

D.C.7.3

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## PERSONAL MEETINGS - AUSTRIA

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*“50 Individual meetings will be organized by all PPs with multiutility/public authority in order to prepare the report of DT 4.1.2 and analyse the expectations stakeholder willing to participate in training activities (AT4.1)”*

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## Disclaimer

The present Deliverable D.C. 7.3 is strongly related to Activity A.T4.1, which consists of 2 specific Deliverables:

- D.T4.1.1 - *“List of municipalities/regions interested in exploring the opportunity and feasibility of REEF 2W: Description of deliverable 50 municipalities and regions (PAs), interested in exploring the opportunity, and later the feasibility, for implementing REEF 2W plants in their territory, are identified by WP leader according to pre-set communication activities”*
- D.T4.1.2 - *“Analysis of expectations in term of training and direct assistance (by personal meetings): 5 analysis (I,A,D,CZ,HR) will be conducted on the match between the information and knowledge provided by the training and expectations of public administrators in order to make the training activities more attractive.”*

## Communication activities and possibilities for personal meetings

In Austria, the following communication activities/possibilities to meet and discuss with interested stakeholders (wastewater utilities, municipalities, energy managers, etc.) could be taken so far:

- Workshop for public utilities and energy agencies (D.C.7.1): During the event REEF 2W project representatives took the opportunity for (preliminary) talks with different attendees. Furthermore, a list of stakeholders interested in the topic of energetic use of wastewater was collected (list of interest).
- Workshop for policy makers, municipalities and regional representatives (D.C.7.2/D.T4.3.2): During the event REEF 2W project representatives took the opportunity for (preliminary) talks with different attendees.
- Individual meetings with interested wastewater utilities/municipalities: REEF 2W project representatives carried out site visits and talks with local stakeholders.

## Interested stakeholders

Workshop for public utilities and energy agencies (D.C.7.1): The following wastewater utilities/municipalities declared their interest in a REEF 2W case study and already submitted first materials for pre-assessment (compare D.T4.3.3):

- Municipality of Vösendorf: Wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) with a design capacity of 20.000 population equivalents (PE), interested in the construction of a digestion tower, wastewater heat recovery and photovoltaics for WWTP internal and external (heating of city hall) use of energy. Site visits and pre-assessment have already started.
- Municipal wastewater association of Wolkersdorf/Pilichsdorf/Großengersdorf: WWTP 35.000 PE, 3 municipalities. Pre-assessment has not been started yet.



- Wastewater association Untereres Rodeltal/KEM Region Urfahr West: In-sewer wastewater heat recovery in a pumping station at Ottensheim to supply a nearby sport training center. Collection of data and pre-assessment have already started.

Workshop for policy makers, municipalities and regional representatives (D.C.7.2/D.T4.3.2): The list of interest contains the following stakeholders (selection):

- 1 representative of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism (BMNT)
- 6 representatives of different Austrian federal provinces/regions (Vienna, Lower Austria, Styria, and Carinthia)
- 1 representative of the Austrian Water and Waste Association (ÖWAV)
- 1 representative of a wastewater utility (RHV Schwanenstadt u. U., RHV Lambach)
- 8 company representatives
- 10 representatives of engineering consultancies

Individual meetings with interested wastewater utilities/municipalities: The following wastewater utilities/municipalities independently contacted Austrian REEF 2W representatives (BOKU) showing interest in a feasibility study (compare D.T4.3.3):

- WV Müritzverband/Municipality of Kapfenberg: Site visits were carried out (by BOKU and AEA). Data collection and pre-assessment have already started.
- RHV Mühlthal-Böhmerwald/municipality of Rohrbach: A Presentation on energetic use of wastewater and the REEF 2W approach was given on-site (by BOKU), Data collection and evaluation have not started yet.



Picture: REEF 2W representatives (BOKU, AEA) meet representatives of WV Müritzverband at Kapfenberg wastewater treatment plant (photo: WV Müritzverband)



## Expectations of stakeholders

Previous talks and discussions with the stakeholders can be summarised as follows:

- Many Stakeholders have a general interest in the different possibilities of energetic use of wastewater beyond common practice (wastewater treatment plant internal use of digester gas based electricity and heat).
- Most of the interested stakeholders would especially appreciate more theoretical and practical information on wastewater heat recovery.
- Furthermore, several wastewater utilities/municipalities are not only interested in the provision of additional information but in carrying out a related feasibility study in their very own premises (done by the Austrian REEF 2W representatives).
- A great demand on individual trainings (e. g. concerning an independent application of the REEF 2W tool or the integrated sustainability analysis procedure) could not be registered so far.