

# **Experiences with Water Stewardship in Industry**Meeting of NICOLE Industry Sub-Group

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#### **EWP Portfolio – Current status**





## Water Stewardship global definition

# "The use of water that is:

- socially equitable
- environmentally sustainable
- economically beneficial

achieved through a **stakeholder-inclusive process** that involves **site- and riverbasin-based actions**.

Good water stewards understand their own water use, river-basin context and **shared risk** in terms of water governance, water balance, water quality and important water-related areas;

..and then engage in meaningful individual and collective action."



#### **Cross-sector focus**

**Chemicals and Paper** 



**Meat Processing** 



Airports



Agriculture



Water Service providers



Beverage & Breweries



Automobile industry



**Cement Industry** 



Cities and Municipalities

**River Basin Partnerships** 

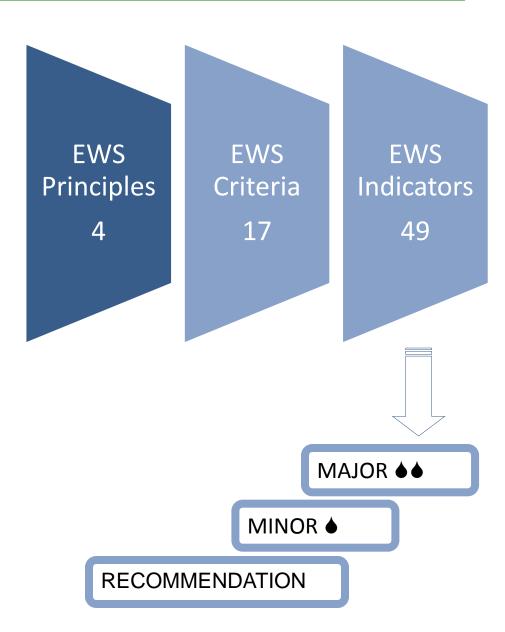


**Policy Partners** 



#### **EWS Structure**





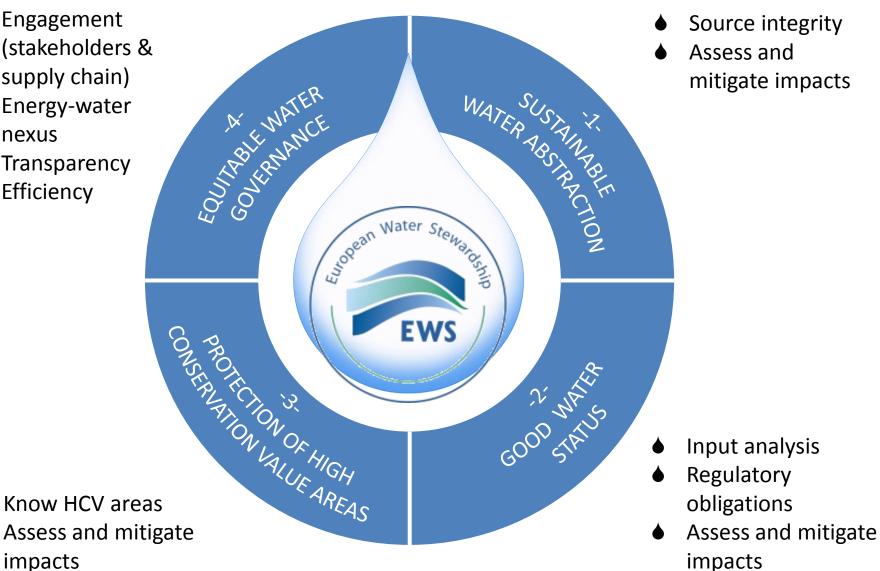


## **4 Water Stewardship Principles**

- Engagement (stakeholders & supply chain)
- Energy-water nexus
- Transparency

impacts

Efficiency





## **Water Stewardship Process**





## **EWS Implementation**

#### **SELF-ASSESSMENT**

#### **PRE-SCREENING**

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Internal identification of water management gaps. Provides information to develop a water management strategy.



Internal performance assessmentInformation

Consultant evaluates performance of water management on site.
Assess needs to ensure EWS standard compliance.



- Pre-screening report
  - Gap analysis
  - Performance evaluation

On site audit from accredited certification body to certify compliance with EWS standard.



Audit reportCertificate (valid for 3 years)



#### Case: actions taken

#### Water supply:

- Info on River Basin Management Plan
- Control on water intake

#### Water discharge:

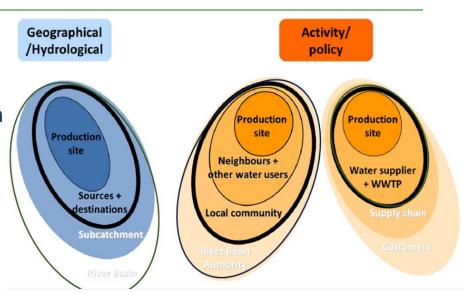
- Screening impact of used products
- priority substances, WFD

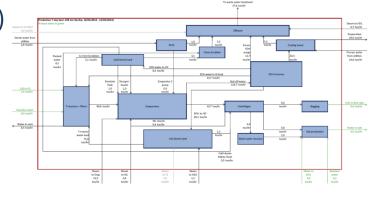
#### High Conservation Areas

- Know HCV areas
- Assess and mitigate impacts within 25 km circle

#### Water management strategy:

- Define water-energy nexus
- Define water footprint (identification of losses)
- KPI's: specific water use/kg product
- Formulate water strategy





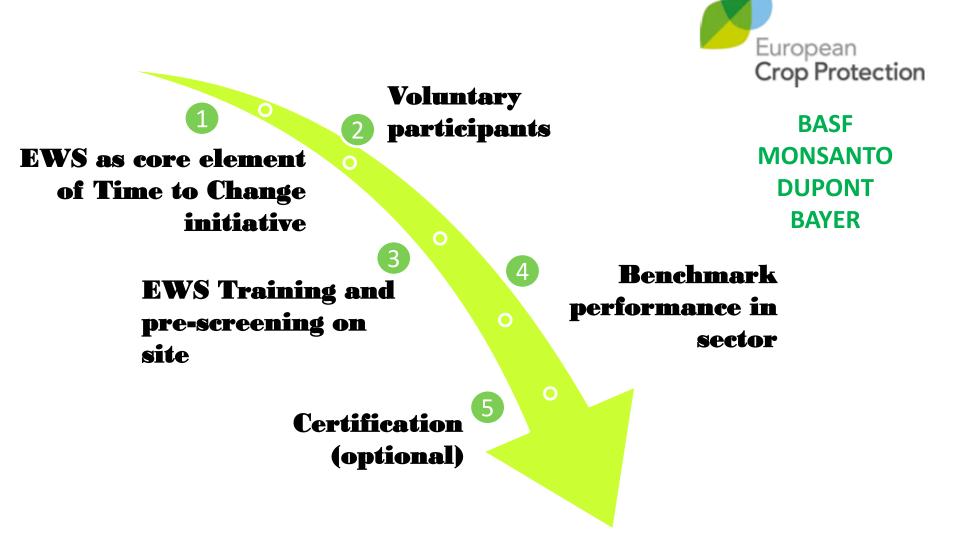


#### **EWS Implementation BASF**



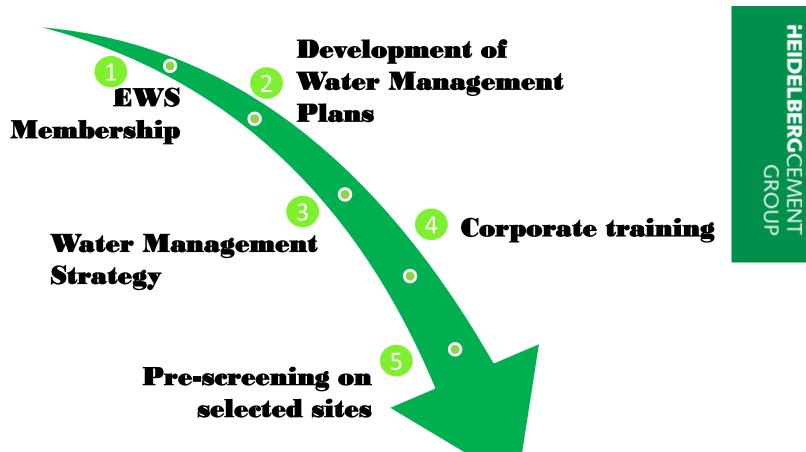


## **EWS Implementation in ECPA**





## **EWS Implementation in Heidelberg Cement**





## **Certification outcomes**



A certificate of compliance is awarded for a period of 3 years





#### **Powerful Communication with EWS Certification**











- Business to Business Correspondence
- Advertisement in media and customer correspondence
  - CSR Reporting
  - Label on secondary packaging (off-product)



## Why did you chose to implement EWS?

To communicate our work on water

To improve our water management on-site

To support the development of a water management strategy

For guidance on how to assess and mitigate water related risks



#### What did you achieve with the implementation of EWS?



Improvement of internal knowledge on how water is managed on-site



Improvement of communication with authorities and communities



Provide information to our investors on how we manage water related risks



**Water Savings** 



Implementation of new technologies for water management (re-use, recycling, etc.)



#### What did you achieve with the implementation of EWS?



Improvement of internal knowledge on how water is managed on-site

94% of respondents reported improvement



Improvement of communication with authorities and communities

53% of respondents reported improvement



Provide information to our investors on how we manage water related risks

35% of respondents reported improvement



Water Savings and wastewater reduction

30% of respondents reported water savings up to 50%; waste water reduction up to 10% (Y1)



Guidance on implementation of new technologies for water management (re-use, recycling, etc.)

18% reported using EWS to guide implementation of new technologies



#### **Stories from EWS Water Stewards**









Water is local, shared by multiple users and entails complex regulatory challenges



Water requires a strategic approach, addressing long-term risks and opportunities for production



Europe has a tool for strategic management of water and communication of achievements: EWS



#### Overview pilot projects, prescreenings and certifications





Pilot Projects
Prescreenings
Certifications

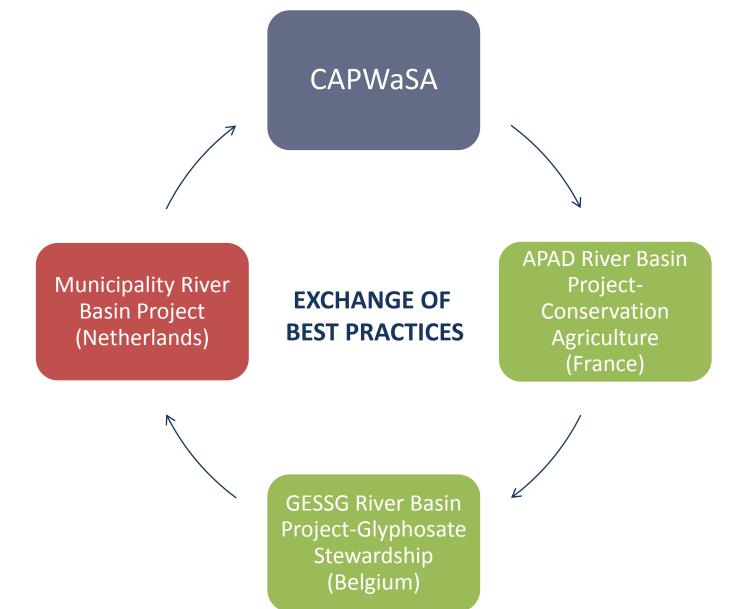


# **EWS Urban Stewardship**





## **Collective Actions Promoting Water Stewards in Agriculture**



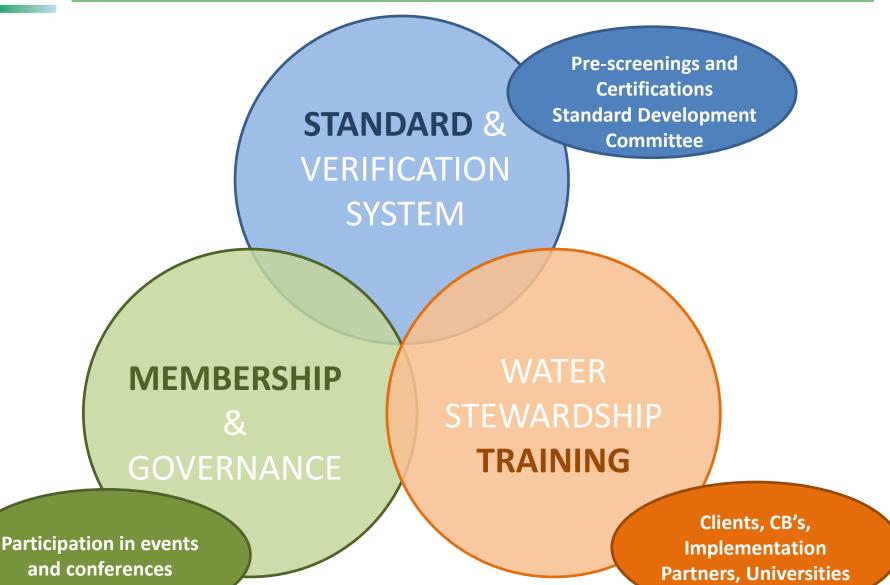


# **NEW Training Center**





#### **Progress overview- EWS**





#### **EWS: Who we work with**





































































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# Thank you for your attention!

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