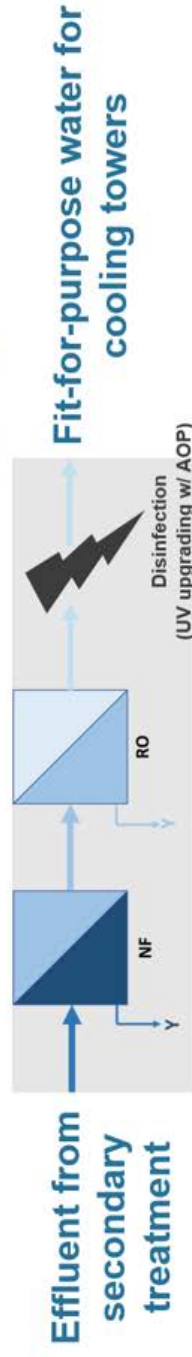


## CS5: Subtask 1.2.5 Status/progress

**Subtask: 1.2.5** Reuse of brewery wastewater as process water

**Baseline technology:** no water reuse so far (only wastewater treatment with activated sludge process and subsequent discharge to the municipal drain)

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:** membrane-based technologies, disruptive disinfection/AOP technologies



**TRL:** 7 → 9

**Capacity:** 50 m<sup>3</sup>/d

**Quantifiable target:** 4200–4600 m<sup>3</sup>/a for cooling towers; 10–15% reduction of freshwater via reuse of treated water

**Status/progress:**

- Detailed design completed
- Existing plants under assembling and connection.
- UF & RO: operational
- AOP & UV: expected start-up in June 22 (M25)

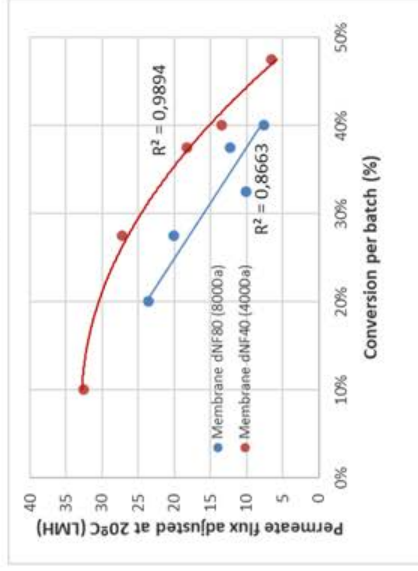


# CS5: Results of laboratory experiments

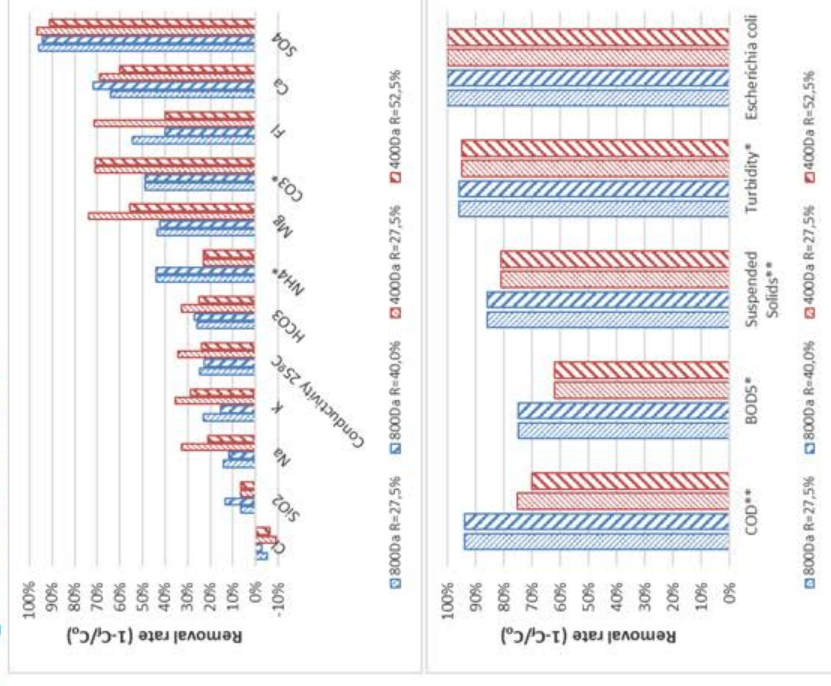
## Subtask: 1.2.5 Reuse of brewery wastewater as process water

### Conclusions from previous lab-scale tests:

- NF is a valid technology for achievement of regulatory requirements, but for salinity removal a RO step is needed.
- 800Da is an enough membrane cut-off.
- Conversion should be kept as lower as possible to optimize filtration performance.



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## CS5: Pictures of NF & RO pilot system

Subtask: 1.2.5 Reuse of brewery wastewater as process water

### Nanofiltration demo plant.

Composed by:

1. Feed tank
2. Permeate tank
3. Amiad strainer
4. Membrane module
5. CIP circulation pump
6. Circulation pump
7. Feed pump
8. Backwash pump
9. Chemical cabinets
10. Panel PC
11. Compressor



Dimensions:

6,0m x 2,4m x 2,4m



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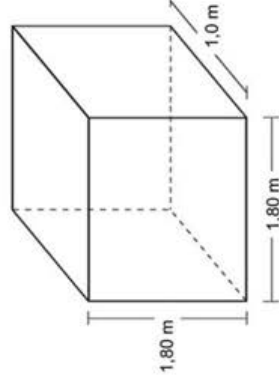


**Reverse osmosis demo plant.**

Composed by:

- Electrical cabinet
- 1 buffer tank
- 1 pressure vessel (2,5" membrane)
- 1 fabric filter
- 2 feeding pumps
- Several rotameters and manometers

Dimensions:





# CS5: Operational procedures and methodologies

## Subtask: 1.2.5 Reuse of brewery wastewater as process water

### Analytical plan

| PARAMETER                   | INPUT WATER    |           | OUTPUT NF / INPUT RO                     |            | OUTPUT RO                  |           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|--|------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                             | Motivation     | Frequency | Motivation                               | Frequency  | Motivation                 | Frequency |
| " <i>Legionella</i> " sp    | Performance NF | Weekly    | Performance RO and NF                    | Weekly     | RD 1620/2007 (absence)     | Weekly    |
| Nematode eggs               | Performance NF | Weekly    | Performance RO and NF                    | Weekly     | RD 1620/2007 (<1 unit/10L) | Weekly    |
| " <i>Escherichia coli</i> " | Performance NF | Weekly    | Performance RO and NF                    | Weekly     | RD 1620/2007 (absence)     | Weekly    |
| Suspended solids            | Performance NF | Weekly    | Performance RO and NF/<br>requirement RO | Weekly     | RD 1620/2007 (<5 mg/L)     | Weekly    |
| Turbidity                   | Performance NF | Weekly    | Performance RO and NF/<br>requirement RO | Weekly     | RD 1620/2007 (< 1NTU)      | Weekly    |
| Conductivity @ 25°C         | Performance NF | Weekly    | Performance RO and NF                    | Weekly     | Required by cooling tower  | Weekly    |
| BOD5                        | Performance NF | Weekly    | Performance RO and NF/<br>requirement RO | Weekly     | UE 2020/741                | Weekly    |
| COD                         | Performance NF | Weekly    | Rendimiento NF                           | Weekly     | -                          | Weekly    |
| pH                          | Requirement NF | Weekly    | Required by RO step                      | Weekly     | Required by cooling tower  | Weekly    |
| Alcalinity                  | -              | 0         | -  | 0          | Required by cooling tower  | Weekly    |
| Hardness                    | -              | 0         | -  | 0          | Required by cooling tower  | Weekly    |
| Chlorine                    | -              | 0         | -  | 0          | Required by cooling tower  | Weekly    |
| Ion composition             | -              | 0         | Descaling needs                          | 1,5 months | -                          | 0         |



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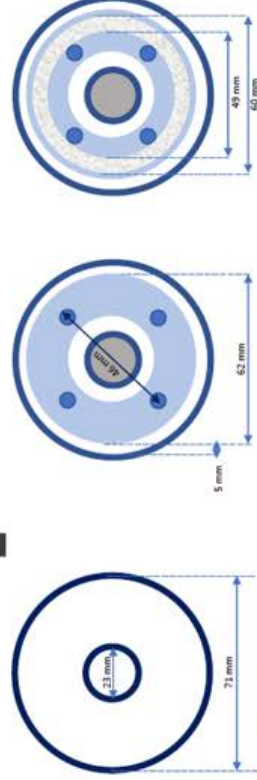




## CS5: Development of AOP & UV test device

Subtask: 1.2.5 Reuse of brewery wastewater as process water

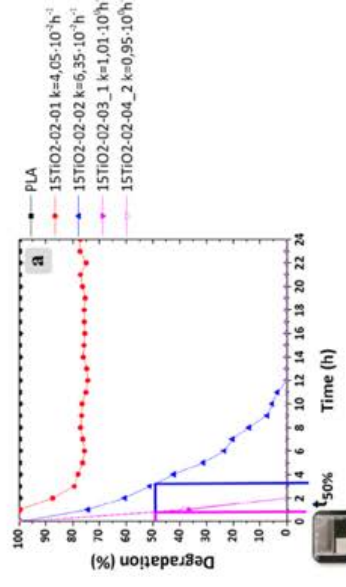
1. Photocatalytic reactor with support and first PLA prototypes adapted to the geometry of existing UV lamp.



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2. Design of ceramic filaments, printable and sinterables, with high photocatalytic performance, adapted to the geometry of existing UV lamp.



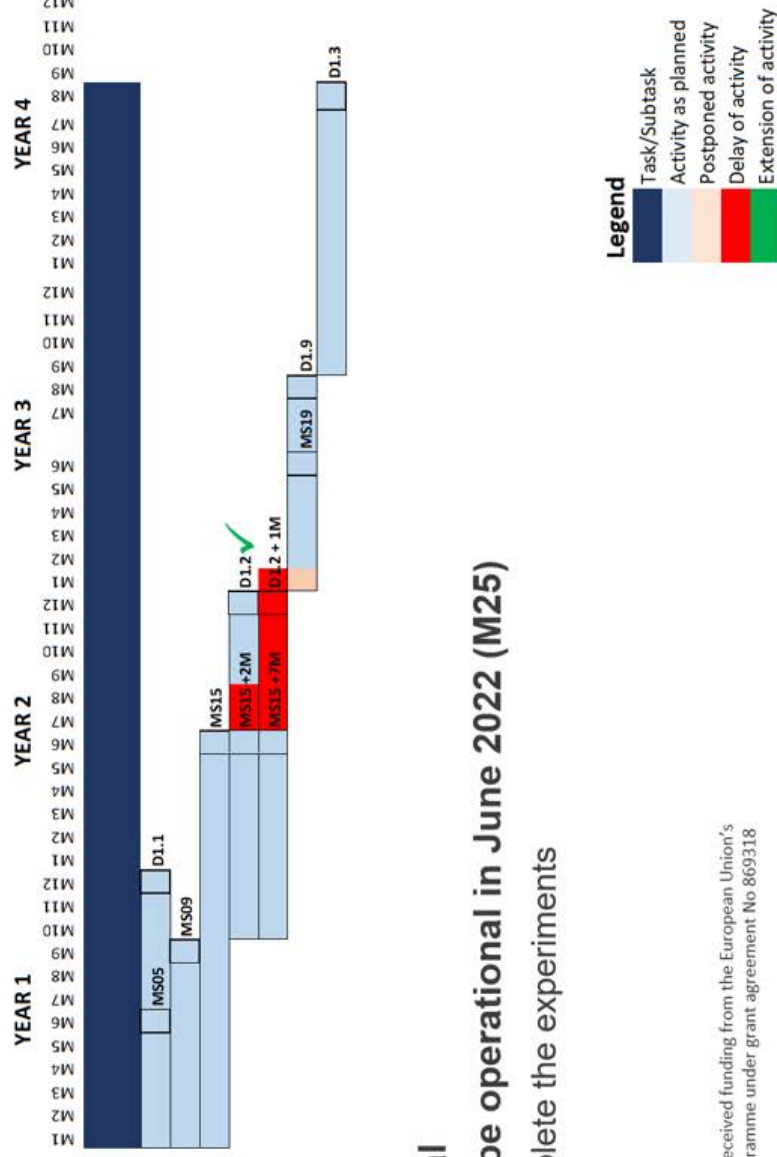
Photodegradation of Methyl orange during 24h of sunlight exposure to rectangular  $\text{TiO}_2$  membranes

3. Batch tests monitoring diclofenac degradation with synthetic and real water (To be done).



# CS5: Subtask 1.2.5 – Timeline

Subtask: 1.2.5 Reuse of brewery wastewater as process water



**T1.2.5 - Reuse of brewery wastewater for irrigation and as process water in Lleida**

- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Laboratory scale tests
- Pilot system operational: NF & RO
- Pilot system operational: AOP & UV
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for water recycling

**NF & RO are operational**  
**AOP & UV expected to be operational in June 2022 (M25)**

→ Still enough time to complete the experiments



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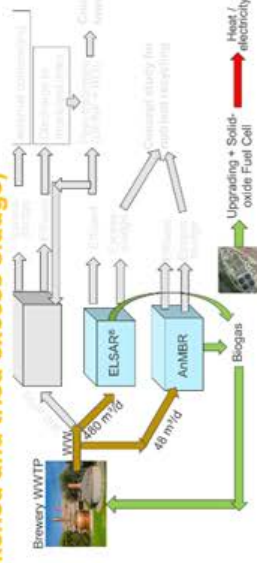


## CS5: Subtask 1.3.2 Status/progress

**Subtask: 1.3.2 Anaerobic pretreatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell**  
**Baseline technology: no energy production so far (only wastewater treatment with activated sludge process and subsequent composting of thickened and tried excess sludge)**

**Ultimate solutions to foster circular economy:**

- Anaerobic membrane bioreactor (AnMBR),
- Electrostimulated anaerobic reactor (ELSAR),
- Solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC)



**TRL: 7 → 9 (AnMBR); 5 → 7 (ELSAR); 7 → 9 (SOFC)**

**Capacity: 48 m³/d (AnMBR); 480 m³/d (ELSAR); 10 Nm³/d (SOFC)**

**Quantifiable targets: 20.000 m³ biogas/a (AnMBR); 200.000 m³ biogas/a (ELSAR); 4000-12.000 kWh<sub>el</sub>/a (SOFC)**  
**>100 % energy recovery**

**Status/progress:**

- Running detailed design: online monitoring system.
- Commissioning: AnMBR & SOFC, (both are installed being commissioning imminent)
- Waiting for building license: ELSAR



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## CS5: Pictures of the new technologies

Subtask: 1.3.2 Anaerobic pretreatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell



**Solid-oxide fuel cell.**

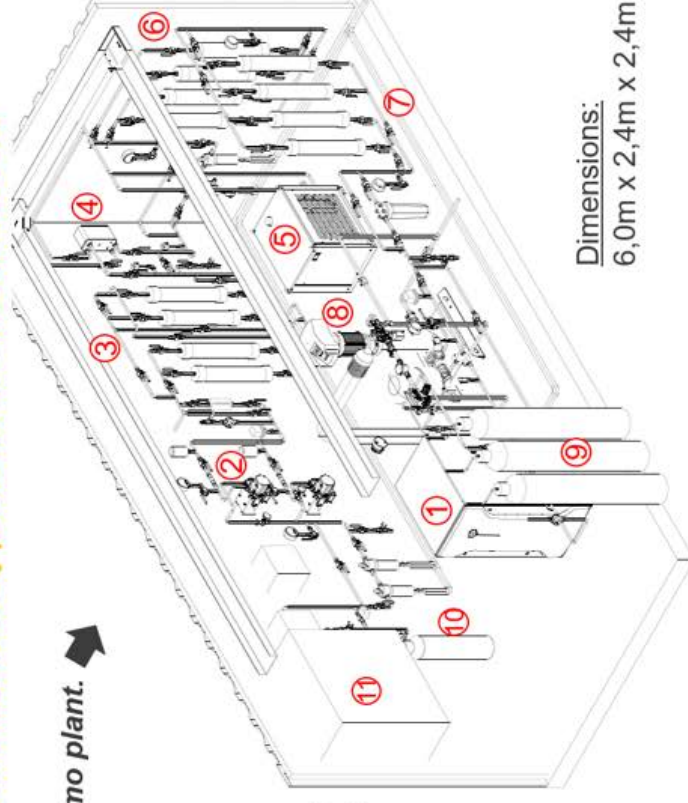
Supplier Solid Power; Model BlueGen BG-15.

Power output 0,5-1,5 kWe. Electrical efficiency > 57%.

**Solid-oxide fuel cell demo plant.** →

Composed by:

1. Fuel Cell
2. Vacuum pumps
3. Desulphuration filters
4. Heat exchanger
5. Chiller
6. Dehumidification filters
7. Activated carbon filters
8. Pressure pump
9. Emergency biogas supply
10. Nitrogen gas
11. Electrical cabinet / PC



**Dimensions:**  
6,0m x 2,4m x 2,4m



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## CS5: Pictures of the new technologies

Subtask: 1.3.2 Anaerobic pretreatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell



**SOFC pilot plant installed in WWTP Lleida**



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### Pending:

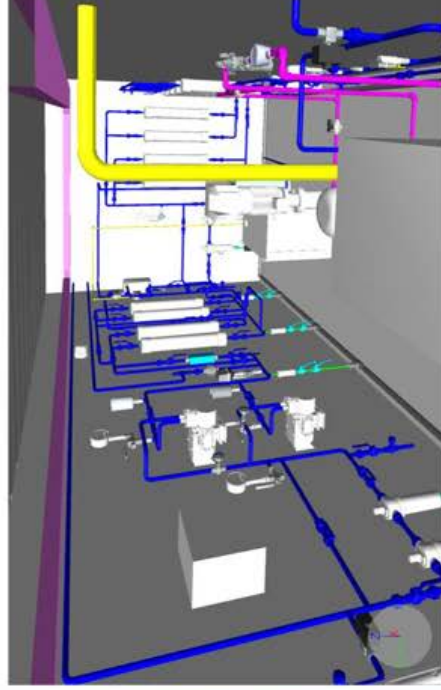
1. Connections to the WWTP:
  1. Biogas,
  2. Power supply
  3. Tap water
  4. Drainage
  5. Compressed air
  6. Signal communication & internet
2. Industrial gases: N<sub>2</sub> and "synthetic biogas" (CH<sub>4</sub>+CO<sub>2</sub>)
3. Paneling on the 6m x 2,5m external side
4. Safety electronic integration (galvanic isolation)
5. Safety inspection
6. Cold start-up (air)
7. Final integration of fuel cell
8. Hot start-up (biogas)  
→ Operation





## CS5: Pictures of the new technologies

**Subtask: 1.3.2 Anaerobic pretreatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell**



*What was intended to do: 3D view of the SOFC pilot plant in engineering project*



*What has been done: real picture of the SOFC pilot plant (taken April 2022)*



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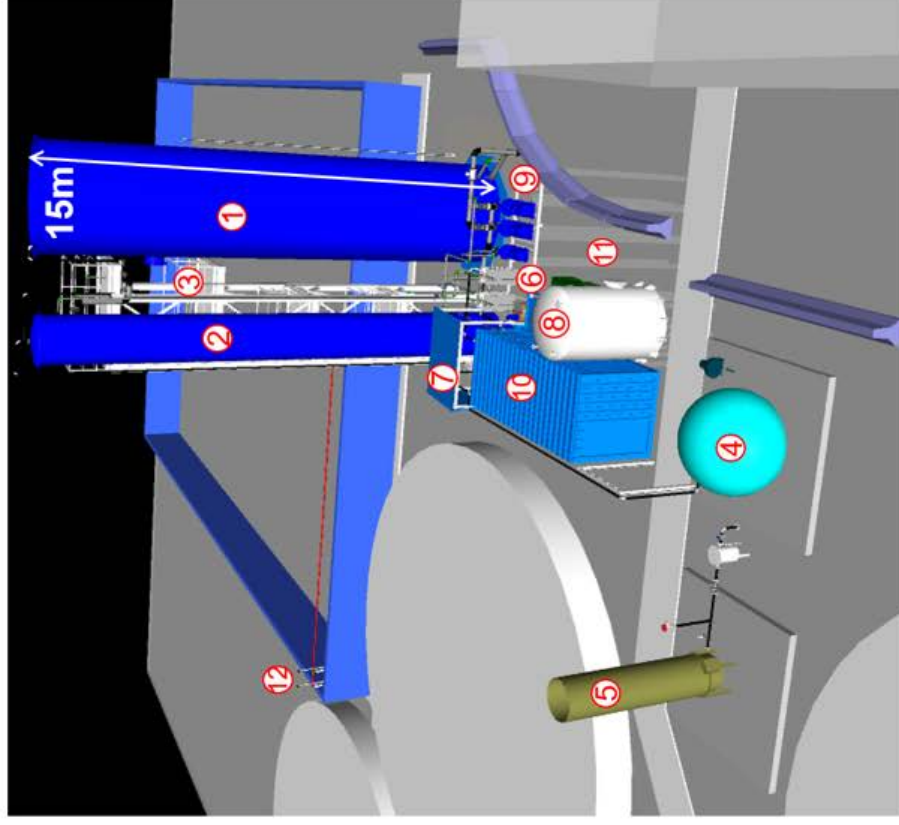
## CS5: Pictures of the new technologies

Subtask: **Electrostimulated anaerobic reactor (ELSAR<sup>®</sup>)**

- **Capacity**
  - *Input Brewery Wastewater*
  - *Flow 20 m<sup>3</sup>/h, OLR 2 Tn COD/d*
- **Reactor features**
  - *Total Volume Reactor 140m<sup>3</sup>*
  - *Ø 3,5m; Water height 15m*
  - *Mesophilic range (30 - 37°C)*
- **Expected results**
  - *90% COD removal*
  - *31 Nm<sup>3</sup> biogas/h*
  - *Energy surplus*

### Composed by:

1. ELSAR reactor
2. Buffer reactor
3. Stairs structure
4. Gazometer
5. Flare
6. Heat exchangers
7. Chiller
8. Chemical storage
9. Pumping station
10. Office, lab, store
11. Foundation
12. Feeding pumps



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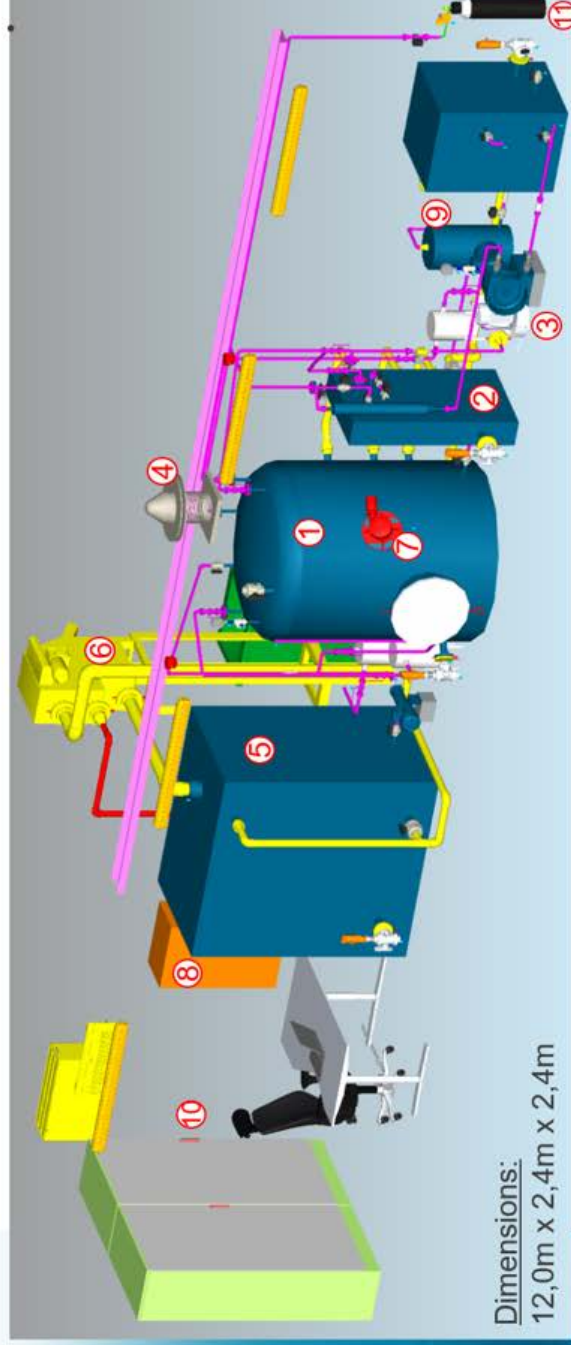


## CS5: Picture of the AnMBR

- **Capacity**
  - Input Industrial Wastewater
  - Flow 2 m<sup>3</sup>/h
  - OLR 200 kg COD/d
- **Reactor features**
  - Total Volume Reactor 40m<sup>3</sup>
  - Mesophilic range (30 - 37°C)

### Subtask: Anaerobic Membrane Bio Reactor (AnMBR)

- **Expected results**
  - 95% COD removal
  - 3,5 Nm<sup>3</sup> biogas/h
- **Composed by:**
  1. Biological reactor
  2. Membranes
  3. Blower and recirculation pumps
  4. Ventilator
  5. Buffer tank
  6. Screen
  7. Stirrer
  8. Electrical cabinet
  9. Backwash and permeate tanks
  10. Office
  11. Inert gas



**Dimensions:**  
12,0m x 2,4m x 2,4m

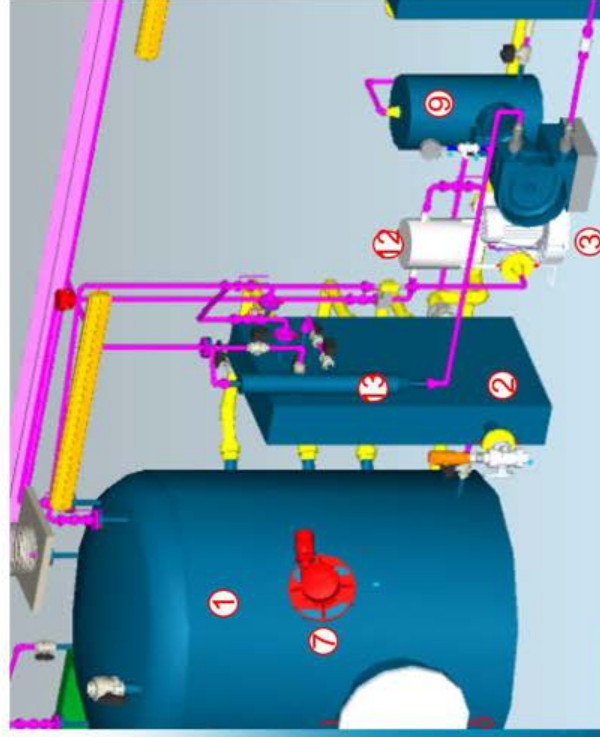


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## CS5: Pictures of the AnMBR

Subtask: Anaerobic Membrane Bio Reactor (AnMBR)



*What was intended to do: 3D view of the AnMBR pilot plant in engineering project*



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Elements:

1. Biological reactor
2. Membranes
3. Blower + recirculation pump
7. Stirrer
9. Backwash / permeate tanks
12. Condensates pot
13. Degassing unit

*What has been done: real picture of the AnMBR pilot plant (taken April 2022)*



# CS5: Operational procedures and methodologies

Subtask: **1.3.2 Anaerobic pretreatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell**

## SOFC

- **Monitoring of:**
  - Monthly analytical determination of biogas components (before entering the SOFC).
  - Online measuring of pressure, temperature and moisture before entering the SOFC.
  - Register of biogas consumption, produced energy, electrical energy consumption and water consumption.
- **Support:** Training and online support of the SOFC will be provided by the supplier during the first operation year.
- **Security measures:**
  - Excess air ventilation
  - 2 units of lower explosive limit (LEL) detector for CH<sub>4</sub>
  - Flame arresters



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## ELSAR® and AnMBR

- **Monitoring of:**
  - Weekly analytical determination of produced biogas components and of treated wastewater.
  - Online measuring of fouling-linked parameters (only for AnMBR) as well as several operational parameters.
  - Operation without and with the electrochemical system, at different voltage (only for ELSAR®).
  - Register of chemical consumption, produced energy and electrical energy consumption.
- **Security measures:**
  - Excess air ventilation (only for AnMBR)
  - Lower explosive limit (LEL) detectors for CH<sub>4</sub> (only for AnMBR)
  - Flame arresters

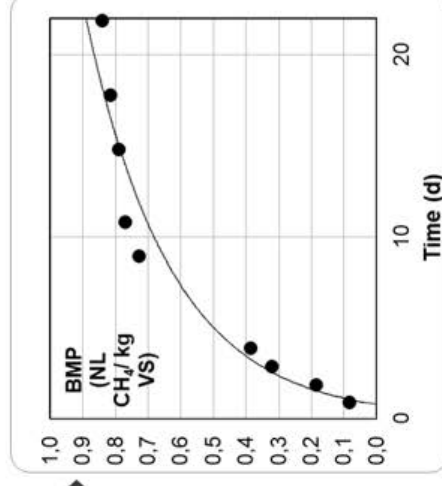


# CS5: Laboratory results

Subtask: **Electrostimulated anaerobic reactor (ELSAR®) and Anaerobic Membrane Bio Reactor (AnMBR)**

- Exhaustive brewery wastewater characterization (1 month long)
- Biochemical methane potential (BMP) tests showing adequate anaerobic biodegradability. A potential of 0,31 Nm<sup>3</sup> CH<sub>4</sub>/ removed kg COD was found. This result is consistent with other sources.
- Preliminary geotechnical study & basic design projects shows no technical limitations for proposed solutions (but a need for foundation & civil works)

| PARAMETER                | AVERAGE ± STANDARD DEVIATION | UNITS                 |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| COD (stirred sample)     | 5586±1732                    | mg/L                  |
| COD (settled sample)     | 4674±1765                    | mg/L                  |
| NH4                      | 3±3                          | mg/L                  |
| NO3                      | 2±1                          | mg/L                  |
| Total N                  | 64±23                        | mg/L                  |
| Total P                  | 17±4                         | mg/L                  |
| Sulphates                | 158±32                       | mg/L                  |
| Sulphur                  | <1                           | mg/L                  |
| Conductivity             | 2551±627                     | µS/cm                 |
| Total alkalinity         | 19,3±6,6                     | meq/L                 |
| Partial alkalinity       | 8,8±4,4                      | meq/L                 |
| Intermediate alkalinity  | 12,9±3                       | meq/L                 |
| Volatle fatty acids      | 15±3,6                       | mg Ac/L               |
| pH                       | 6,67±0,96                    | -log[H <sup>+</sup> ] |
| Total suspended solids   | 199±99                       | mg/L                  |
| Volatle suspended solids | 124±51                       | mg/L                  |
| % SSV                    | 0,67±0,16                    | %                     |
| Settled solids           | 40±30                        | mg/L                  |



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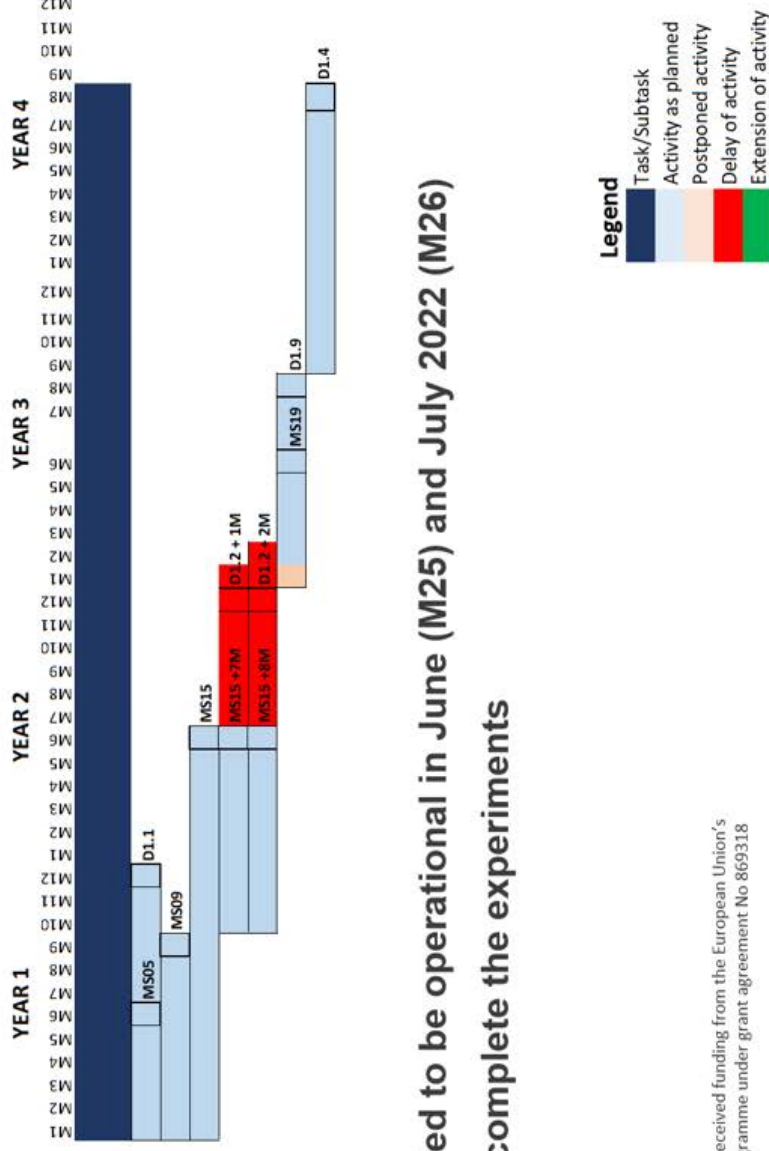




# CS5: Subtask 1.3.2 – Timeline for AnMBR & SOFC

Subtask: 1.3.2 Anaerobic pretreatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell

- T1.3.2 - Anaerobic treatment of brewery and food industry wastewater as well as biowaste to recover biogas in Lleida
- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Laboratory tests & investigations
- AnMBR operational
- SOFC operational
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for energy recovery



AnMBR & SOFC expected to be operational in June (M25) and July 2022 (M26)

→ Still enough time to complete the experiments



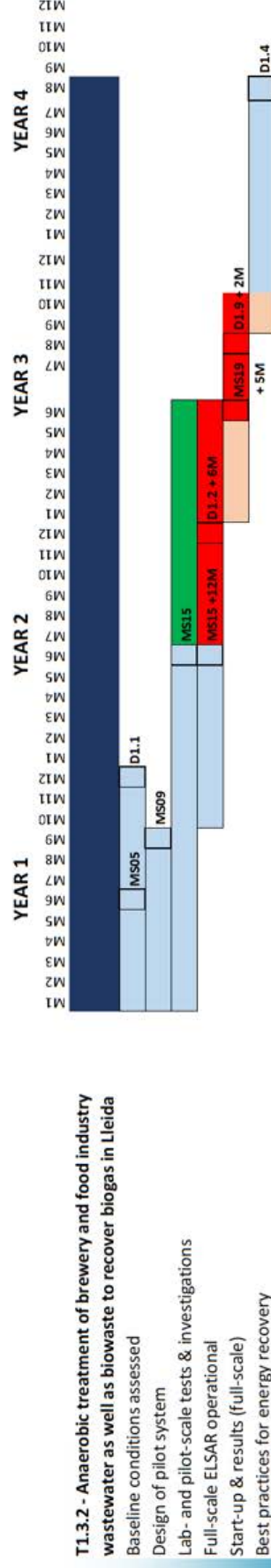
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# CS5: Subtask 1.3.2 – Timeline for ELSAR

Subtask: 1.3.2 Anaerobic pretreatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell



ELSAR (full-scale) expected to be operational in November 2022 (M30)

- Extension of lab- and pilot-scale experiments to accelerate start-up and optimisation phases of full-scale ELSAR
- Still enough time to complete the experiments



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## CS5: Subtask 1.4.4 Status/progress

**Subtask: 1.4.4 Recovery of nutrients from brewery digestates**  
**Baseline technology:** composting of thickened and tried excess sludge

Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:

**1. STRUVITE / VIVIANITE**  
 Feasibility of integration of Aqualia technologies and previous experiences

**2. HYDROCHAR**  
 Sludge and other potential solids: spent grain + yeast, *tbd*;  
 Feasibility of integration and techno-economical comparison.  
 Special focus on solar-based HTC technologies

**TRL: 5 → 7** (concept study: material recovery)

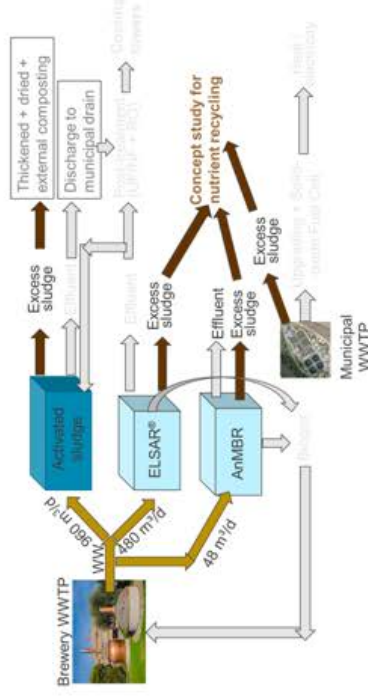
**Capacity: P-recovery:** 6 t phosphorus/a; **Hydrochar:** 600 t (brewery)/a & 1600 t (WWTP)/a

**Quantifiable target:** 6 t phosphorus/a; 6% P recovery; 600 t hydrochar/a

**Status/progress:** Feasibility report under progress.



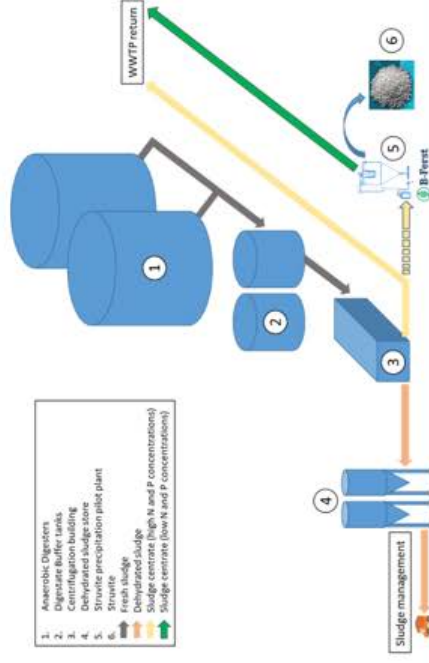
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# CS5: Concept study incl. solar pilot plant

## Subtask: 1.4.4 Recovery of nutrients from brewery digestates

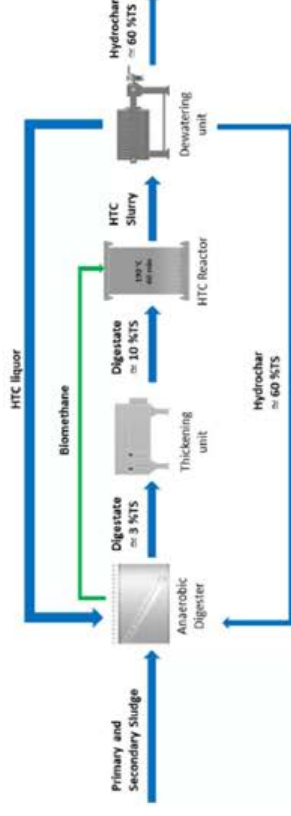


### 1. STRUVITE / VIVIANITE

- Potential of 6 T P/a in urban WWTP
- Feasibility of integration of Aqualia technologies and previous experiences



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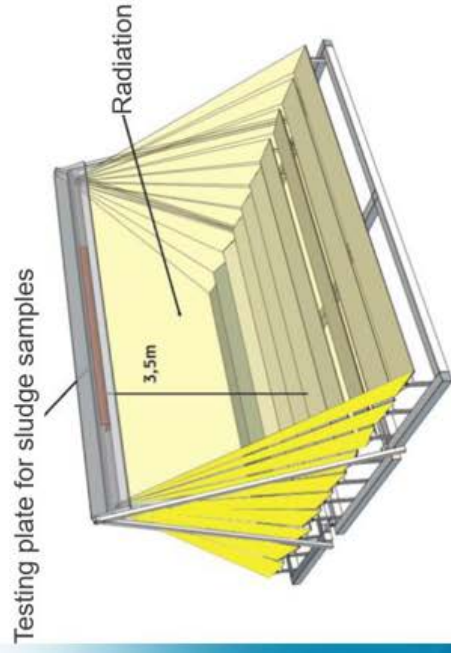
### 2. HYDROCHAR

- Potential sludge 600 T/a (brewery) & 1600 T/a (urban WWTP) (dry basis)
- Potential 1 GWh/a of effective solar energy used for HTC.
- Other potential solids: spent grain + yeast, *tbd*
- Feasibility of integration and techno-economical comparison



# CS5: Pictures of the solar pilot plant

Subtask: 1.4.4 Recovery of nutrients from brewery digestates



*What was intended to do: 3D view of the solar pilot plant in engineering project*

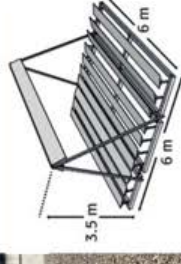


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|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Supplied power (based on max. typical climate data) | 14,5 kWt            |
| Net mirror surface                                  | 26,4 m <sup>2</sup> |
| Footprint   | 36 m <sup>2</sup>   |
| Expected lifespan                                   | 20 years            |
| Monitoring of energetic production & climatic data  | Yes                 |
| Self-orientation of mirrors                         | Yes                 |
| Remote visualization                                | Yes                 |



*What has been done: real picture of the solar pilot plant (taken April 2022)*





# CS5: Operational procedures and methodologies

Subtask: **1.4.4 Recovery of nutrients from brewery digestates**

## Concentrated solar pilot plant for sludge treatment

- **Monitoring of:**
  - Temperature
  - Moisture (for drying evaluation)
  - Volatile matter (for hydrolysis evaluation & carbonization)
  - *E. Coli*, *Samonella ssp.*, *Clostridium perfringens* (for disinfection evaluation).
- **Evaluation of results:**
  - Monitored variables at different set temperatures will be contrasted with models
- **Mode:**
  - Batch tests
  - Development & test of a continuous system



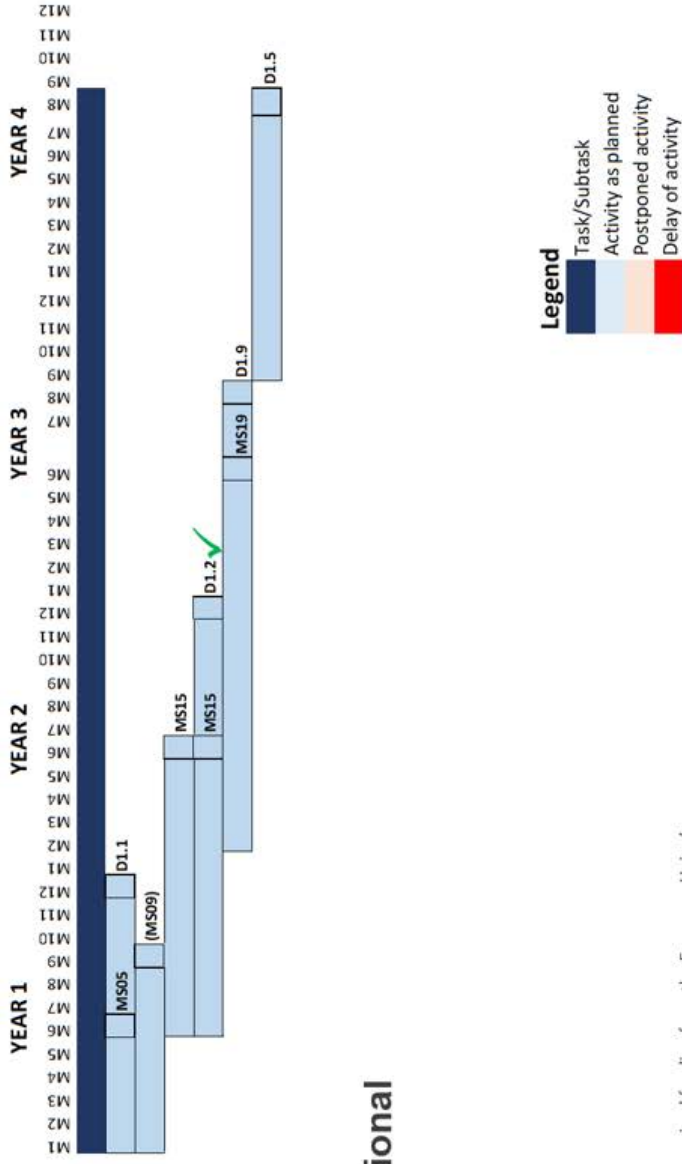
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# CS5: Subtask 1.4.4 – in time

Subtask: 1.4.4 Recovery of nutrients from brewery digestates



→ Pilot plant is operational



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# ULTIMATE

WATER SMART INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS

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## 2.6. CS6: Karmiel & Shafdan

| Overview                            |         |  |  |                         |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |  |  |                         |                         |                                |
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train                          | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 6                                   | 1.3.3   | AAT Karmiel  |  | 100%                    | 100%                    | 24                             |
|                                     | 1.3.4   | AAT + membrane filtration incl. PAC Shafdan            | 90%                                      | 90%                     |                         | 25                             |
|                                     | 1.4.5   | Recovery polyphenols (pilot system: adsorption column) | 90%                                      |                         |                         | 30                             |

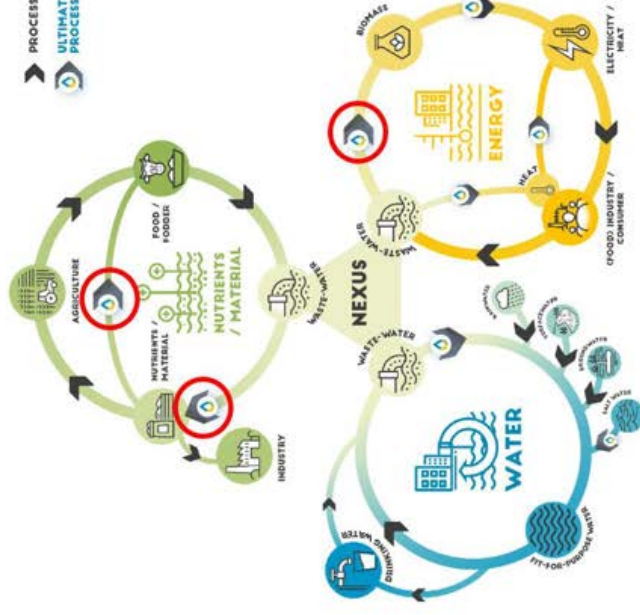


## CS6: Karmiel and Shafdan

Lead partner:



Other partners:

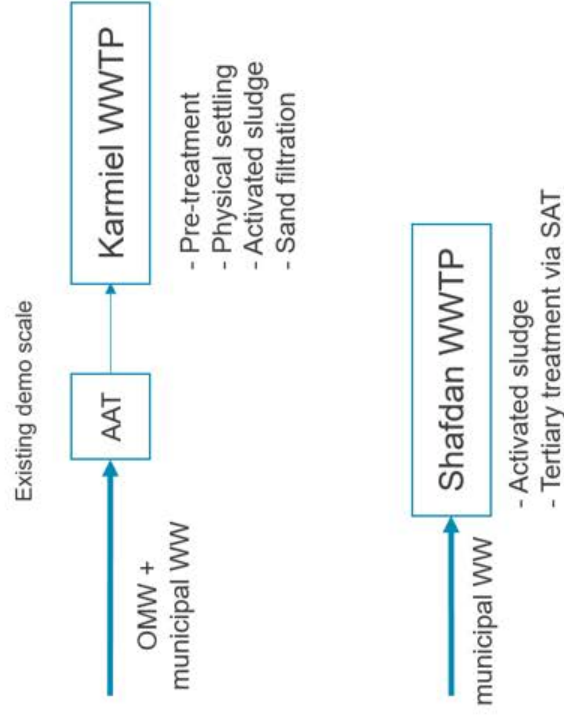


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## CS6: Situation before Ultimate



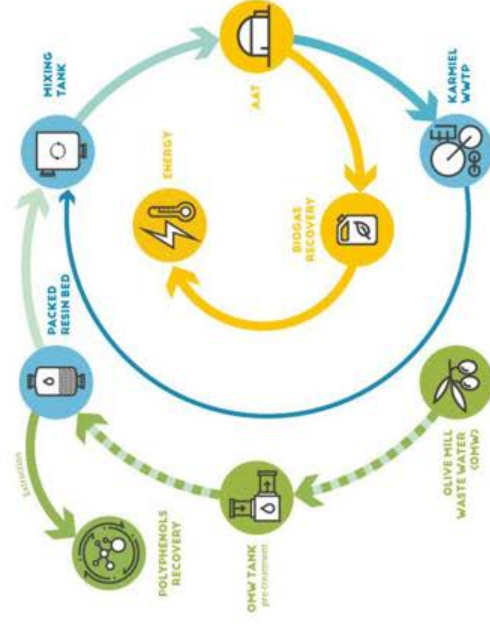
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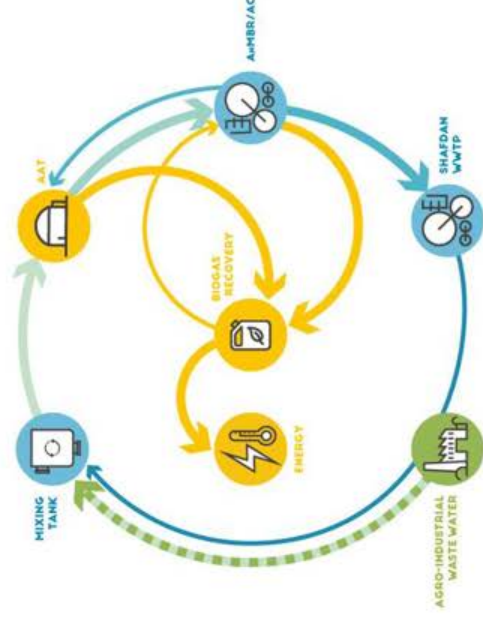


# CS6: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions

## Karmiel



## Shafdan



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## CS6: Subtask 1.3.3 Status/progress - Karmiel

**Subtask: 1.3.3 Biogas production from anaerobic pre-treatment of municipal and/or industrial wastewater in Karmiel**

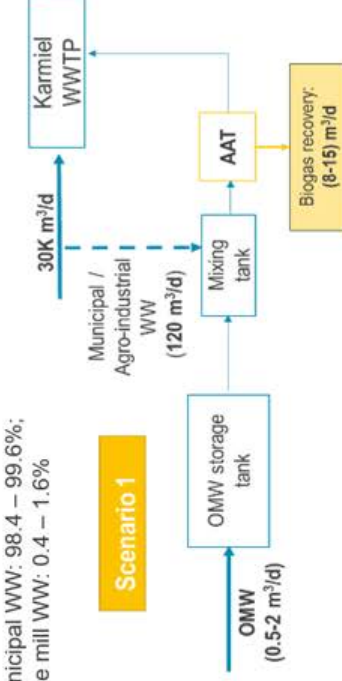
**Baseline technology: Existing AAT demonstration plant**

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy: Advanced Anaerobic Technology (AAT) for biogas production**

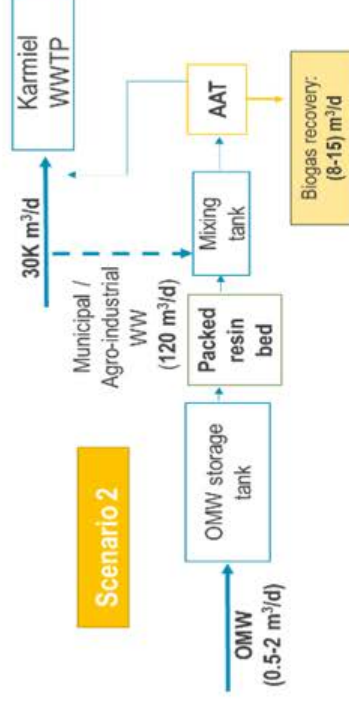
**Capacity: 120 m<sup>3</sup>/d TRL: 5 → 8**

municipal WW: 98.4 – 99.6%;  
olive mill WW: 0.4 – 1.6%

### Scenario 1



### Scenario 2



**Quantifiable targets: 8-15 m<sup>3</sup> biogas/d; 20-25% reduction of energy demand; 25% energy recovery**

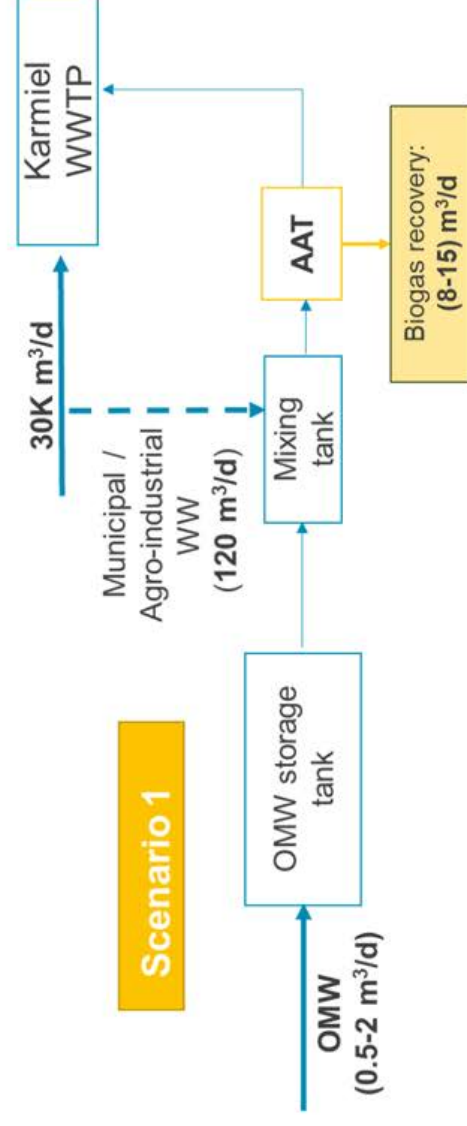
**Status/progress:**

- detailed design completed
- constructed and operational



## CS6: Current operational procedures and methodologies - Karmiel

Subtask: 1.3.3 Biogas production from anaerobic pre-treatment of municipal and/or industrial wastewater in Karmiel



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AAT ... Advanced anaerobic treatment  
OMW ... Olive mill wastewater  
WWTP... Wastewater treatment plant



## CS6: Picture of the high rate anaerobic reactor (AAT)

Subtask: 1.3.3 Biogas production from anaerobic pre-treatment of municipal and/or industrial wastewater in Karmiel



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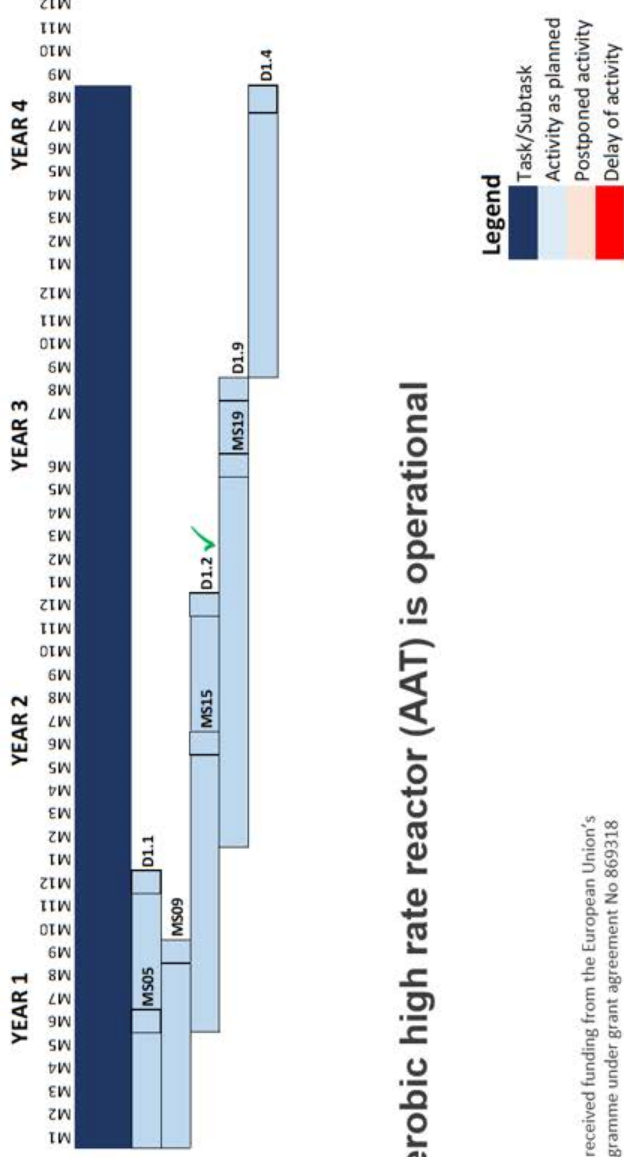


# CS6: Task 1.3.3 is in time - Karmiel

Subtask: 1.3.3 Biogas production from anaerobic pre-treatment of municipal and/or industrial wastewater in Karmiel

**T1.3.3 - Biogas production from anaerobic pre-treatment of municipal and/or industrial wastewater in Karmiel**

- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Pilot system operational
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for energy recovery



→ Immobilised anaerobic high rate reactor (AAT) is operational



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## CS6: Subtask 1.3.4 Status/progress - Shafdan

**Subtask: 1.3.4** Combining anaerobic biofilm treatment with membrane filtration and activated carbon in Shafdan

**Baseline technology:** Biogas production via existing anaerobic digestion (AD)

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:** AAT with AC to prevent biomass inhibition

**TRL:** 5 → 7

**Capacity:** 12-24 m<sup>3</sup>/d

**Quantifiable targets:**

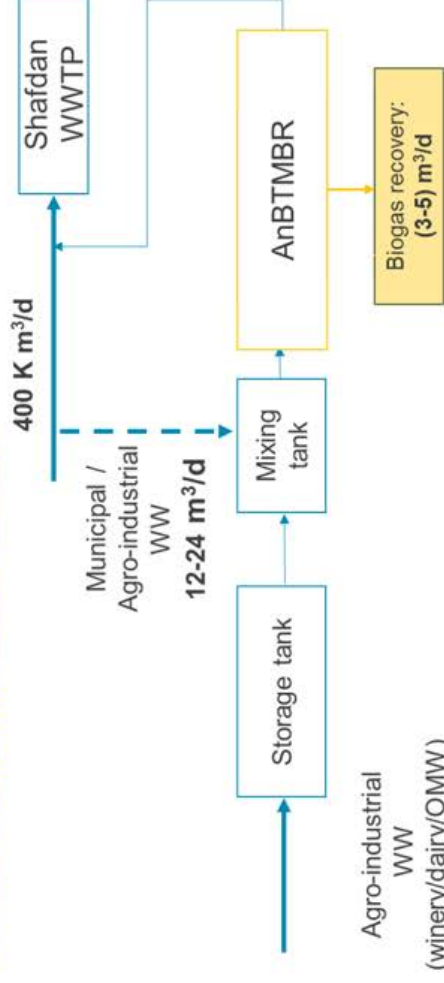
- 3-5 m<sup>3</sup> biogas/d;
- 20-25% reduction of energy demand;
- 25% energy recovery

**Status/progress:**

- detailed design completed
- under construction



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AnBTMBR ... Anaerobic biofilm treatment membrane bioreactor  
OMW ... ..... Olive mill wastewater  
WWTP ..... Wastewater treatment plant

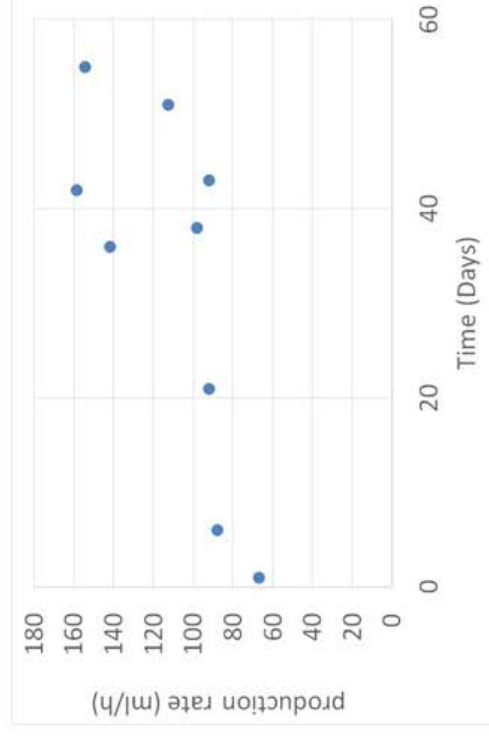




## CS6: Results of the laboratory experiments

**Subtask: 1.3.4 Combining anaerobic biofilm treatment with membrane filtration and activated carbon in Shafdan**

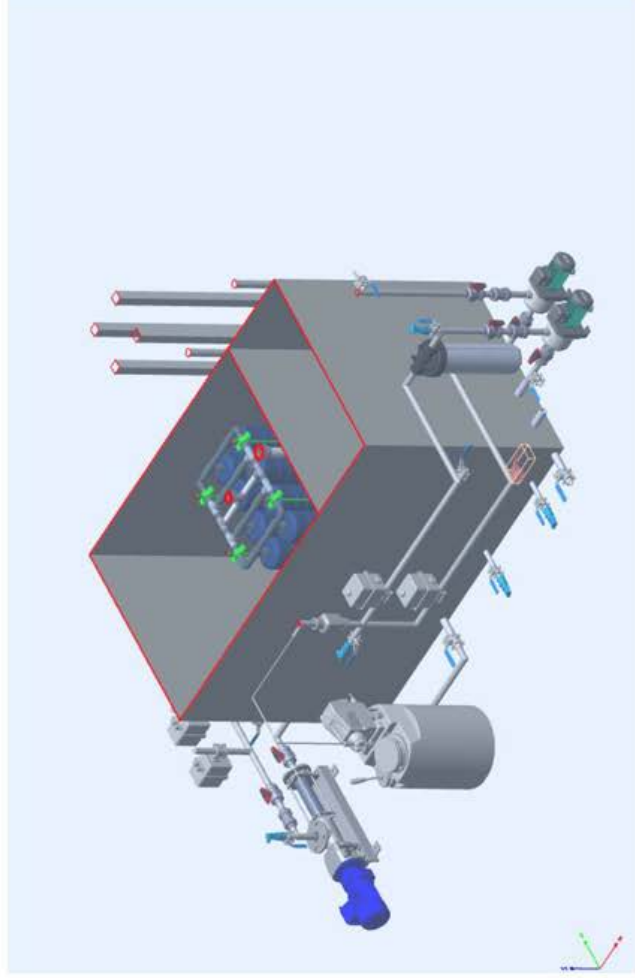
The lab-scale: The start-up of the system has been done two months ago. Below you can see the picture of the lab-scale system with the first preliminary results of rate of biogas production





# CS6: Pictures of the anaerobic pre-treatment system

Subtask: 1.3.4 Combining anaerobic biofilm treatment with membrane filtration and activated carbon in Shafdan



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## CS6 Video: construction of anaerobic pre-treatment system

Subtask: 1.3.4 Combining anaerobic biofilm treatment with membrane filtration and activated carbon in Shafdan



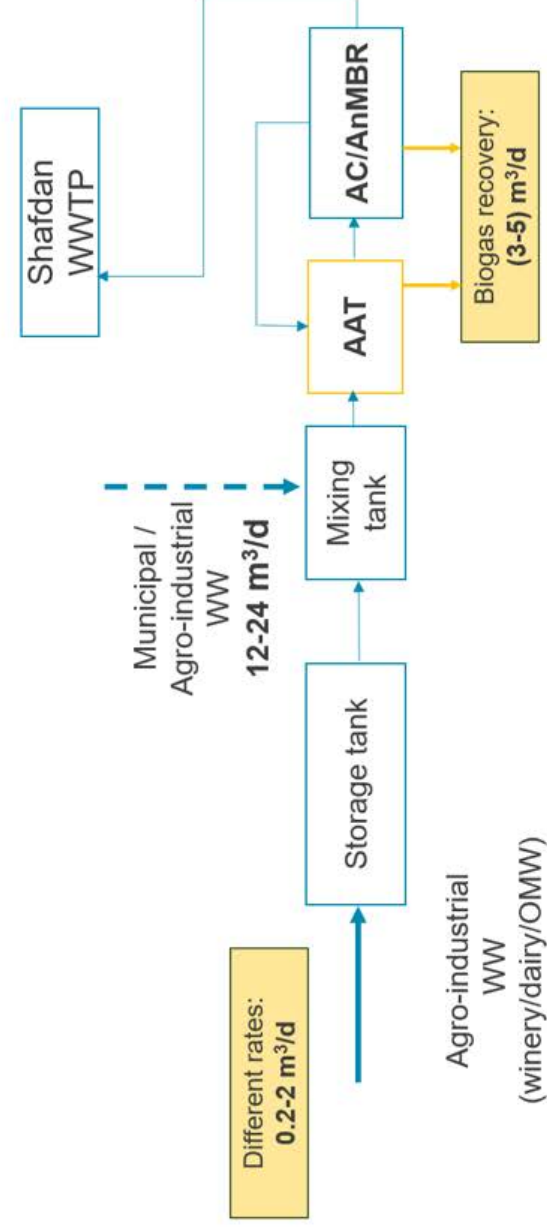
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## CS6: Operational procedures and methodologies (Shafdan)

Subtask: 1.3.4 Combining anaerobic biofilm treatment with membrane filtration and activated carbon in Shafdan



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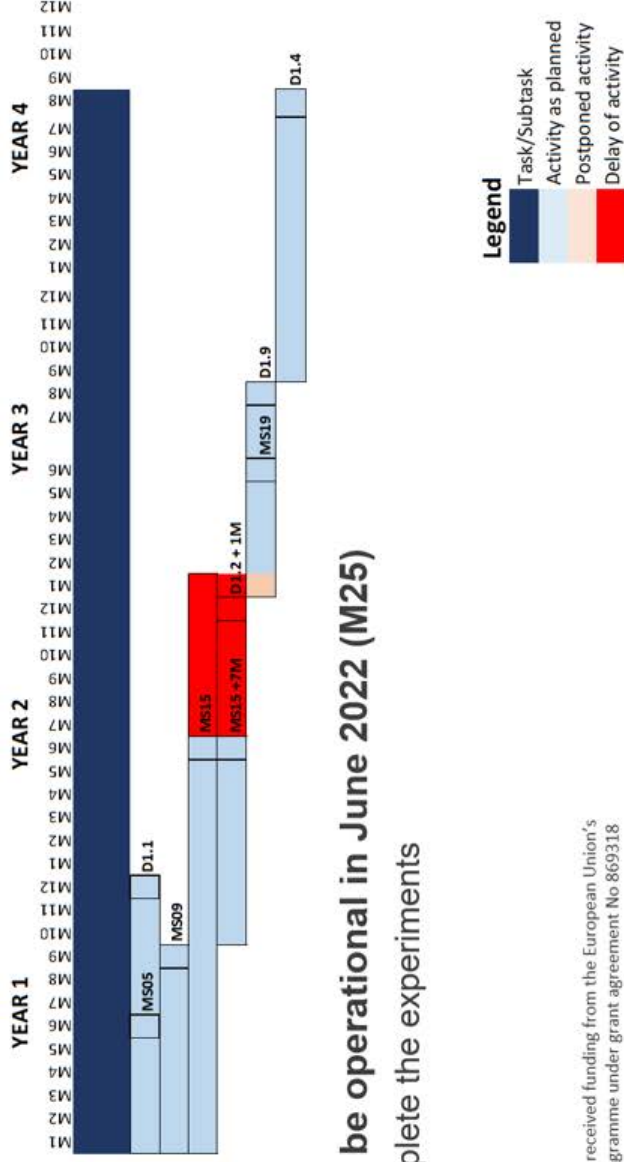






# CS6: Task 1.3.4 – Timeline - Shafdan

Subtask: 1.3.4 Combining anaerobic biofilm treatment with membrane filtration and activated carbon in Shafdan



AntBMBR expected to be operational in June 2022 (M25)

→ Still enough time to complete the experiments



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## CS6: Subtask 1.4.5 status/progress

Subtask: **1.4.5 Recovery of high-value products from olive mill wastewater in Karmiel**

Baseline technology: **No material recovery so far**

Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:

**Adsorption column with packed resin bed and extraction with pressurized hot water**

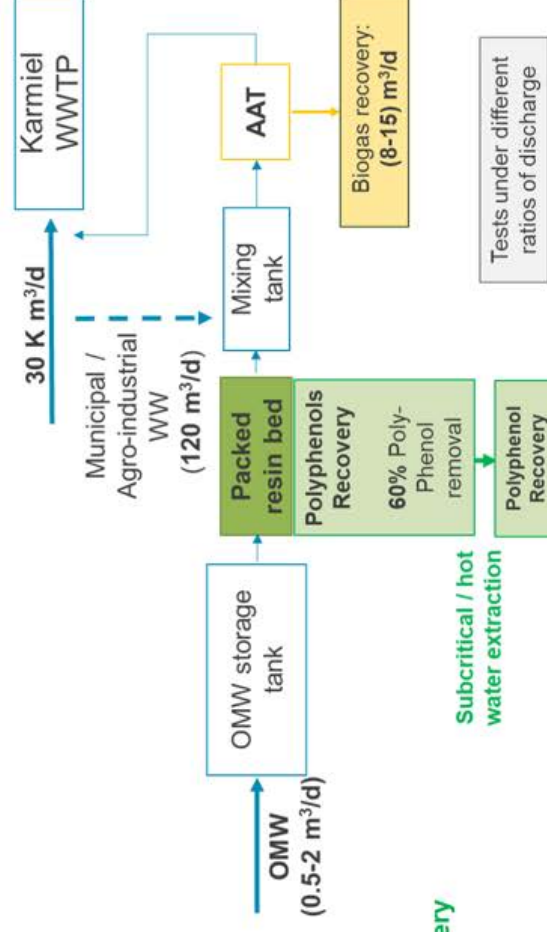
TRL: **5 → 7**

Capacity: **0.5-2 m<sup>3</sup>/d**

Quantifiable targets: **> 40% Polyphenols recovery**

Status/progress:

- **Detailed design completed**
- **Lab scale experiments almost completed**



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## CS6: Pictures of the new technologies

Subtask: 1.4.5 Recovery of high-value products from olive mill wastewater in Karmiel



Static adsorption

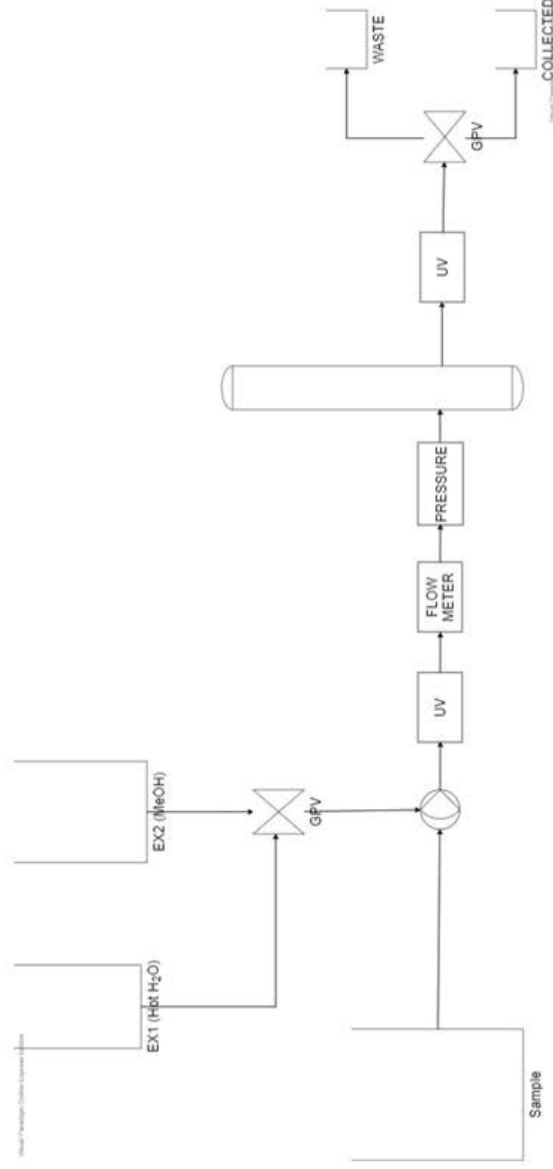
Lab scale – Dynamic adsorption





## CS6: Operational procedures and methodologies

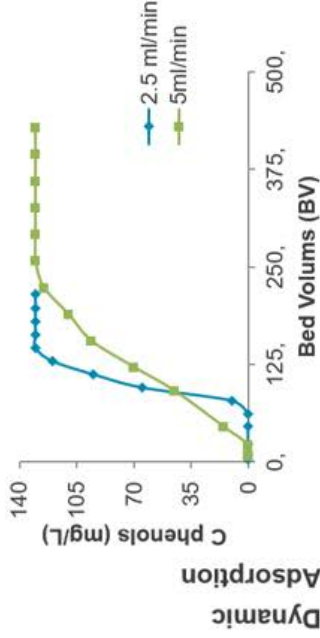
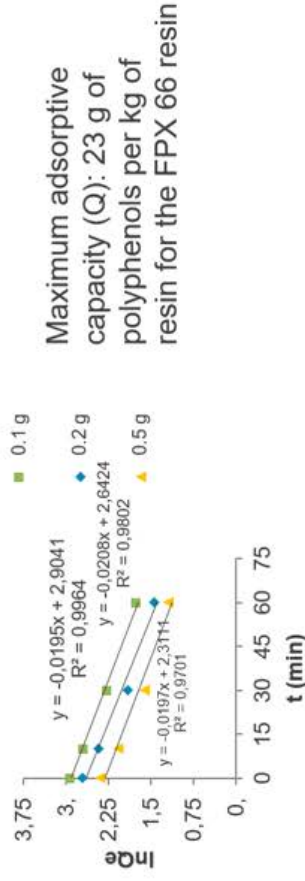
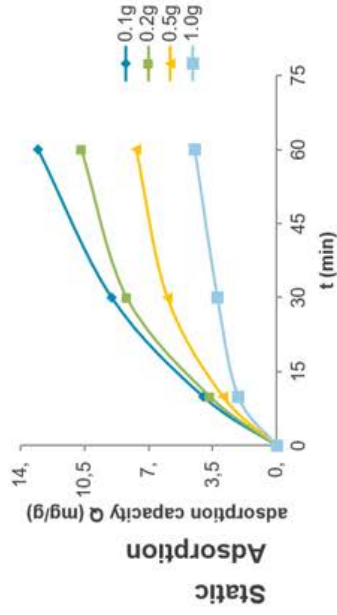
Subtask: 1.4.5 Recovery of high-value products from olive mill wastewater in Karmiel





# CS6: Results of the laboratory experiments

Subtask: 1.4.5 Recovery of high-value products from olive mill wastewater in Karmiel



The breakthrough curves showed that 1.7 m<sup>3</sup> of wastewater can be treated per kg of resin per 10 cycles



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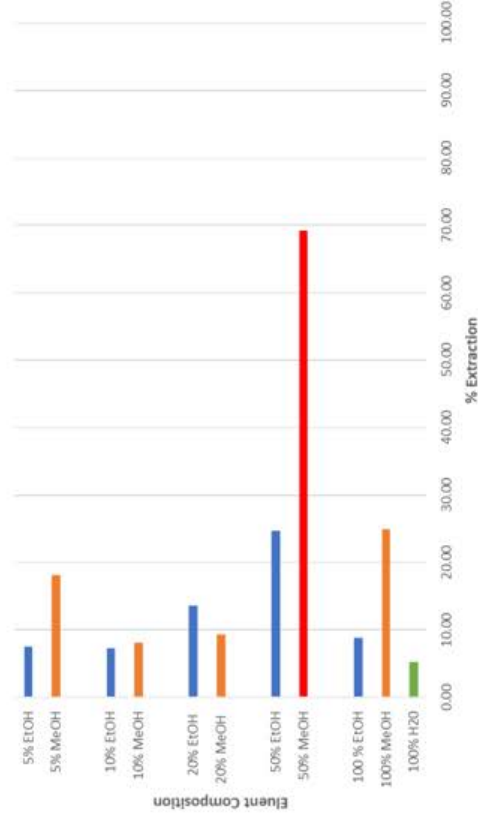




## CS6: Laboratory results

Subtask: 1.4.5 Recovery of high-value products from olive mill wastewater in Karmiel

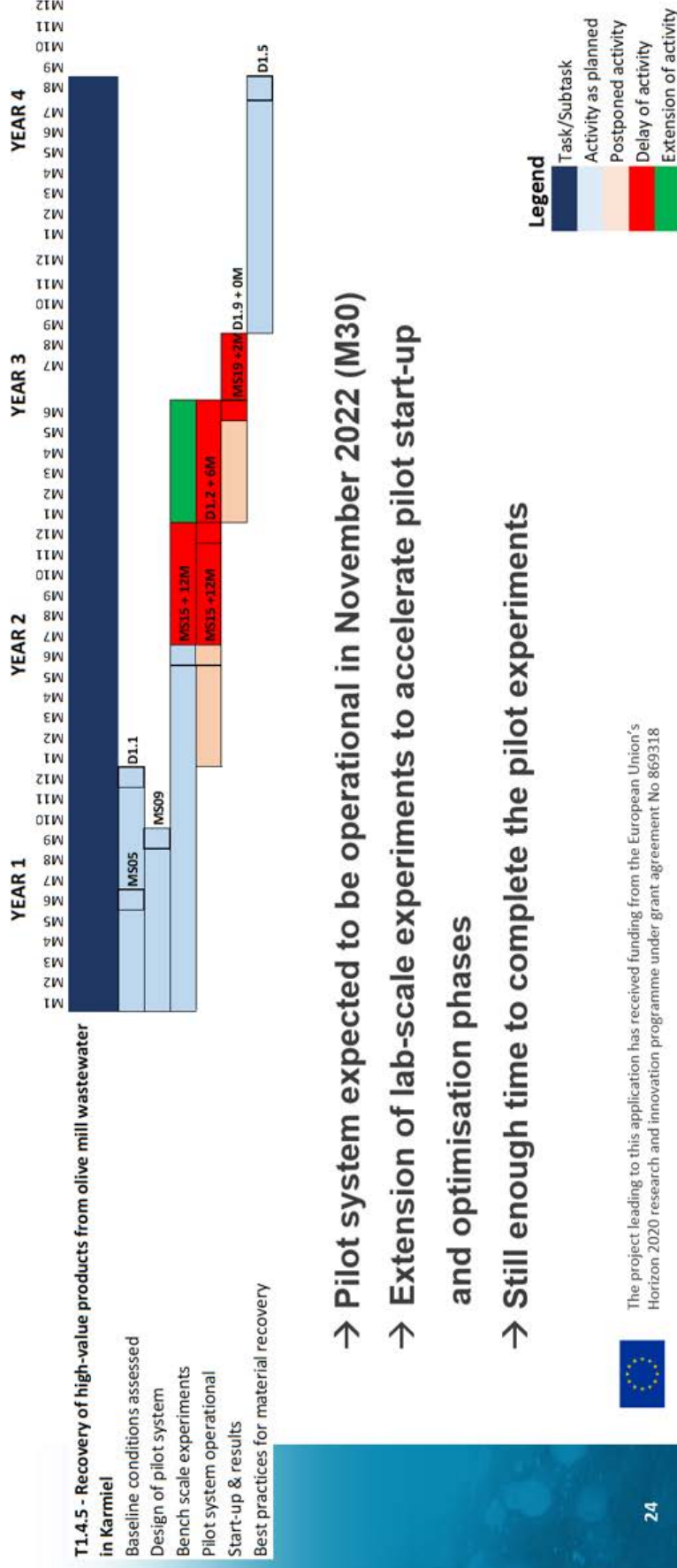
- Static extraction experiments were performed employing hot water and organic solvents
- Water-methanol mixture (50:50 b.v.) yielded **69% polyphenols recovery**
- Currently working on dynamic extraction experiments,
- Aiming to optimise:
  - experimental conditions and
  - solvent recovery and reuse strategy





# CS6: Task 1.4.5 - Timeline

Subtask: 1.4.5 Recovery of high-value products from olive mill wastewater in Karmiel



- Pilot system expected to be operational in November 2022 (M30)
- Extension of lab-scale experiments to accelerate pilot start-up and optimisation phases
- Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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## 2.7. CS7: Tain

| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |   |  |                         |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train           | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 7                                   | 1.2.6   | AnMBR + RO                              | 5%                                       | 100%                    | 100%                    | 26                             |
|                                     | 1.3.5   | AnMBR + heat recovery from its effluent |  | 100%                    | 100%                    | 26                             |
|                                     | 1.4.6   | Recovery of ammonia via stripping       | 80%                                      |                         |                         | 26                             |



**CS7: Tain**



Lead partner:

Other partner:



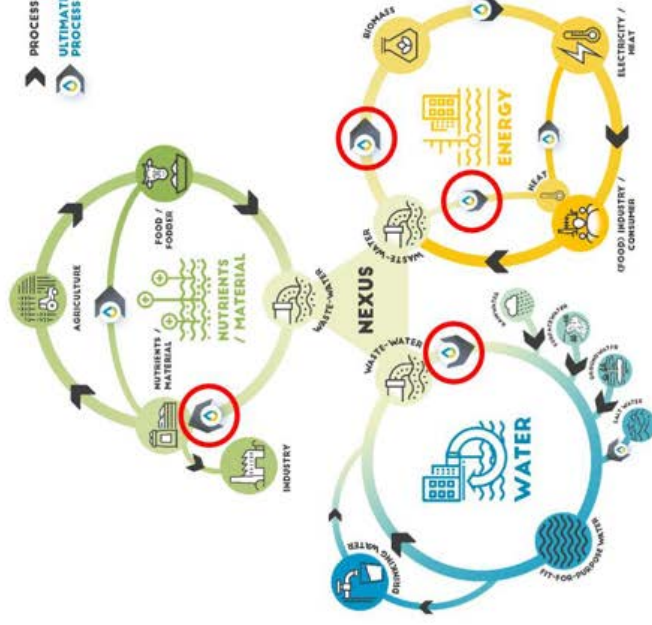
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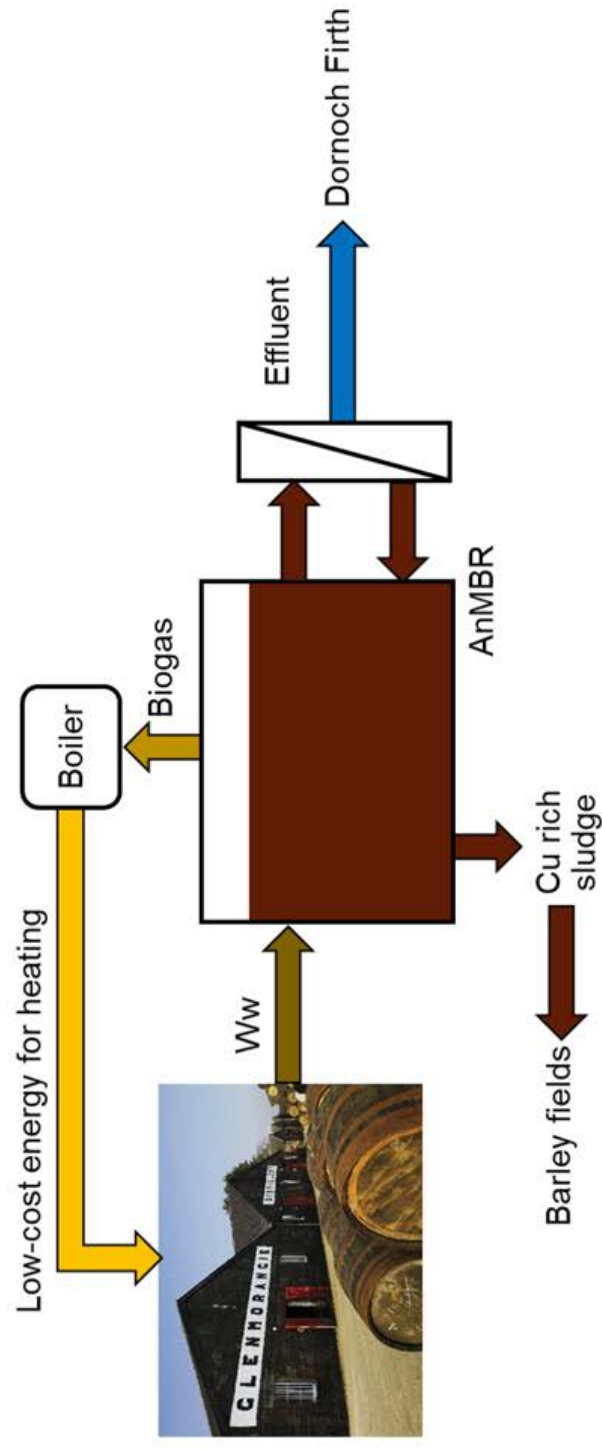


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## CS7: Situation before Ultimate

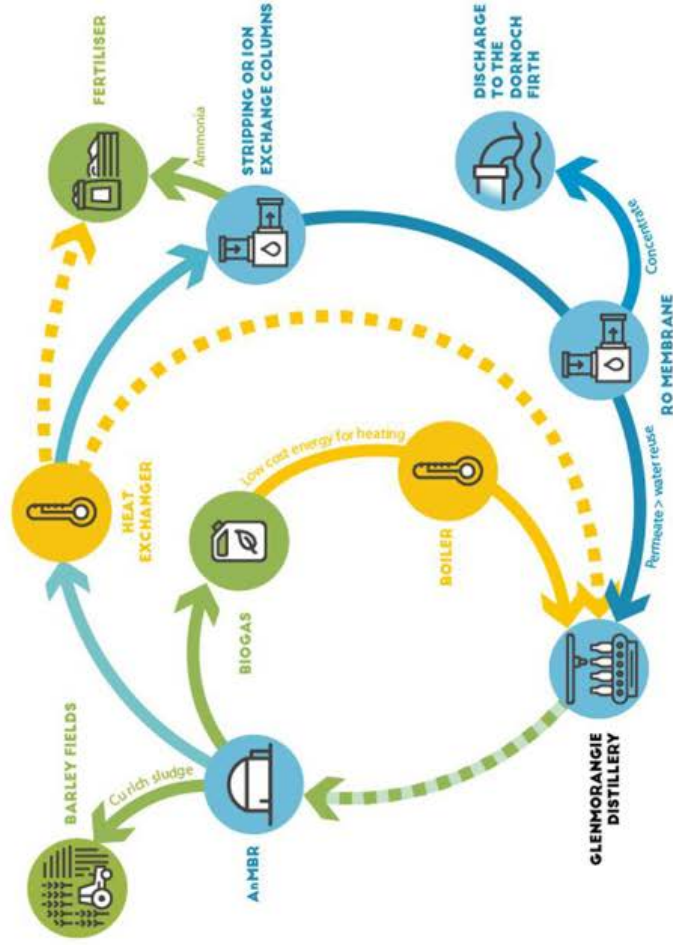


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# CS7: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions



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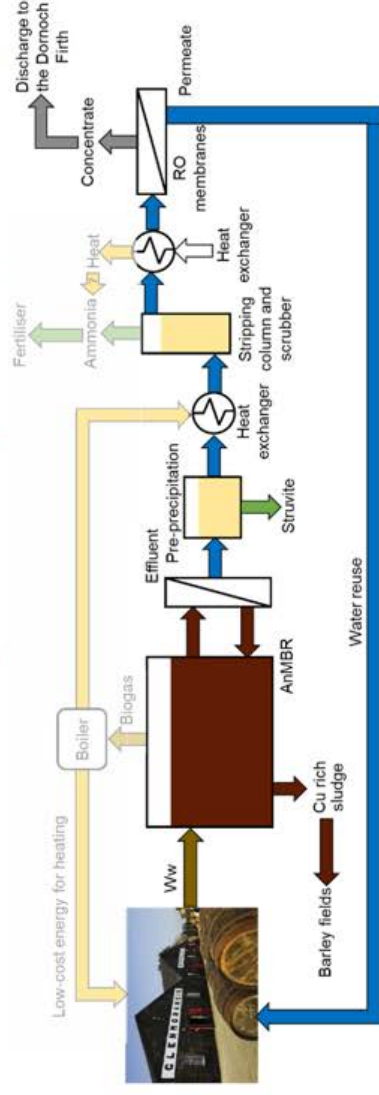




## CS7: Subtask 1.2.6 status/progress

**Subtask: 1.2.6 RO treatment of distillery wastewater after AnMBR for internal water reuse**  
**Baseline technology: no water reuse so far (discharge of AnMBR effluent to Dornoch Firth)**

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy: RO system for distillery wastewater (AnMBR effluent)**



**TRL: 5 → 7**

**Capacity of demo plant: 1 m<sup>3</sup>/d**

**Quantifiable target:** At full scale, potential for the production of 58,000 m<sup>3</sup>/a for internal water reuse; >40 % reduction of freshwater through reuse of treated water

**Status/progress:**

- detailed design completed
- system available but needs adapting to fit latest configuration



## CS7: Pictures of the new technologies

Subtask: 1.2.5 RO treatment of distillery wastewater after AnMBR for internal water reuse



The RO unit is designed to achieve high quality water for reuse from the distillery wastewater after treatment through a pre-precipitation stage and ammonia stripping.

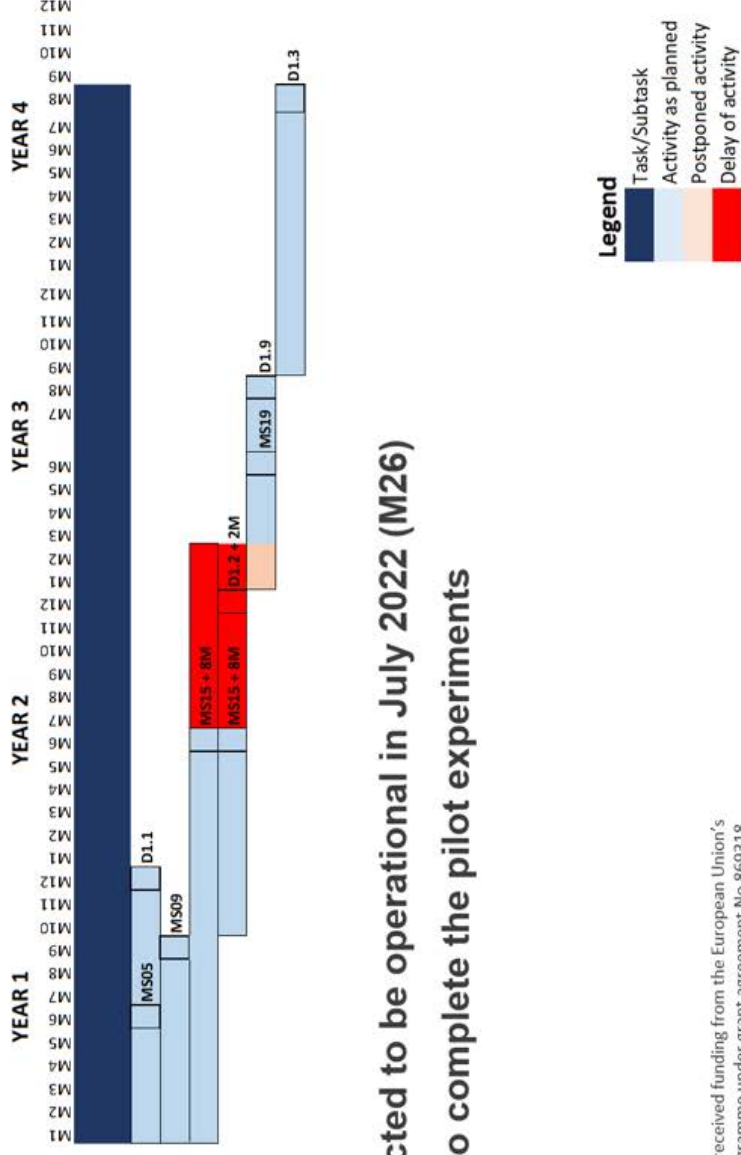


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# CS7: Task 1.2.6 - Timeline

Subtask: 1.2.5 RO treatment of distillery wastewater after AnMBR for internal water reuse



T1.2.6 - RO treatment of distillery wastewater after AnMBR for internal water reuse in Tain

- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Laboratory scale experiments
- Pilot system operational
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for water recycling

→ Pilot system expected to be operational in July 2022 (M26)

→ Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



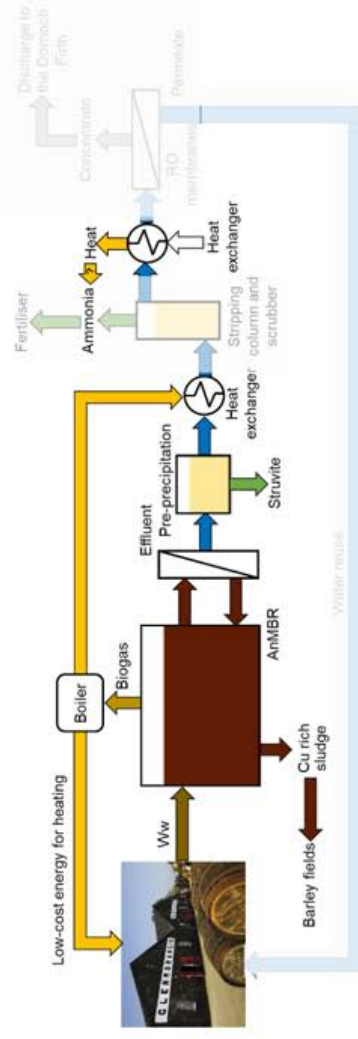
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## CS7: Subtask 1.3.5 status/progress

**Subtask: 1.3.5 Heat recovery from treated (AnMBR) distillery wastewater**  
**Baseline technology: Biogas production via existing AnMBR; no heat recovery before Ultimate**  
**Ultimate solutions to foster circular economy: heat recovery from the AnMBR effluent via heat exchangers**



TRL: 5 → 7

**Capacity of demo plant:** heat utilization will be tested in all systems at 1 m<sup>3</sup>/d for the RO and 12 m<sup>3</sup>/d for the nutrients recovery system and 14 kW of heat recovery can be expected

**Quantifiable targets:** At full scale, >15 % reduction of energy demand from biogas and 60 % heat recovery within stripping column unit

**Status/progress:**

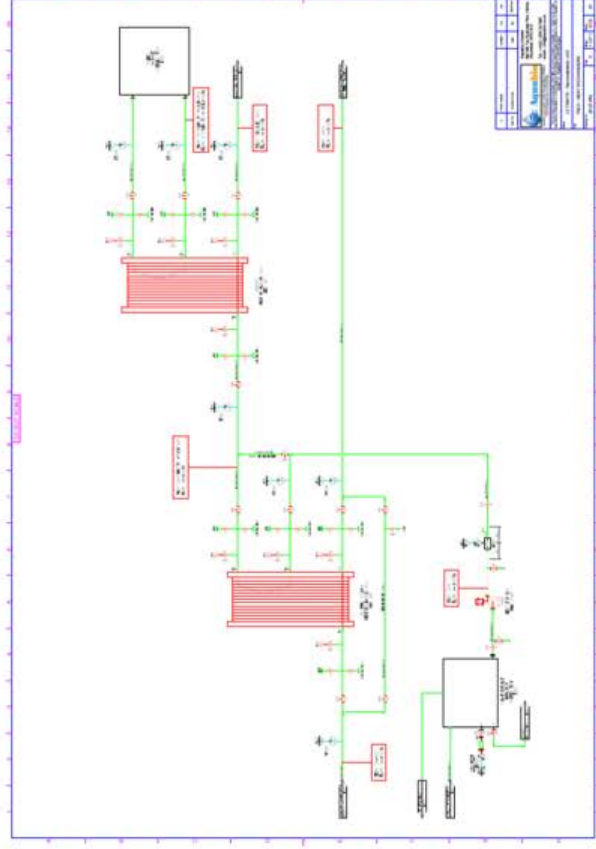
- detailed design completed
- parts ordered



## CS7: PID of the heat exchanging unit

Subtask: 1.3.5 Heat recovery from treated (AnMBR) distillery wastewater

P&ID of the heat exchange unit



The heat exchanger units are designed to maximise heat utilisation from the effluent after the ammonia stripping process.



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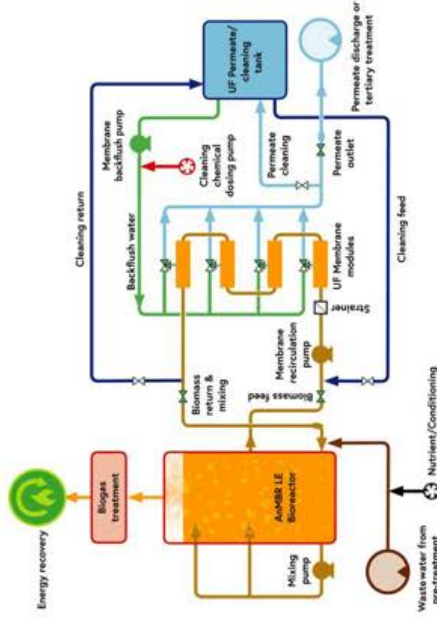


# CS7: First results of the new technologies

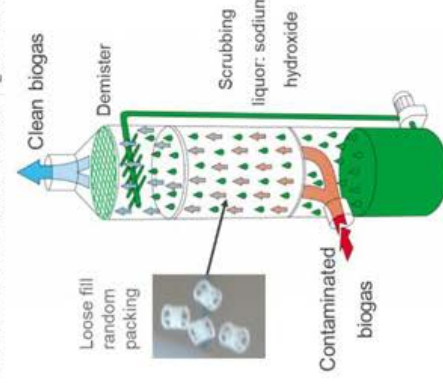
Subtask: 1.3.5 Heat recovery from treated (AnMBR) distillery wastewater

The biogas produced in the AnMBR first goes through a scrubber for H<sub>2</sub>S removal and is then converted to steam in a boiler. The steam produced is reused to heat the stills in the distillery and contribute to reduce its dependence on fossil fuel by 15%.

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Biogas Generation (Nm <sup>3</sup> /d) | 8,000 |
| CH <sub>4</sub> content (%)            | 55-70 |



Packed tower scrubber for H<sub>2</sub>S removal



Biogas fired steam boiler



|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Maximum continuous rating (kg/hr) | 2067   |
| Design temperature (°C)           | 188    |
| Working pressure                  | 8 barg |

<https://www.forbesgroup.co.uk/environmental-technologies/packed-tower/>

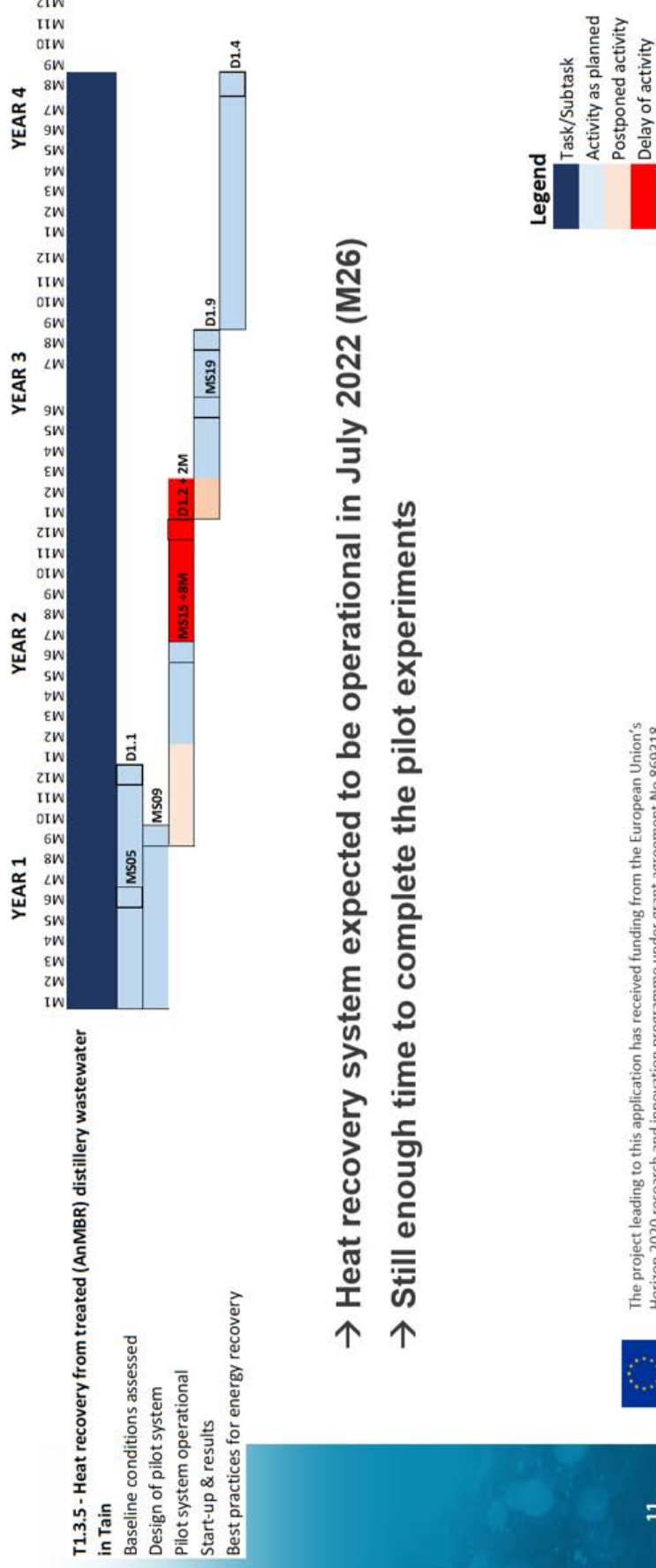
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# CS7: Task 1.3.5 - Timeline

Subtask: 1.3.5 Heat recovery from treated (AnMBR) distillery wastewater



→ Heat recovery system expected to be operational in July 2022 (M26)

→ Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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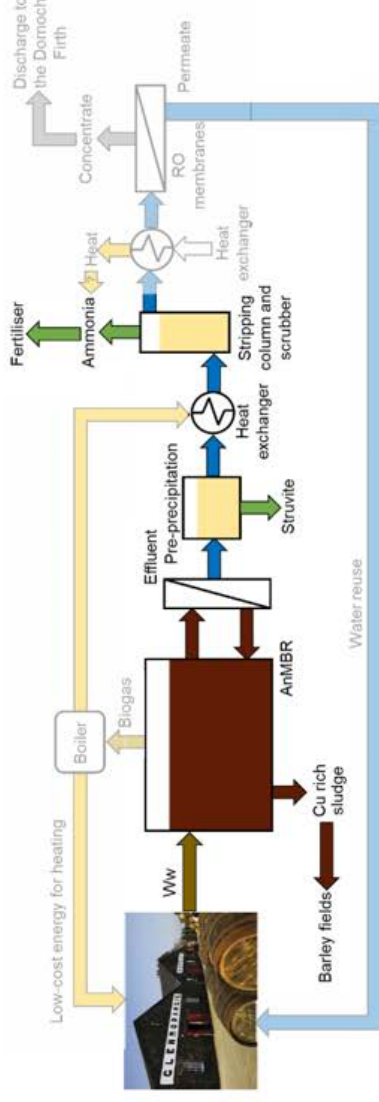
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## CS7: Subtask 1.4.6 status/progress

**Subtask: 1.4.6 Recovery of ammonia from distillery wastewater via IEX/packed columns after AnMBR**  
**Baseline technology:** reuse of digestate on the barley fields

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:** air stripping column & scrubber; struvite precipitation



**TRL:** 5 → 7 (air stripping column & scrubber); 5 → 7 (struvite precipitation)

**Capacity of demo plants:** 12-24 m<sup>3</sup>/d

**Quantifiable target:** At full scale, potential for the production of 122 t struvite/a from the pre-precipitation stage and 47 t nitrogen/a from ammonia stripping, corresponding to about 80% P recovery and 80% N recovery in total

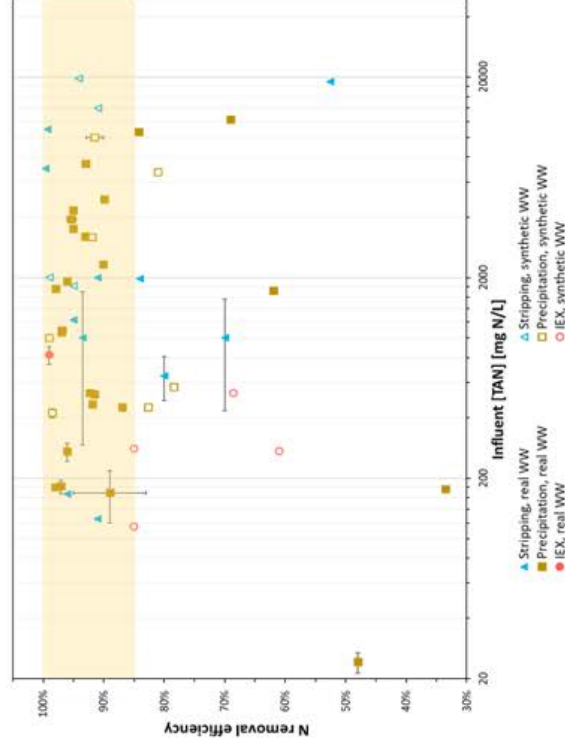
**Status/progress:**

- detailed design completed
- parts ordered



## CS7: Results of the preliminary evaluation

Subtask: 1.4.6 Recovery of ammonia from distillery wastewater via IEX/packed columns after AnMBR



The evaluation of current knowledge and performance (see figure on the right) of ion exchange, stripping and precipitation based systems for ammonia recovery from industrial wastewaters and the measured characteristics of the anaerobically treated distillery wastewater led to the selection of a two-stage system comprising pre-precipitation (struvite) followed ammonia stripping to maximize the recovery of nutrients.



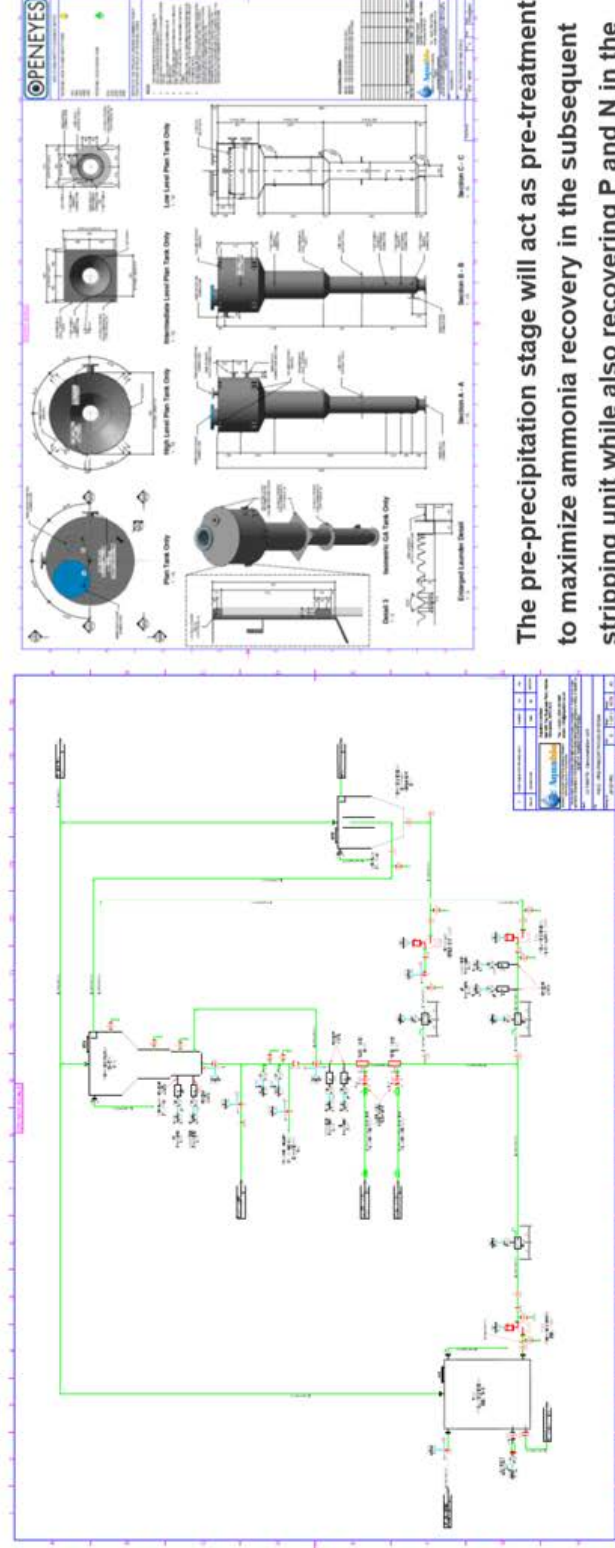
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## CS7: Pictures of the struvite precipitator

Subtask: 1.4.6 Recovery of ammonia from distillery wastewater after AnMBR

P&ID and drawing of the of the pre-precipitation reactor



The pre-precipitation stage will act as pre-treatment to maximize ammonia recovery in the subsequent stripping unit while also recovering P and N in the form of struvite.



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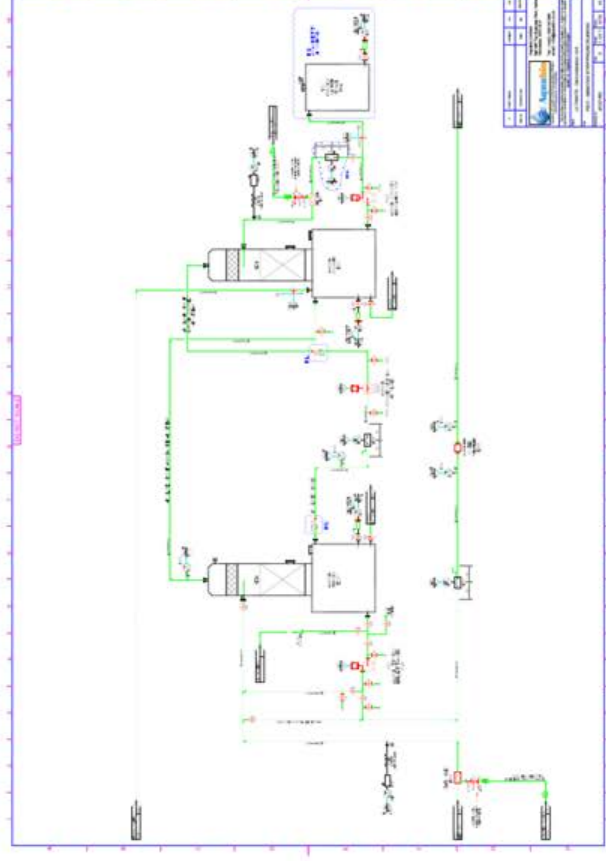




## CS7: PID of the ammonia stripping unit

Subtask: 1.4.6 Recovery of ammonia from distillery wastewater after AnMBR

P&ID of the ammonia stripping unit



The stripping unit is designed to maximize the recovery of ammonia from the anaerobically treated distillery wastewater in the form of either an ammonia solution or ammonium sulphate.



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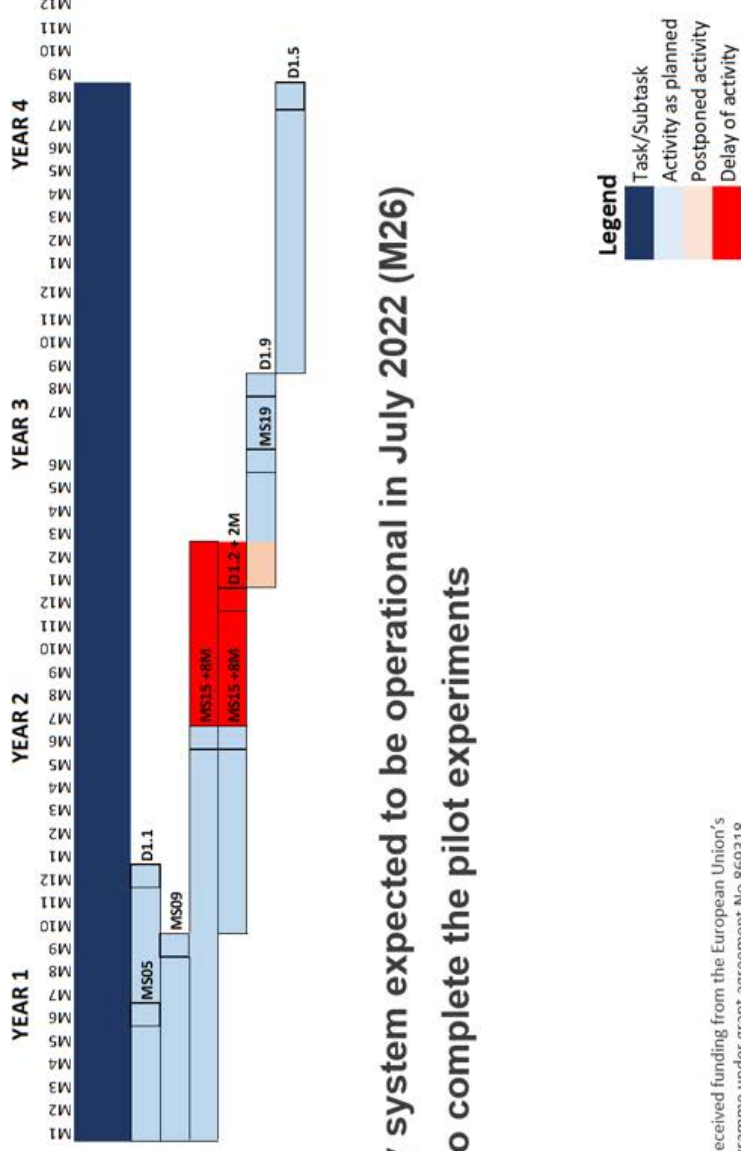


# CS7: Task 1.4.6 - Timeline

Subtask: 1.4.6 Recovery of ammonia from distillery wastewater after AnMBR

## T1.4.6 - Recovery of ammonia from distillery wastewater by IEX/packed columns after AnMBR in Tain

- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Laboratory scale experiments
- Pilot system operational
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for material recovery



- Nutrients recovery system expected to be operational in July 2022 (M26)
- Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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## 2.8. CS8: Chemical platform of Roussillon

| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |   |  |                         |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Overview                            |         |   |  |                         |                         |                                |
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train           | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 8                                   | 1.3.6   | Feasibility study: heat recovery        | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    | 10%                     |                         | 28                             |
|                                     | 1.4.7   | Recovery of sulfur: pilot demonstration |  |                         |                         |                                |

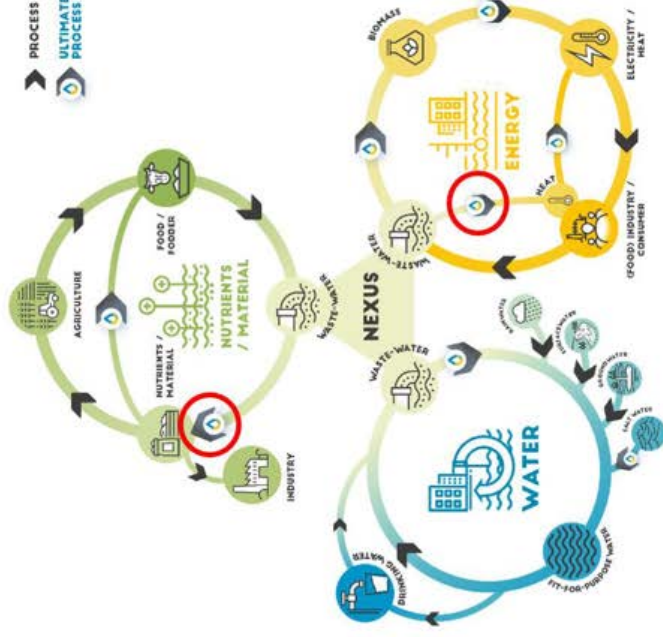


# CS8: Chemical platform of Roussillon

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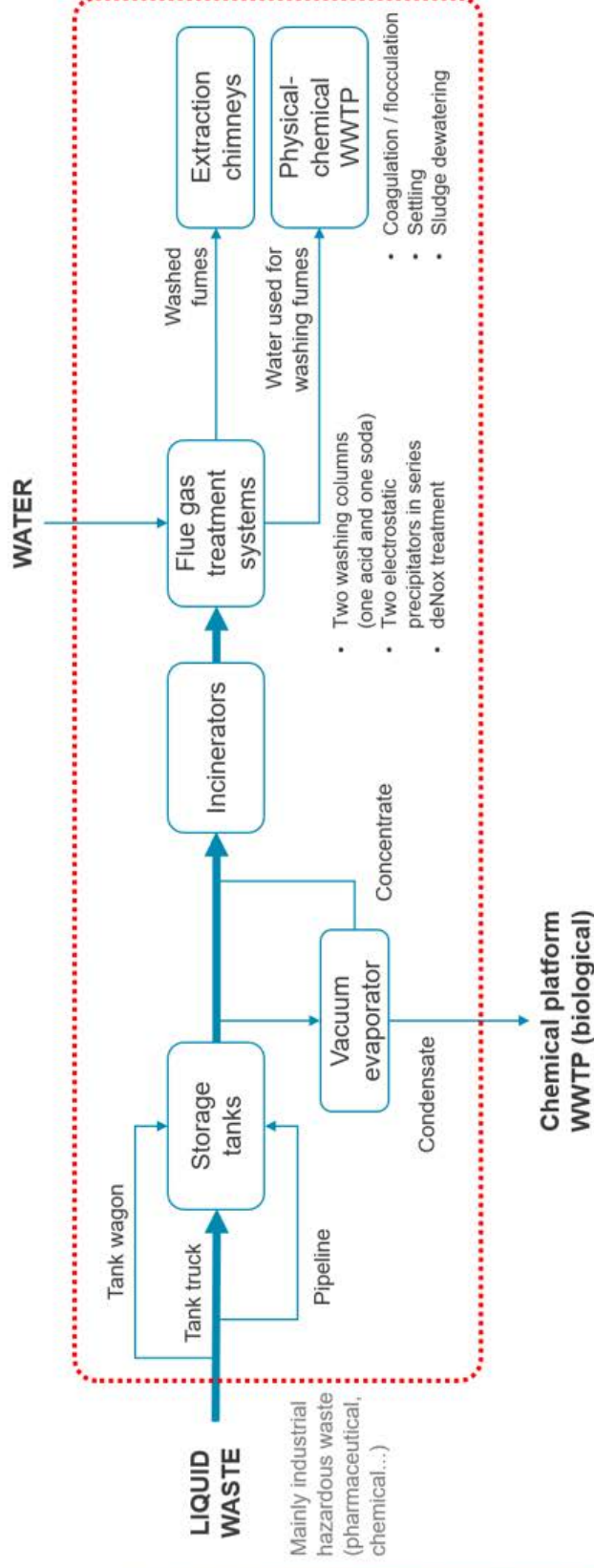


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## CS8: Situation before Ultimate



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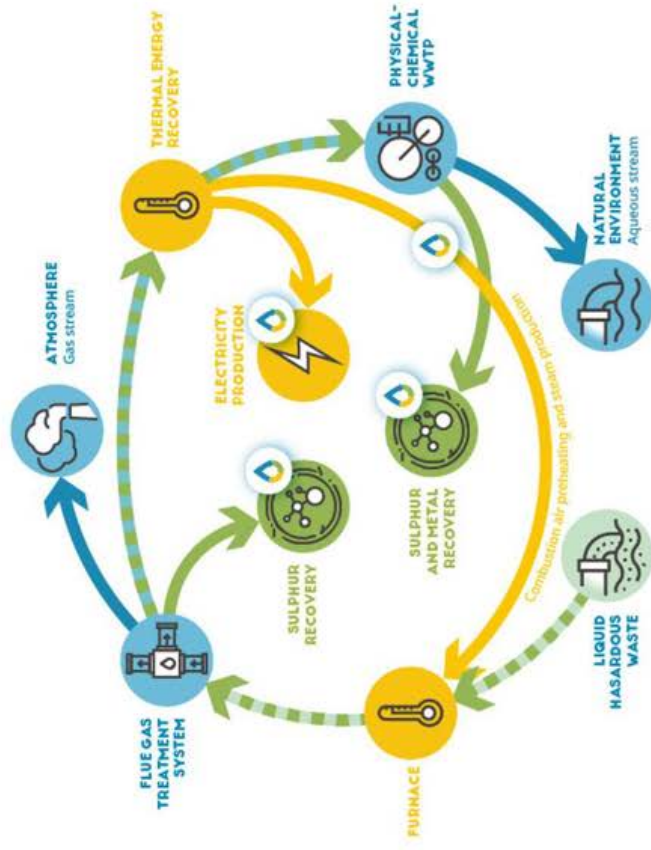
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# CS8: Objectives of the Ultimate solutions



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## CS8: Subtask 1.4.7 status/progress

Subtask: 1.4.7 Recovery of sulphur at the chemical platform of Roussillon

**Baseline technology:** no sulphur recovery so far

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:**

- Sulphur recovery from flue gas: condensation, dust cleaning and scrubbing
- Sulphur recovery from effluent WWTP: electrolytic oxidation or natural flocculating agents or chemical precipitation of sulphates

**TRL: 4 → 6 (Sulphur recovery)**

**Capacity:**

Sulphur from flue gas: 25 000 Nm<sup>3</sup> flue gas/h  
at 0-1% SO<sub>2</sub> depending on the feed waste ;  
Sulphur from effluent WWTP: 1 100 m<sup>3</sup>/d  
corresponding to about 15 t/d of sulphates

**Quantifiable target:**

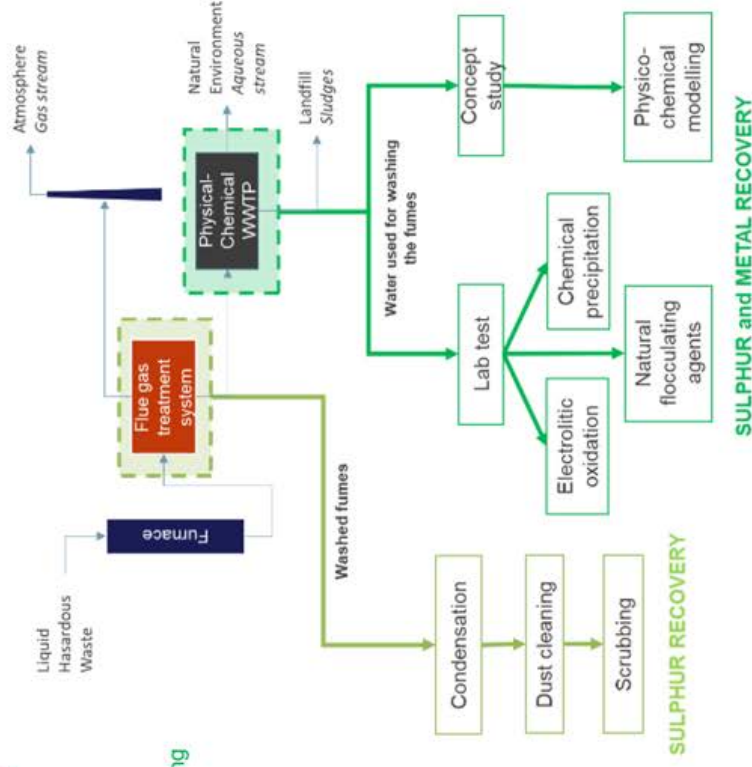
- Sulphur from flue gas: 80% sulphur recovery;
- Sulphur from effluent WWTP: 80% sulphur recovery

**Status/progress:**

- Sulphur from flue gas: lab pilot plant under construction; lab experiments ongoing
- Sulphur from effluent WWTP: preparation of lab tests



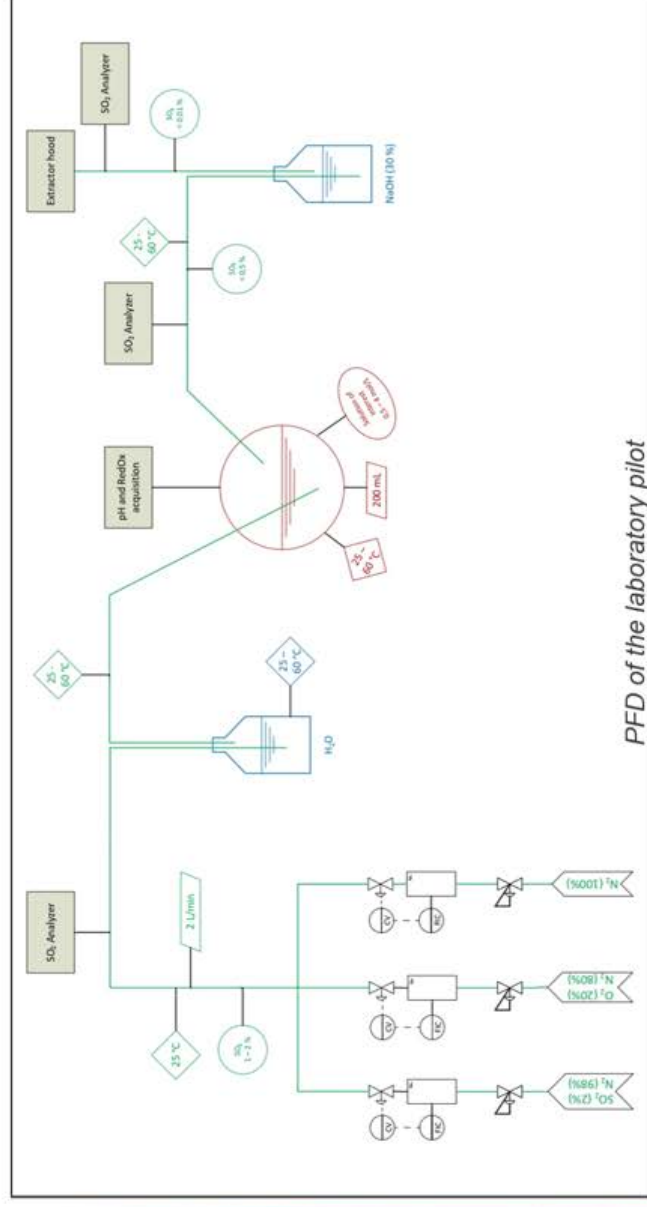
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## CS8: The laboratory pilot

Subtask: 1.4.7 Recovery of sulphur at the chemical platform of Roussillon



### Sizing :

Creation of a laboratory pilot able to study the impact of certain operating characteristics on the absorption of  $\text{SO}_2$ .

→ Use of an experimental design to effectively analyze these impacts.

### Objective :

Determine precisely the ideal configuration to absorb  $\text{SO}_2$  and concentrate the solution of interest.



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# CS8: The laboratory pilot

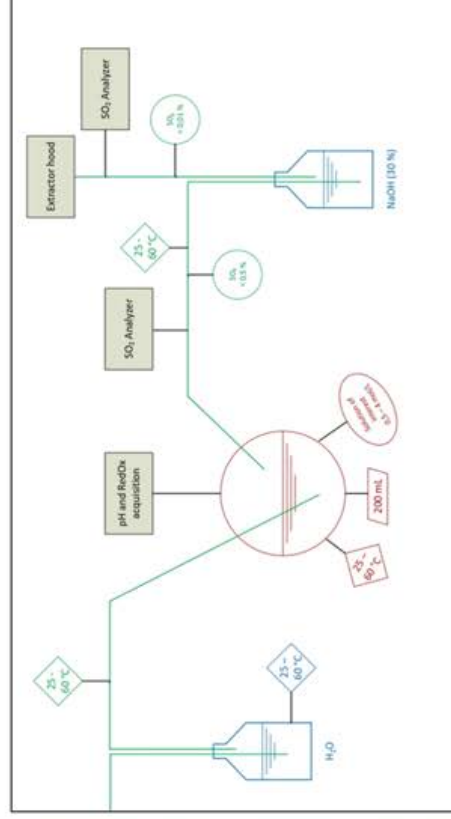
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## Gas mixture :

- Allows to study :
- The SO<sub>2</sub> level (0,1 to 1,5 % ) ;
  - The O<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> ratio (5 to 100).

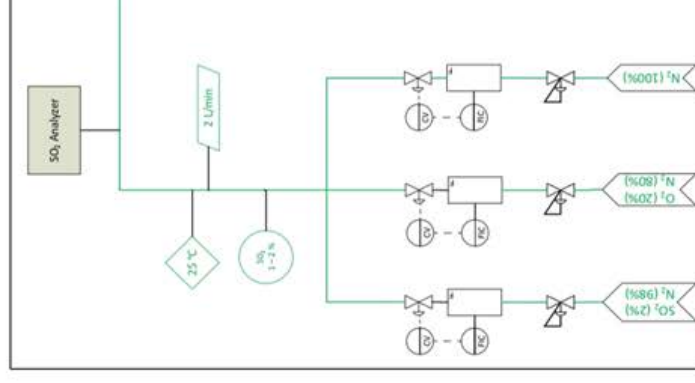
## Analysis :

- SO<sub>2</sub> analyzer ;
- Test kits (liquid phase characterization).
- pH sensor ;
- RedOx potential sensor.



**Other parameters :**

- Temperature ;
- Initial composition of the liquid phase.



*PFD of the laboratory pilot :  
Focus on the gas mixture*

*PFD of the laboratory pilot : Focus on the reactor*



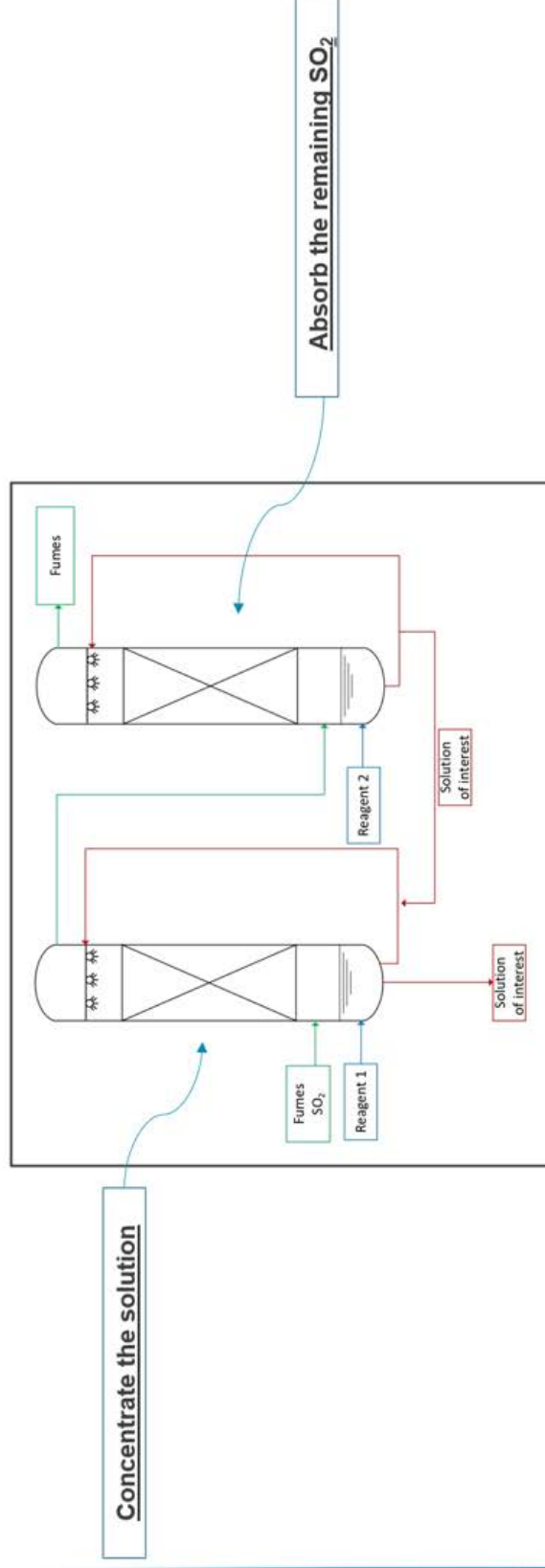
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## CS8: The industrial pilot

Subtask: 1.4.7 Recovery of sulphur at the chemical platform of Roussillon



*Principle of the industrial pilot*



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## CS8: The industrial pilot

Subtask: 1.4.7 Recovery of sulphur at the chemical platform of Roussillon

### Sizing :

- Column sizing ;
- Realization of the PFD and the mass balance ;
- Realization of the PID.

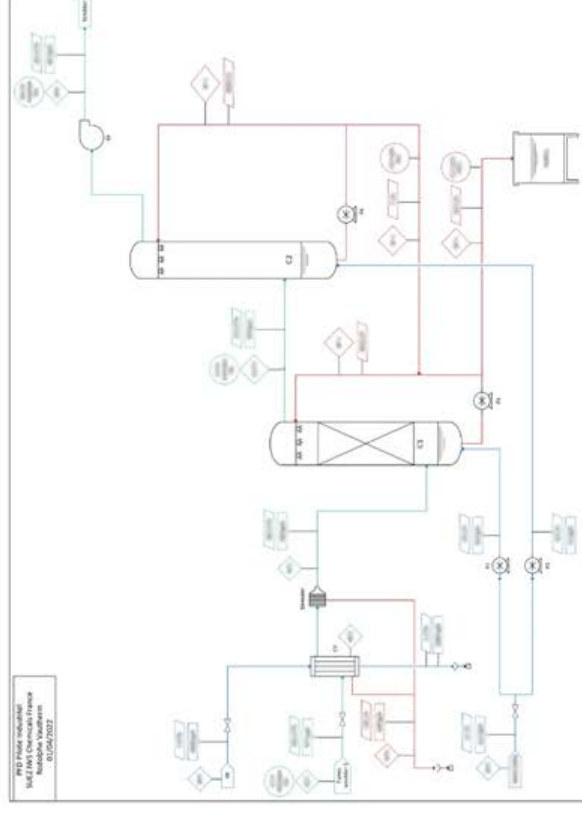
Pilot's specifications are already realized and contact with suppliers is underway.

**Addition of a condenser** : Required if we want to concentrate the product.

- By temperature decrease in the columns, water contained in the fumes will condense and significantly dilute the solution.

**Two different columns** : A packed and a spray column.

- Interesting to compare because in this case, they seem to have equivalent performances.



PFD of the industrial pilot



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## CS8: Status & Outlook

Subtask: 1.4.7 Recovery of sulphur at the chemical platform of Roussillon

### Done :

- Validation of analytical techniques ;
- Purchase of a SO<sub>2</sub> analyzer ;
- Sizing of the laboratory pilot ;
- Sizing of the industrial pilot and drafting of the specifications.

### To do :

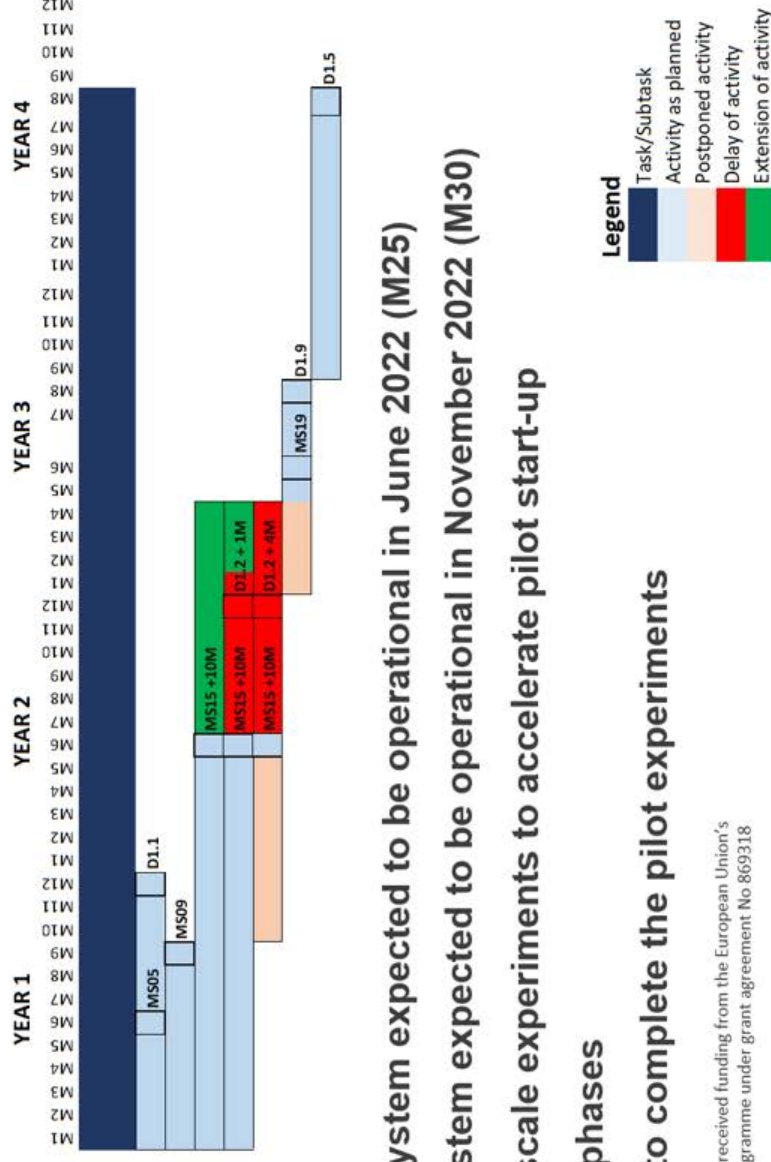
- Build the laboratory pilot after receipt of components ;
- Continue the experiments in the laboratory ;
- Build the industrial pilot and connect it to the site.





# CS8: Task 1.4.7 - Timeline

Subtask: 1.4.7 Recovery of sulphur at the chemical platform of Roussillon



## T1.4.7 - Recovery of sulphur and metals in Chemical Platform Roussillon

- Baseline conditions assessed
- Design of pilot system
- Determination and improvement of fumes characteristics
- Laboratory pilot system operational
- Industrial pilot system operational
- Start-up & results
- Best practices for material recovery

- Laboratory pilot system expected to be operational in June 2022 (M25)
- Industrial pilot system expected to be operational in November 2022 (M30)
- Extension of lab-scale experiments to accelerate pilot start-up and optimisation phases
- Still enough time to complete the pilot experiments



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## 2.9. CS9: Kalundborg

| Overview                            |         |  |  |                         |                         |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24 |         |  |  |                         |                         |                                |
| CS                                  | Subtask | Technology or treatment train                    | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |
| 9                                   | 1.2.7   | Novel UF membrane                                |  | 100%                    | 100%                    | 24                             |
|                                     | 1.3.7   | Joint control system                             | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |
|                                     | 1.4.8   | Concept study: high added value product recovery | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |

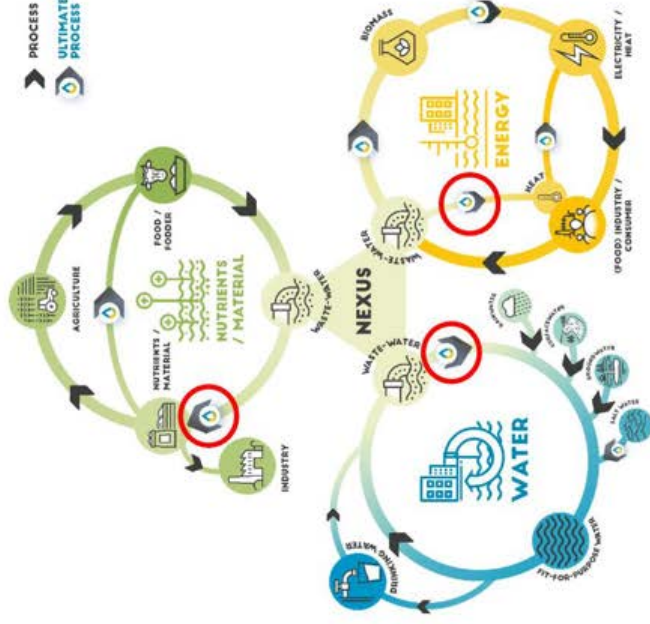


**CS9: Kalundborg**

Lead partner:  **KALUNDBORG FORSYNING**

Other partners:  **PENTAIR X-FLOW**

 **KWB**  
 **NOVOZYMES**  
 Rethink Tomorrow



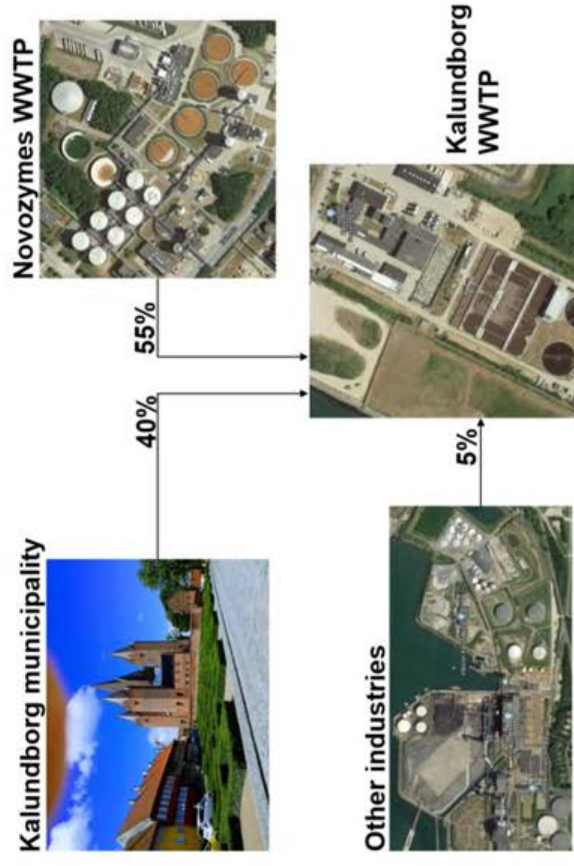
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## CS9: Situation before Ultimate

- No water reclamation from WWTP effluent
- Each WWTP has its separate control system
- No high added value product recovery from wastewater so far

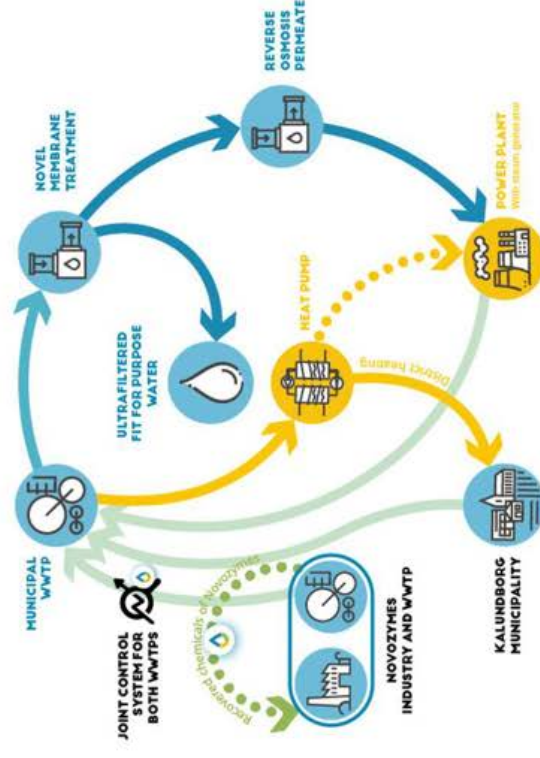


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## CS9: Project objectives in Kalundborg:

- **Production of fit-for-purpose water** using a novel membrane pre-treatment for wastewater with high non-degradable organic matter
- **Energy efficiency increase** through a synergistic operation of two WWTPs and concept study for heat recovery
- **Concept study for nutrient and/or high-value product recovery**



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## CS9: Pilot plant is operational → D1.2

Subtask: 1.2.7 Novel membrane treatment for biotech or biotech and municipal WWTP effluent for water reuse

**Baseline technology:** no water reuse so far (discharge to the recipient)

**Ultimate solution to foster circular economy:** novel tight ultrafiltration & reverse osmosis system

**TRL:** 5 → 7

**Capacity:** 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h

**Quantifiable targets:**

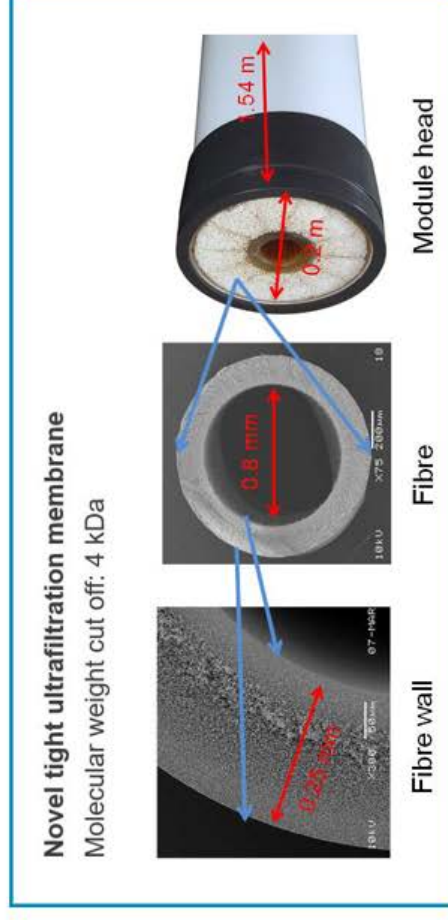
- Fit-for-purpose water production from pilot plant > 70,000 m<sup>3</sup>/a
- Ambition beyond the project: >40 % reduction of surface water through reuse of treated water

**Status/progress:**

- 2 pilot plants have been constructed
- Operational since June 2021



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## CS9: Specific challenges at the municipal WWTP

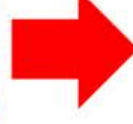
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| Parameter               | Unit             | Content        |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Electrical conductivity | $\mu\text{S/cm}$ | 2800-8200      |
| Total dissolved solids  | mg/L             | 3500-4200      |
| TOC / COD               | mg/L             | 20-60 / 50-190 |
| Calcium                 | mg/L             | 98-130         |
| Hydrogen carbonate      | mg/L             | 1000-1100      |
| Sulphate                | mg/L             | 440-510        |

Increases pressure in RO

High potential for organic fouling

High potential for scaling



**Increased operational costs**



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## CS9: Operational procedures and methodologies

Subtask: 1.2.7 Novel membrane treatment for biotech or biotech and municipal WWTP effluent for water reuse

### Fouling prevention:

- Does the novel ultra tight membrane prevent better the RO from fouling than a conventional UF?
  - Pilot A (conventional membrane) and pilot B (novel membrane) are operated in parallel in order to compare their performance in terms of fouling prevention

### Production of fit-for-purpose water:

- Can we produce fit-for-purpose water for cooling towers and/or boilers?
- Which water quality is reached after UF and for which reuse purpose can the water be used (truck or street cleaning)?
  - Investigation of water quality after each treatment step

→ **Both objectives will be investigated in the frame of three scenarios (next slide)**



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## CS9: Three different water qualities as inflow to the pilot

### I. Scenario

**Inflow:** Effluent from municipal WWTP

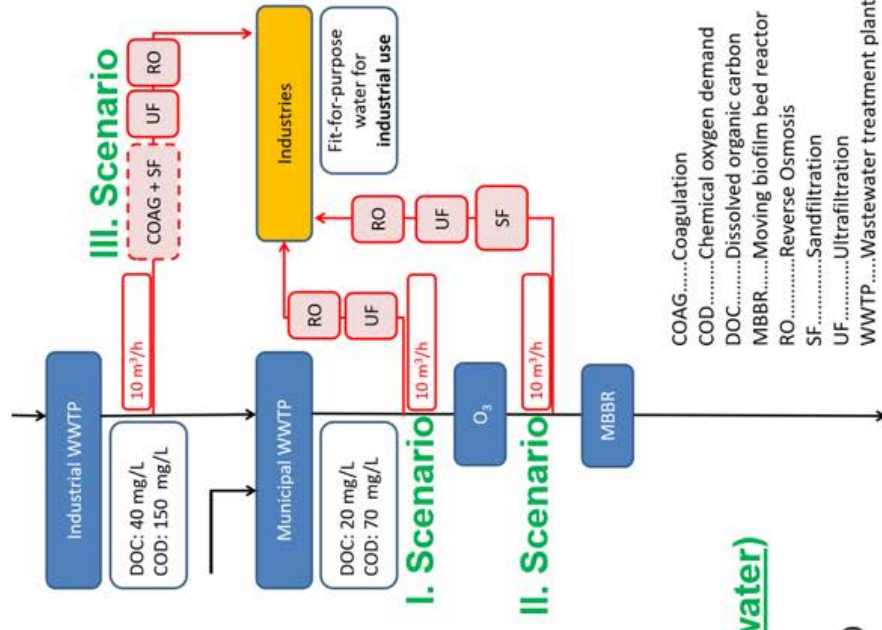
**Treatment train:** Ultrafiltration (UF) & reverse osmosis (RO)

### II. Scenario (lower fouling potential)

**Inflow:** Effluent from ozonation

**Treatment train:** Sandfilter (SF), UF & RO

### III. Scenario



### III. Scenario (higher fouling potential & process water)

**Inflow:** Effluent from industrial WWTP

**Treatment train:** Coagulation (COAG), SF, UF & RO



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## CS9: Pictures of the pilot plants

Subtask: 1.2.7 Novel membrane treatment for biotech or biotech and municipal WWTP effluent for water reuse

**Pilot A:** conventional UF & RO



**Pilot B:** novel ultra tight UF membrane & RO



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## CS9: Pictures of the pilot plants

Subtask: 1.2.7 Novel membrane treatment for biotech or biotech and municipal WWTP effluent for water reuse

Pilot A (conventional UF membrane)



Reverse osmosis membranes Pilot B (novel UF membrane)





# CS9: Videos of the pilot plants in operation

Subtask: 1.2.7 Novel membrane treatment for biotech or biotech and municipal WWTP effluent for water reuse

Pilot A (conventional UF membrane)



Reverse osmosis membranes



Pilot B (novel UF membrane)



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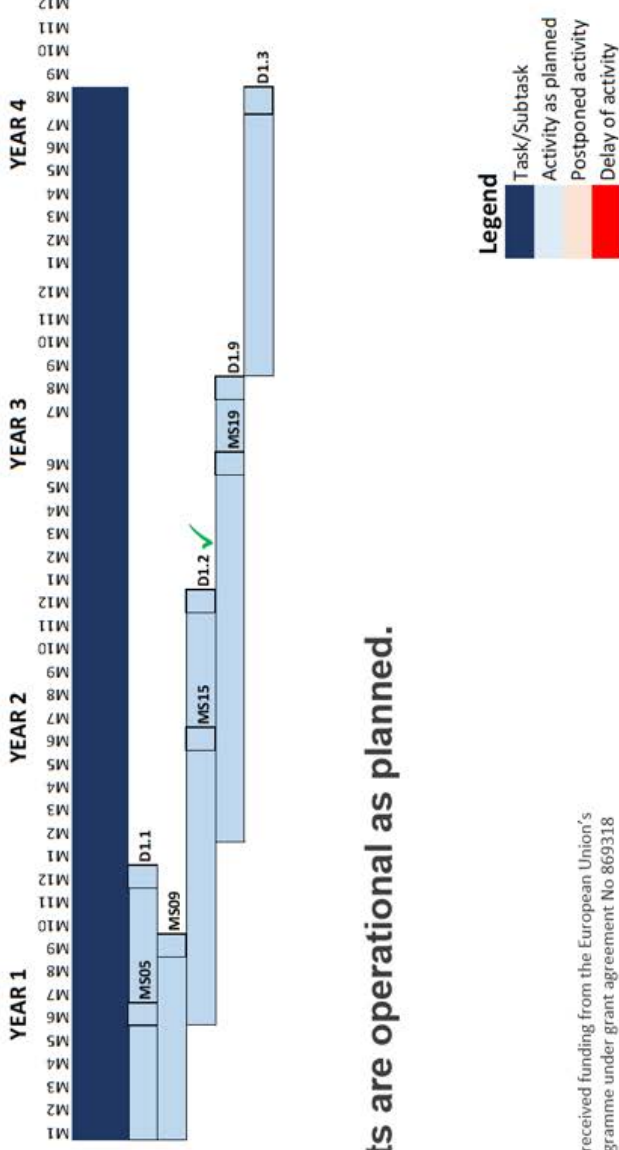




# CS9: Task 1.2.7 is in time

Subtask: 1.2.7 Novel membrane treatment for biotech or biotech and municipal WWTP effluent for water reuse

**T1.2.7 - Novel membrane treatment for biotech or biotech + municipal WWTP effluent for water reuse in Kalundborg**  
 Baseline conditions assessed  
 Design of pilot system  
 Pilot system operational  
 Start-up & results  
 Best practices for water recycling



→ Pilot plants are operational as planned.



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### 3. Summary and conclusion

ULTIMATE aims to showcase circular economy solutions at nine case studies distributed across Europe and Israel for the treatment of industrial wastewater in order to recover water, material and energy. In this frame, 15 laboratory and preparatory experiments and investigations of existing systems are conducted to test the ULTIMATE approaches and based on them, 21 pilot plants are developed and will be demonstrated at the case studies.

Deliverable D1.2 is a demonstrator type deliverable and shows, that the ULTIMATE pilot plants are operational. To document the status for each case study, a presentation containing pictures and/or videos of the operational pilot plant is accessible on the ULTIMATE webpage (<https://ultimatewater.eu/demonstration-cases/>). This document accompanies the presentations which are meant to be the main evidence for D1.2 and shows the progress until M24.

Table 3 provides an overview about the progress of the pilot systems and of the laboratory experiments. Eight of the WSISs conduct laboratory experiments, before they implement their pilot plants. In total, 15 different laboratory experiments and/or investigations of already existing facilities are accomplished to better understand the circumstances of the real environment and to learn more about the type of technology before it is up-scaled from laboratory to pilot scale. Seven of the 15 investigations are already completed and seven are close to be completed with a progress between 75% and 90%.

Until M24, five pilot plants or (parts of) treatment trains were operational. Three of them are related to water recovery at the case studies in Nafplio (CS4), Lleida (CS5) and Kalundborg (CS9). One of them is related to material recovery in Lleida (CS5) and the last one is related to energy recovery in Karmiel (CS6).

Until M27, ten additional plants are expected to be operational. Most of them are quite close to be constructed with a progress between 70% and 100% such as the material recovery unit in Rosignano (CS3), final parts of the water recovery treatment train in Lleida (CS5), two energy recovery units in Lleida (CS5) and one energy recovery unit in Shafdan (CS6). Even though the progress is only at 25% in Tarragona (CS1), the case study leader expects the two pilot plants for water recovery to be operational until M27 as for the pilot plants in Tain (CS7) dealing with water, nutrient and energy recovery and reuse.

Until M30, the last six pilot plants shall be operational according to the case study leaders. One of the six pilot plants recovers water, one recovers energy and the other four recovery different materials. Especially for those six pilot plants, the contingency plan is to extend and intensify the laboratory and preparatory experiments to gain more important data and experience in depth that suggest to accelerate and to shorten the start-up and optimisation phase of the pilot plants. Even though all case study leaders





still expect to complete their pilot test within the project life time of 48 months, time is becoming a critical factor as sufficient time is required to gain experience from the pilots and translate this into best practices for WSIS implementation.

Table 3 Overview about the progress regarding the construction and the operation of the pilot plants

| Overview |  | D1.2: Operational demo cases in M24                                      |  |                         |                         |                                |        |
|----------|--|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| CS       | Subtask  | Technology or treatment train  | Laboratory experiments or investigations | Pilot plant constructed | Pilot plant operational | Expected to be operational [M] |        |
| 1        | 1.2.1  | RO + MD; ammonia removal via zeolites                                    | 100%                                     | 25%                     |                         | 25                             |        |
| 2        | 1.2.2  | Reclamation of greenhouse drain water using electro dialysis             | 75%                                      | 25%                     |                         | 28                             |        |
|          | 1.3.1  | HT-ATES  | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |        |
|          | 1.4.1  | Recovery of nutrients: test beddings & demo greenhouse                   | 75%                                      | 25%                     |                         | 28                             |        |
| 3        | 1.2.3  | Control system to avoid high chlorine concentrations                     | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |        |
|          | 1.4.2  | Use of byproducts: pilot scale adsorption system                         | 85%                                      | 80%                     |                         | 25                             |        |
| 4        | 1.2.4  | Reuse of fruit processing WW: filtration, AOP, SBP                       | 100%                                     | 100%                    | 100%                    | 24                             |        |
|          | 1.4.3  | Recovery of antioxidants: adsorption/extraction                          | 100%                                     | 85%                     |                         | 30                             |        |
| 5        | 1.2.5  | (NF + RO) + (AOP + UV)   | 100%                                     | 100%                    | 75%                     | 100%                           | 20; 25 |
|          | 1.3.2  | AnMBR  | 100%                                     | 100%                    | 25%                     |                                | 25     |
|          |  | ELSAR  | 100%                                     |                         |                         |                                | 30     |
|          |  | SOFC   |  | 100%                    | 50%                     |                                | 26     |
|          | 1.4.4  | Concept study: Recovery nutrients from digestate; fertigation strategies | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |        |
|          | Solar-driven hydrothermal carbonisation demo plant | 100%   | 100%                                     | 100%                    |                         | 24                             |        |
| 6        | 1.3.3  | AAT Karmiel  |  | 100%                    | 100%                    | 24                             |        |
|          | 1.3.4  | AAT + membrane filtration incl. PAC Shafdan                              | 90%                                      | 90%                     |                         | 25                             |        |
|          | 1.4.5  | Recovery polyphenols (pilot system: adsorption column)                   | 90%                                      |                         |                         | 30                             |        |
| 7        | 1.2.6  | AnMBR + RO   | 5%                                       | 100%                    | 75%                     | 100%                           | 26     |
|          | 1.3.5  | AnMBR + heat recovery from its effluent                                  |  | 100%                    |                         | 100%                           | 26     |
|          | 1.4.6  | Recovery of ammonia via stripping  | 80%                                      |                         |                         |                                | 26     |
| 8        | 1.3.6  | Feasibility study: heat recovery   | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |        |
|          | 1.4.7  | Recovery of sulfur: pilot demonstration                                  | 75%                                      | 10%                     |                         | 28                             |        |
| 9        | 1.2.7  | Novel UF membrane  |  | 100%                    | 100%                    | 24                             |        |
|          | 1.3.7  | Joint control system   | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |        |
|          | 1.4.8  | Concept study: high added value product recovery                         | No pilot plant --> excluded from D1.2    |                         |                         |                                |        |

Until all pilot plants will be operational, a very close monitoring of the case studies will be done by the WP1 management team with the case study leaders and the risk officer via regularly meetings. In addition, the presentations referring to D1.2 will be updated every three months until every pilot plant will be operational.







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