WaterMan: Final project structure

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Overall goal & approach

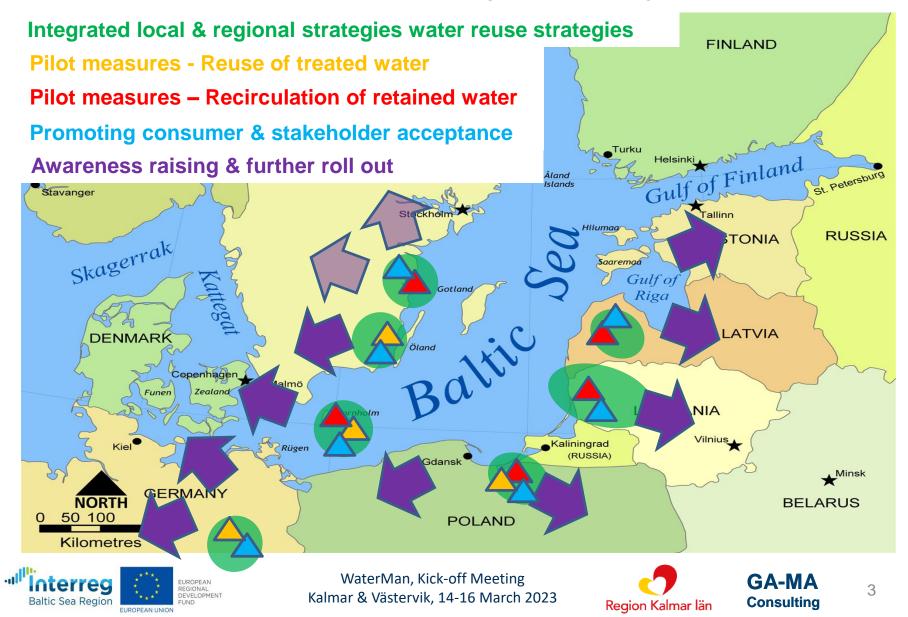
Overall goal: To promote reuse of water in the Baltic Sea Region by

- Elaborating local model strategies for water reuse, which combine:
 - Measures for the reuse of treated water
 - Measures for the recirculation of retained water
 - Promoting stakeholder & consumer acceptance
- Processing the results into a "BSR Water Reuse Toolbox"
- Pro-actively disseminating the developed approaches & tools to
 - Municipalities / local authorities
 - Local water companies





WaterMan - Project concept



Project structure

Work packages (obligatory):

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WP 1: Preparing solutions

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Groups of Activities:

GoA 1.3: Preparatory surveys





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- GoA 1.1: Collecting inspirations for the local model strategies
- GoA 1.2: Developing a set of methods & tools
- GoA 1.3: Preparatory surveys for the strategies





GoA 1.1: Collecting inspirations

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- Some countries outside BSR are more advanced
- It is important that also **decision m**akers see the good practices

Approach:

- Events for picking up first-hand knowledge on good practices for
 - Technology
 - Acceptance
 - Legal and regulatory frameworks





GoA 1.1: Collecting inspirations

Planned activities:

- 2 study trips to best practices (DE / NL, ES tentative)
- 2 international conferences
- 4 workshops (back-to-back with half-annual All-partner meeting)
- 1 round tables in Brussels





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GoA 1.2: Developing a set of methods & tools

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- Water reuse is more than a technological task
- Stakeholders & water consumers have to become aware and to accept that it is necessary to use water of different qualities

Approach:

- Jointly elaborating **methodological guidelines** for elaborating the local water reuse strategies, incl.
 - Ways to prove the necessity of water reuse vs. climate change
 - Tools to demonstrate the technological, environmental, social & economic feasibility of water reuse
 - Means to involve stakeholders & water consumers

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GoA 1.2: Developing a set of methods & tools

Planned activities:

- Stock-take & joint appraisal of available tools
- Exchange workshops to select & adapt them
- On this basis: Elboration of common methodological guidelines
- Seminars & coaching sessions to learn how to apply them



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Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- We get to get to know what kind of measures are appropriate under the given local conditions, i.e.
 - the entire range of possible measures
 - The local level of acceptance of water reuse

Approach:

- Carrying out local survey & studies to close knowledge gaps
 - > Scope may look different from region to region





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GoA 1.3: Preparatory surveys for the strategies

Planned activities, e.g.:

- Analysis of available data, surveys, studies on climate change
- Implementation of **further local investigations**, if necessary
- **Stakeholder analysis**: Who needs to be involved?
- Surveys to examine the acceptance of using water of different qualities for different purposes



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WP 2: Piloting & evaluating solutions

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- GoA 2.2: Piloting local measures for reuse of treated water
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GoA 2.1: Transnational co-creation of model strategies & pilot actions

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- There exist **different experiences** & expertise **in** the **partnership** so that we may can learn from each other
- Proficient external proficient experts can help us

Approach:

- Transnational peer learning & co-creation process, incl.
 - Setting up an international expert panel to advise us
 - Regular peer review sessions during the work process
 - External **evaluations** of the pilot measures & model strategies by international experts





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GoA 2.1: Transnational co-creation of strategies & pilots

Proposed activities:

- Jointly **selecting** the members of the **expert panel**(s)
- 6 transnational **peer revew sessions** on pilots & model strategies
- External ex-ante evaluations on each model strategy
- External ex-post evaluations on each pilot measure



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GoA 2.2: Local pilot measures for reuse of treated water

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- We want to demonstrate practical approaches & use cases for water reuse in the BSR
- There exist already various approaches, but they have to be validated for use in the BSR

Approach:

- Creating a complementary set of validated measures by
 - Testing them under "real-world" conditions
 - Elaborating feasibility studies for applying them in the BSR





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GoA 2.2: Local pilot measures for reuse of treated water

Planned activities:

In all the cases:

- Further preparatory studies or surveys, if necessary
- Refining the tentative approaches for the pilots by peer reviews
- Elaboration of feasbility studies (or implementation plans)

In case of "real-world" testing:

- Purchase of equipment / construction of infrastructure
- Testing under "real world" conditions
- Evaluation of the testing phase incl. peer reviews
- Final adjustments of concepts / designs
- Elaboration of replication blueprints (= "altruistic" task)





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GoA 2.3: Local pilots for recirculating retained water

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- Recirculation of retained water can be the first step into water reuse, as less costly & complex, thus rather low-threshold
- There exist already adapted approaches for it in the BSR

Approach:

- Creating a complementary set of further advanced, validated measures by
 - Testing them under "real-world" conditions
 - Elaborating feasibility studies for advancing them





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GoA 2.3: Local pilots for recirculating retained water

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GoA 2.4: Elaborating local model strategies

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- There exist individual water reuse measures in the BSR
- But local strategies that combine them in a strategic way are rare
- Main challenge for promoting water reuse is lack of acceptance

Approach:

- Drafting exemplary local water reuse strategies that combine:
 - Measures for reuse of treated water
 - Measures for recirculation of treated water

....and are accompanied by actions to promote acceptance





GoA 2.4: Elaborating local model strategies

Proposed activities:

- Establishing a local reference group
- Elaborating a draft strategy, based on project experiences
- Refining the strategy in dialogue with the reference group
- International peer reviews & external ex-ante evaluation
- Implementing accompanying awareness raising measures
- Adoption of the strategy as guiding framework for future actions





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GoA 2.5: Creating the "BSR Water Reuse Toolbox"

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- Pilot measures & model strategies alone are not enough for ensuring the uptake of the developed approaches by others
- It needs practical guidelines & replication blueprints for that

Approach:

- Creation of a "hands-on" BSR Water Reuse Toolbox that includes
 - Methodological guidelines for strategy elaboration
 - Replication blueprints for concrete measures
 - Success stories
 - A generic PR toolkit to promote acceptance
 - Best practice presentations (cases beyond BSR)

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GoA 2.5: Creating the "BSR Water Reuse Toolbox"

Planned activities:

- 2 workshop to elaborate the concept of the toolbox
- Elaboration of a **frame concept** for drafting replication blueprints
- **Drafting & compiling** the materials for the toolbox
- **Publishing** the toolbox online (as section of project website tbc)





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WP 3: Transferring solutions

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- GoA 3.2: Dissemination in the domestic arenas
- GoA 3.3: Dissemination at international level
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WP 3: Transferring solutions

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GoA 3.1: Creating a common set of PR tools

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- Acceptance by stakeholders & citizens is the key, it needs a well-thought-through approach to achieve it
- Toolbox is rather "technical", only for experts
- For citizens & decision makers > "easy-to-understand" tools

Approach:

- Elaboration of a generic PR toolkit for awareness raising, incl.
 - Generic PR campaign (messages, text blocks, visuals, etc.)
 - Set of "easy-to-understand" promo tools





GoA 3.1: Creating a common set of PR tools

Planned activities:

- 2 workshop to elaborate the concept of the PR toolkit
- Subcontracting of storytelling expert / journalist (financed from the Common Budget)
- Elaboration of the **generic campaign** (in coop with expert), incl.
 - Messages / text blocks
 - Model presentations
 - Info graphics
- Production of explanatory movies on water reuse, incl.
 - 3 complementrary intro movies
 - 9 demo movies on the "real world" pilots





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WP 3: Transferring solutions

Groups of activities:

- GoA 3.1: Creating a common set of PR tools
- **GoA 3.2:** Dissemination in the **domestic** arenas
- GoA 3.3: Dissemination at international level
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GoA 3.2: Dissemination in the domestic arenas

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- Dissemination is a task for specialists!
- Each country is different
- It is easier to use external events than to organise own ones
- "See (yourself) & believe" is the best way to convince people

Approach:

- Implementation of **customized campaigns** in each country, incl.
 - Presentation external events ("door-to-door selling")
 - Contributions to relevant external media & channels

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Demonstrations at the pilot sites





GoA 3.2: Dissemination in the domestic arenas

Proposed activities:

- Identifying relevant external events & communication channels
- Drafting of a domestic dissemination plan
- Participation in external events, according to the plan
- On-site demonstrations of the pilots (min 1 per pilot)





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GoA 3.3: Dissemination at international level

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- Also internationally, a lot of external channels & events
- Policy makers in focus, too
- Water Core Group of ERB as potential facilitator

Approach:

- Joint international dissemination campaign, incl
 - Presentation external events ("door-to-door selling")
 - Own conferences (back-to-back with ERB Water Forums)
 - Invite interested parties to partner workshops / peer reviews





GoA 3.3: Dissemination at international level

Proposed activities:

- Elaboration of an international dissemination plan
- 3-5 presentation at EUSBSR events
- Dilogue meetings with PA Nutri
- 2 international conferences (back-to-back with "Water Forums")
- 1 round table with policy makers in Brussels
- Inviting interested parties to partners meetings, if appropriate



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GoA 3.4: Establishing a "BSR Water Reuse Help Desk"

Diagnosis / strategic focus:

- It would take a lot of efforts to organise tailored seminars for indepth advice on water reuse to the different followers (beginner / advanced, municipality / water company etc.)
- Better: Responsive on-demand and one-by-one advice

Approach:

- Jointly setting up a "BSR Water Reuse Help Desk" accessible via
 - International contacts
 - National contacts





GoA 3.4: Establishing a "BSR Water Reuse Help Desk"

Planned activities:

- 2 international workshops
- Drafting of an internal scheme / guidance on how to advice
- Promotion / announcement via project PR
- Help Desk will be set operational by the end of 2023



Time frame & budget

Project duration:

1 Jan 2023 – 31 Dec 2025 (36 months)

Total project budget:

- **4.377.045,18 EUR**, of which:
 - > 3.501.636,90 EUR ERDF co-financing
 - > 675.409,28 EUR own contribution





Do you have any questions or comments?





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