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Abstract – Summary

This document reports on the event organized by the EcoWater Project in Amsterdam in November 2013, addressing an industrial audience. The key objectives of the EcoWater side event were to present the EcoWater project to the water industry, communicating concepts and discussing results so far, and to develop contacts with industry.

Due to the fact that a project alone is rarely able to attract a large external audience, EcoWater sought to develop a significant contribution to, and presence in, a major water technologies fair; the AquaTech Amsterdam Fair was selected for the purpose.

The EcoWater project sought to develop three initiatives during AquaTech:

- 1. A booth in the Dutch pavilion of the fair;
- 2. AquaStages;
- 3. A breakfast event.

The EcoWater Project has put significant effort into connecting to the world of technology providers, and this outreach activity has been quite successful. The Project team seized the opportunity to connect to a significant number of industry organizations through the Project booth and AquaStages, and these contacts have been kept informed on the subsequent EcoWater developments.

The AquaTech Exhibition was held concurrently with the IWW (International Water Week) Conference, where EcoWater participants took the opportunity to present the project; two papers were presented:

- 1. <u>Eco-efficient Innovation in Industrial Water-service Systems: Analysing</u> <u>Options, Drivers and Barriers</u> by Les Levidow, Palle Lindgaard-Jorgensen, Åsa Nilsson, Sara Alongi Skenhall
- 2. <u>Meso-level Eco-efficiency Indicators to Assess Technologies in Urban Water-use Sectors</u> by Olga Steiger

Overall, the EcoWater Industry Event achieved significant outreach and can be considered successful; it enabled both the dissemination of Project methods and outputs to a wider audience, and the development of new linkages to the industry community. It also provided valuable feedback towards the further enhancement of the EcoWater Tools for improving their usability and applicability in an industrial setting.

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1 Introduction

The EcoWater (EU FP7 Project) develops indicators, methodologies and analytical tools to assess eco-efficiency of water use by different sectors at the meso-level. Eco-efficiency looks at how more value can be achieved with less environmental pressure, while the meso-level refers to the level of analysis, in this case the water system, where interdependent dynamics occur among heterogeneous actors. Several dissemination events are foreseen within the project, including an event targeting industry which is the subject matter of this report.

Due to the fact that a project alone is rarely able to attract a large external audience, EcoWater sought to develop a significant contribution to, and presence in, a major water technologies fair. Taking the project's progress and requirements into account, the AquaTech Amsterdam Fair (5-8 November 2013) was selected for the purpose. AquaTech is described as the world's leading trade exhibition for process, drinking and waste water; according to information provided in their website on the 2013 fair: *"The 24th edition of AquaTech Amsterdam was a major success attracting 750+ exhibitors and some 18,500 international visitors. The show has strengthened its position as the ultimate platform for industry leaders and water professionals to network and find the latest innovations, services, and technologies. With the colocated International Water Week and the Industrial Leaders Forum, Amsterdam was truly the place to be for every water professional".*

(http://www.aquatechtrade.com/amsterdamen/Pages/default.aspx)

The EcoWater project developed a side event to the AquaTech Amsterdam Fair including three initiatives/activities:

- 1. A booth in the Dutch pavilion of the fair.
- 2. AquaStages (3 in total presentations made in a space allowing an open audience).
- 3. A breakfast event.

The key objectives of the EcoWater side event were to:

- 1. Present the EcoWater project to the water industry, communicating concepts and discussing results so far;
- 2. Develop contacts and links with industry.

This document provides a short summary of inputs developed by EcoWater (Section 2). The three initiatives and their impact are described in Section 3 followed by some overall concluding remarks in Section 4.

2 Inputs developed / distributed

Several products were developed to showcase the EcoWater Project in the AquaTech conference:

 A short (3'20") animation was developed, which can be viewed on the main page of the project's website: <u>http://environ.chemeng.ntua.gr/ecowater/</u>. This animation follows a story line explaining that increasing the eco-efficiency at a micro-level may render poorer results compared to a more systemic, mesolevel approach for which EcoWater developed the analytical framework. The screenshots below depict (a) The added resources that a wastewater treatment plant may need to purchase due to a newly installed digester at an industry; (b) successful negotiation between several partners to jointly invest in an improved waste water treatment plant.





The animation was developed by Utrecht Based 'Creative beards' in collaboration with artist Maarten Wolterink.

 Demonstration videos were prepared in order to showcase the various software tools developed by the Project: SEAT, EVAT and web-based toolbox. The demonstration videos can be downloaded from the Project website at <u>http://environ.chemeng.ntua.gr/ecoWater/Default.aspx?t=299</u>. Some screenshots are provided below.





- 3. A set of presentations was developed for the AquaStages and for the breakfast event. These presentations are available on the website http://environ.chemeng.ntua.gr/ecoWater/Default.aspx?t=287
- Finally, case study leaflets and two posters were also produced for the conference, and published as a booklet. The booklet can be downloaded at: <u>http://environ.chemeng.ntua.gr/ecoWater/Default.aspx?t=171.</u>
- 5. The EcoWater project flyers were also distributed at the event.

3 Summary / conclusions per initiative

3.1 Exhibition booth



Two visitors discussing with George Arampatzis and Thanos Angelis-Dimakis, NTUA.



Christoph Hugi, FHNW, Palle Lindgaard-Jørgensen, DHI, Michiel Blind, Deltares, all from the Ecowater project.

Over the course of the AquaTech exhibition, which attracted more than 18,500 international visitors, the EcoWater Project actively engaged with a large number of attendees. Annex 1 provides a table indicating the companies whose representatives visited the EcoWater booth, interacting with the EcoWater team, and/or followed the project Aquastages. Evidently, in a meeting where technology providers and clients do business, systemic eco-innovation can be considered a niche.

Visitors very much appreciated the EcoWater animation, and understood the essential ideas presented, while several showed interest in the tools developed.

3.2 AquaStages

AquaStages are open presentation spaces inside the AquaTech exhibition. They contain a podium and several screens. People can come inside and sit in to follow the presentations, but they can also pass-by, following the presentations from outside the designated space.



Impression of an AquaStage – Palle Lindgaard-Jørgensen, DHI, presenting

Impression of an AquaStage – the open space is clarly visible





AquaStage - Palle Lindgaard-Jørgensen, DHI presenting

AquaStage – George Arampatzis, NTUA demonstrating the EcoWater tools

Two AquaStages were programmed and announced in the official AquaTech programme. In the end three AquaStages were given. The number in the audience varied. A complete list of registered participants is provided in Annex 1.

The programme of the AquaStages consisted of the following:

Introduction – presenting the agenda of the Aqua Stage event: Eco-efficient technologies in industrial water value chains	Palle Lindgaard- Jørgensen, DHI	
Animation on the need for meso-scale eco-efficiency	Animation	
How to assess the Eco-Efficiency of industrial processes and technologies (demo - movie)	George Arampatzis NTUA	
How can industries and technology developers use the results of EcoWater? What can EcoWater offer to them today?	Michiel Blind, Deltares	
Questions and feed-back from participants	Facilitation: Palle Lindgaard-Jørgensen, DHI	

For convenience, the presentations are provided in Annex 2. All other material can be found on <u>http://environ.chemeng.ntua.gr/ecoWater/Default.aspx?t=287</u>

The AquaStages prompted some discussion and clarifying questions. Some notable comments were:

• "Tools are relevant- when and how will they be available?"

Senior Business Adviser, CEMIS

• "The tool may be able to help us invest in the right technologies"

Analyst, Finance in Motion

• "Can you test how our technology will perform in your case studies?"

Business Development Manager, BWT HOH

The question on how an additional technology can be included in the technology database of the EcoWater toolbox was asked several times during the AquaStages.

3.3 A breakfast event

The EcoWater team considers that technology providers may use the project's results to enhance business cases for technologies, and, as such, technology providers are an important target group. As the technology providers could be busy staffing their own stand during the AquaTech exhibition, the team followed the suggestion of the AquaTech organization to organize a breakfast side event. Such an event would allow those technology providers too busy during the exhibitions opening hours to get informed and discuss the potential of meso-level eco-efficiency assessment.

The breakfast was announced in the official programme, at the booth, during the AquaStages and by directly addressing other industries at their own booth. Several contacts voiced that they considered attending; however, in the end the event did not attract sufficient participants and was regrettably cancelled.

4 Concluding remarks

The EcoWater Project has put significant effort into connecting to the world of technology providers. This outreach activity has been quite successful. Understandably, only a small portion of the 18000+ participants of the AquaTech Amsterdam exhibition, one of the largest of its kind focusing on water technologies, were interested in meso-level eco-efficiency assessment. Nonetheless, the Project team seized the opportunity to connect to a significant number of industry organizations through the Project booth and AquaStages. These contacts have been kept informed on the subsequent EcoWater developments through the EcoWater newsletter.

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Company	Website	Booth	AquaStage
+GF+	www.piping.georgfischer.com	Y	
AMS	www.amsmembrane.com	Y	
AQUAFIDES GmbH	www.aquafides.at	Y	
AquaVer	www.aquaver.eu	Y	
BASF / inge GmbH	www.inge.ag	Y	
Beijing Liquid Filter	www.lkft.com.cn	Y	
Bi-TEC	http://bi-tec.ru/		Y2
BlueTech	www.bluetechresearch.com	Y	
Bosman	www.bosman-water.nl	Y	
BWT SEPARTEC OY	www.bwt.dk/		Y2
CABOT	www.cabotcorp.com	Y	
CDE Global Ltd.	www.cdeglobal.com	Y	
Cytec industries Pte	https://www.cytec.com/		Y2
Ltd			
Delta	www.deltawatersystems.com	Y	
EcoBrix	www.ecobrix.nl	Y	Y
EKOTON	www.ekoton.com	Y	
Elgressy	www.elgressy.com/		Y
EMTEC	www.ematewater.com	Y	
ENVIROCHEMIE	www.envirochemie.com	Y	
Esli Ltd.	<u>www.esli.com.tr</u>	Y	
Euroidea	http://www.euroidea.com.cn/		Y
Evers e.K.	<u>www.evers.de</u>	Y	
Everyvalve Ltd	www.everyvalve.com/		Y
Fenghua Group	www.gxfenghua.com	Y	
Fimars	www.fimars.com	Y	
FinanceInMotion	www.finance-in-motion.com	Y	
GEA	www.gea.com	Y	
General Cable	www.nsw.com	Y	
Gundfos BioBooster A	www.grundfos.com/		Y
Hadass	http://esheldesign.nl/		Y
ifw mould tec gmbh	www.ifw.at		Y
Imbema	http://www.imbemagroep.com/		Y
IMT	www.imtmembranes.nl	Y	
IN-EKO	www.in-eko.cz	Y	
Institute Kirilo Savic	www.iks.rs/		Y
IRC	<u>www.irc.nl</u>	Y	Y
IRC International	www.irc.nl/		Y
Water and Sanitation			
Centre			
Kangjiezhichem	www.kangjiezc.com	Y	
Water Treatment	http://www.income.come.com/2000/11/low/income		V
Company	IIIIp://wartawarga.guriauarma.ac.iu/2009/11/Kewiraswa		ř
KMA / I P Filter	www.KMA-industries.com	v	
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	www.lenntech.com	V	
Ludwigshafen	http://web.fb-lu.de/enindex.nsf/en/ludwigsbafenun	•	v
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Science			
Maastricht School of	www.msm.nl	Y	Y
Management			
Mahle	www.mahle-industry.com	Y	
Manov Ingenieria	www.manovingenieria.com	Y	Y

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Montmelian partners http://www.montmelianpartners.com/ YNijhuiswww.nijhuisindustries.comY	
Nijhuis www.nijhuisindustries.com Y	
Ningbo Hidrotek Co.,www.hidrotek.cn/Y	
Ltd.	
Nordic Water www.nordicwater.com Y	
Oasen N.V.www.oasen.nlY	
OFS <u>www.water-monitoring.com</u> Y	
Oltremare www.oltremaremembrane.com/ Y	
ONTOP unknown Y	
Palgey maim http://palgey-maim.co.il/ Y3	
Pentair www.pentair.com Y	
Proeko <u>www.proekojp.pl</u> Y	
Prominent www.prominent.nl Y	
Pure Technologies www.puretechltd.com/ Y	
Red Flint Sand andwww.redflint.comY	
Gravel	
Rixona B.v. Warffum www.rixona.nl/ Y	
Rockwell Automationwww.rockwellautomation.deY	
Saint Gobain Pam www.pamline.com/ Y	
SFT Filtros www.stf-filtros.com Y	
Siderurgica del <u>www.siderpol.it</u> Y	
Polesine	
SINAP www.sh-sinap.com Y	
Tauw www.tauw.nl Y Y	
Ultra Control Valves www.ultravalves.co.za/ Y	
ULTRAAQUA www.ultraaqua.com Y	
University of Applied <u>www.kajak.fi</u> Y	
Sciences, Kajaani,	
Finiano	
Ventinação S.A. <u>www.ventinação.com</u> /en/	
Vitone V	
Waterleau www.waterleau.com Y	
WaterO www.waterO.com Y	
WatMan Engineering www.watman.fi/	
Ltd Oy	
World Water www.wef.org Y	
Magazine	
xylem www.xylemwatersolutions.com Y	

Annex 2: Presentation at the AquaStages

Introduction – presenting the agenda of the Aqua Stage event: Eco-efficient technologies in industrial water value chains (Palle Lindagaard-Jørgensen, DHI)





How to assess the Eco-Efficiency of industrial processes and technologies (George Arampatzis, NTUA)



How can industries and technology developers use the results of EcoWater. what can EcoWater offer to them today? (Michiel Blind, Deltares)

