

WATER TREATMENT

KEY INFO IN

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POINTS



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▶ €12 BILLION FOR WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

France is the leading country in Europe for wastewater management spending, investing €12.6 billion in 2013, including €11 billion in collective sanitation, €1.2 billion in industrial wastewater purification, and €660 million in household sanitation. (French Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition; Eurostat)

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▶ A BUOYANT MARKET

Worth an estimated €380 billion, the global water market, which encompasses supply, treatment, utilization, distribution and management, is a major growth sector for around 750 large French companies, mid-size companies and SMEs, whose expertise is now recognized worldwide (France Diplomatie). French water treatment companies reported €9 billion in revenues in 2014. (Xerfi)

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▶ INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED FIRMS

The French water treatment sector is dominated by multinationals such as Veolia, a global player with subsidiaries OTV and SADE; SUEZ and its subsidiaries Dégremont Industry, Dégremont Assainissement and Ondeo Industrial Solutions; SNF Floerger, the world's leading producer of polyacrylamides; as well as VINCI, Egis Eau, Artelia Eau, HOBAS, TMW, and Tecofi.

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▶ FRENCH EXPERTISE SHOWCASED IN COLOMBIA

In June 2017, a water management workshop was held in Bogotá, focusing on telemetry, combating water loss and pre-treatment. A number of French companies taking part – HYDROMED, Saint-Gobain PAM, Veolia, WMI and Ax'eau – presented their expertise and experiences.

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▶ FRANCE WELCOMES FOREIGN FIRMS

A number of foreign companies in the water treatment sector have set up operations in France, including: BWT (Austria); Culligan, GE Water Process Technologies (United States); Caprari (Italy); Ozonia and Bibus (Switzerland); and Eloy Water (Belgium).

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▶ DYNAMIC RESEARCH

Driven by numerous innovation clusters, including the Pôle DREAM, Pôle Hydreos, Cluster Water Sensors & Membranes, and Pôle EAU, the French water treatment sector also has two high-caliber research centers: the GRESE (Research Group on Water, Soil and the Environment) and the IFTS (International Filter Testing Services and Liquid-Solid Separation Institute).

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▶ INNOVATIVE STARTUPS

Dymond Cleantech has developed an electrochemical water treatment technique that uses diamond electrodes to disinfect and purify water, while Helio Pur Technologies develops water, organic and solar recycling facilities, and has just received its first commercial order in Algeria.

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▶ RAINWATER: CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS

French stakeholders in the water sector are working with regional development and planning professionals to develop customized solutions to flood risks and pollution. French rainwater recovery specialists include Saint Dizier Environnement, Technipluie, Ortec Environnement and OCIDO.

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▶ HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING

France has a number of renowned engineering schools offering training programs leading to qualifications and diplomas in water management. These include: the National Institute of Applied Sciences (INSA), the National School for Water and Environmental Engineering in Strasbourg (ENGEES), and the International Office for Water (OIE).

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▶ INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

HydroGaïa, the international water trade show, is now in its seventh year. Held in Montpellier, it is now a well-established key event for the water sector, attracting around 150 companies to exhibit and more than 3,500 visitors from the industry. The 28th Pollutec trade show will be held in Lyon in 2018, bringing together water management and treatment professionals from around the world.



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#3 PRODUCER OF RENEWABLE ENERGIES IN EUROPE



(EUROSTAT)

-22.5 Mt

CO₂EQ FALL IN EMISSIONS
DUE TO RECYCLING



(FEDEREC ; ADEME, 2017)

#1 COUNTRY IN EUROPE FOR WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SPENDING



(FRENCH MINISTRY FOR THE ECOLOGICAL
AND INCLUSIVE TRANSITION; EUROSTAT)



€9 billion

**IN ANNUAL REVENUES
REPORTED BY FRENCH WATER
TREATMENT COMPANIES**

(XERFI)