



# Comprehensive Risk Management Strategies for Addressing Water Scarcity and Climate Change Impacts

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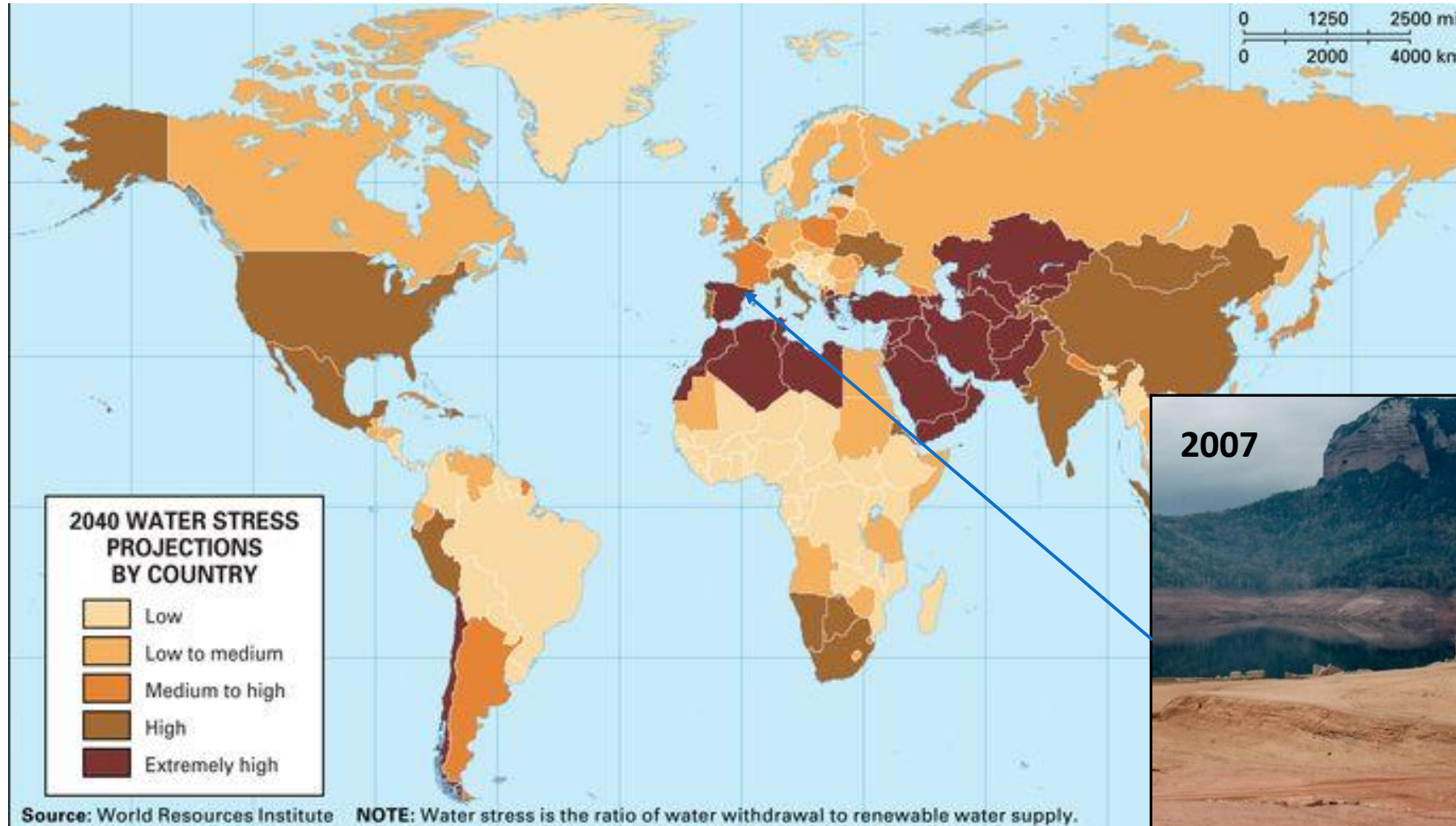
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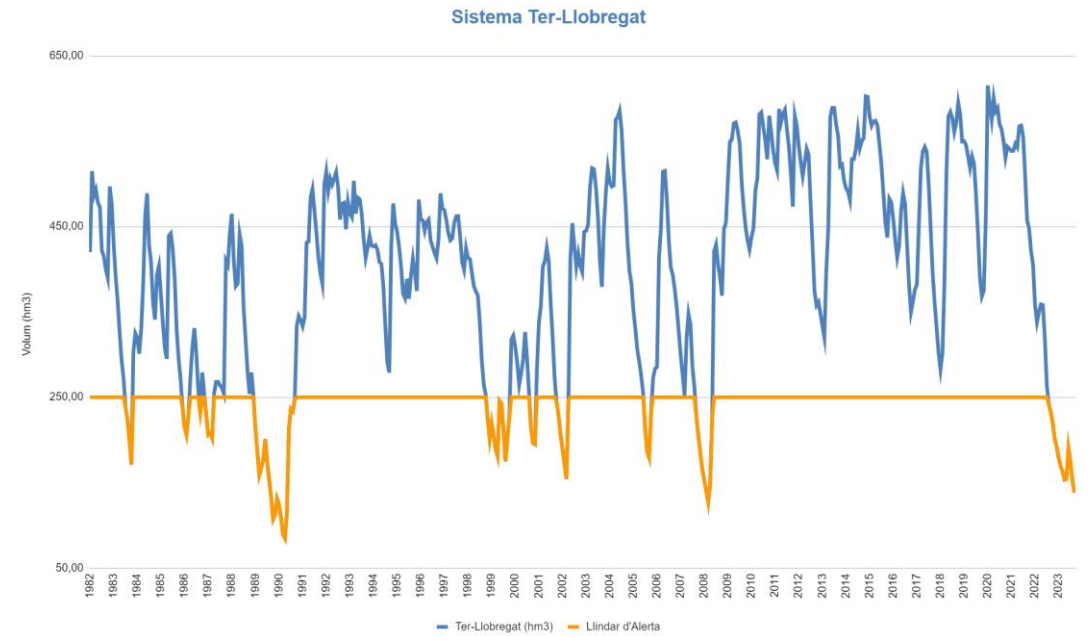
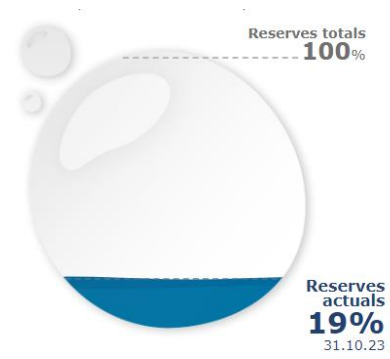
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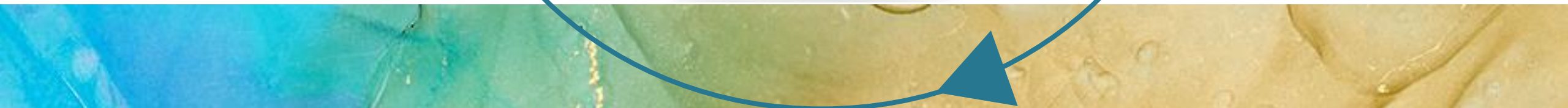
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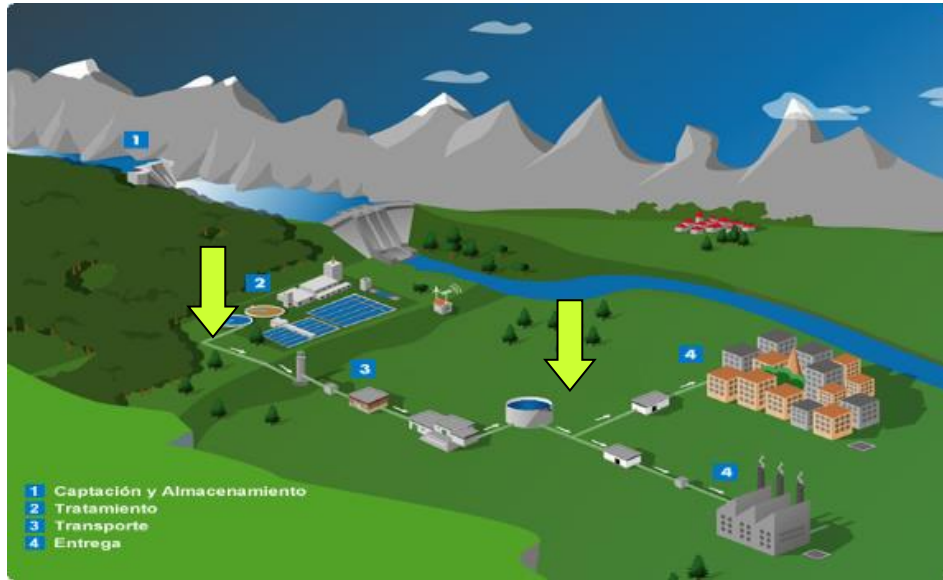
# CURRENT SITUATION BARCELONA 2023



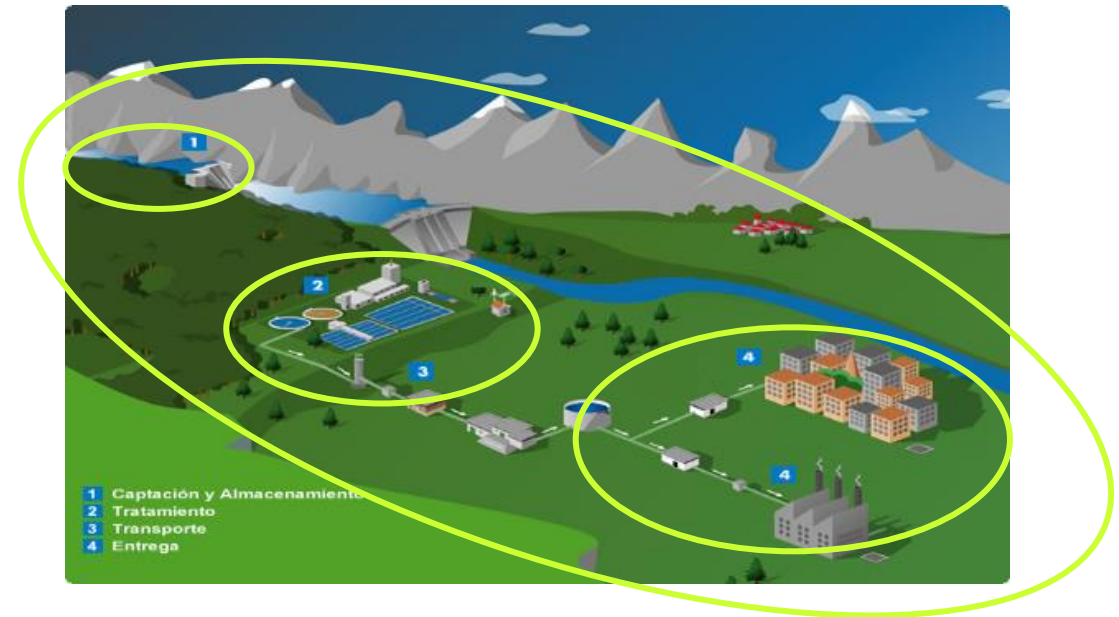
# HOW CAN WE DEAL WITH IT?



# BRIEF HISTORY OF WATER SAFETY PLANS (WSP)



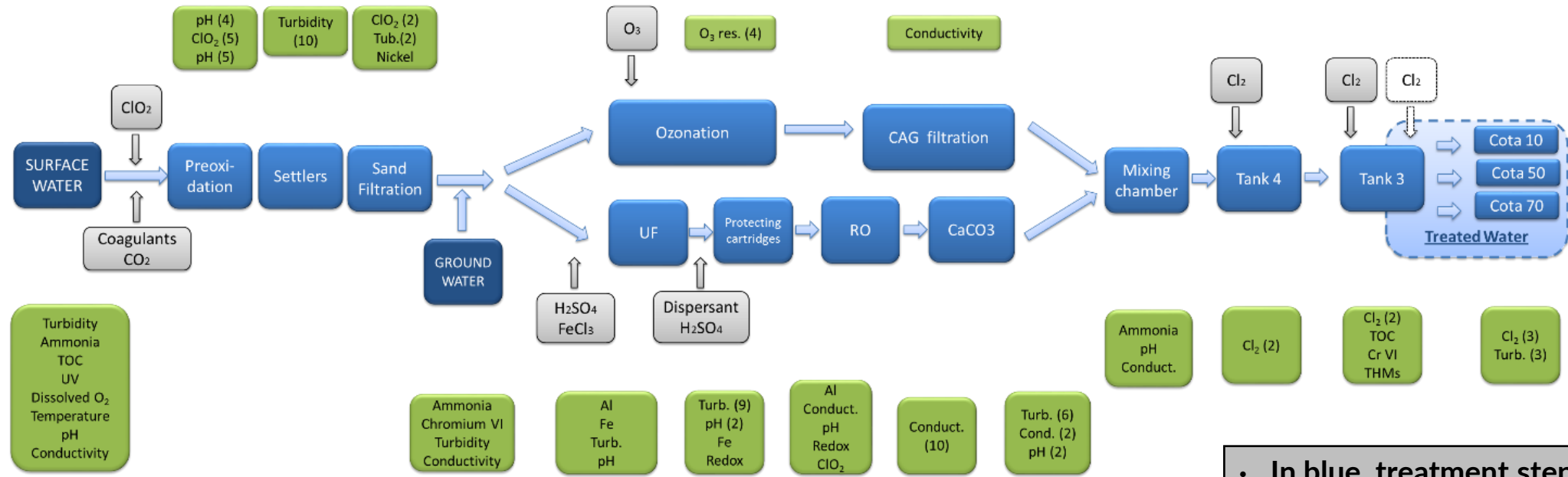
Main inconvenient:  
It was  
**retrospective**



**Water Safety Plans (WSP)**  
**Preventive** management

# WSP IMPLEMENTED IN 2010 IN BARCELONA'S DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT

*Sant Joan Despí DWTP* is a very complex waterworks, and a risk-based management approach has been very useful to improve water quality

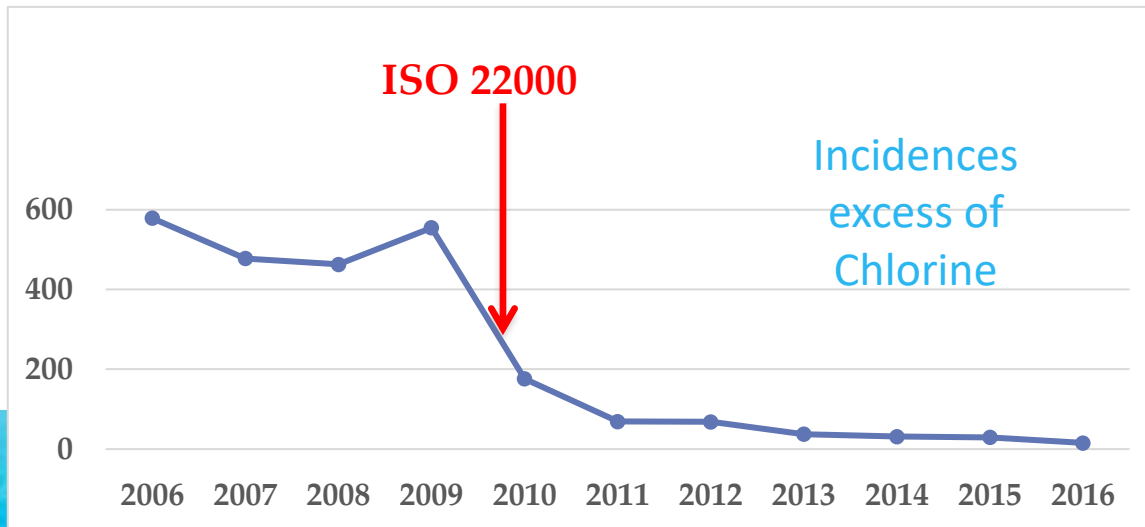
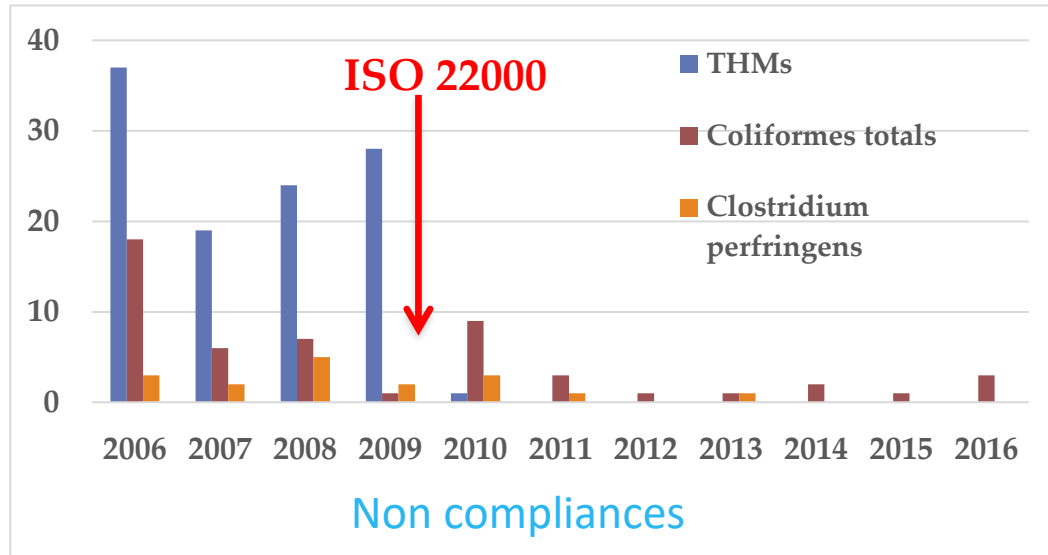


Production capacity: 5 m<sup>3</sup>/s

- In blue, treatment steps
- In green, on-line analysers



# BENEFITS WSP/ ISO 22.000: IMPROVEMENT IN NON-COMPLIANCES/INCIDENTS AND HEALTH OUTCOMES



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Water quality, compliance, and health outcomes among utilities implementing Water Safety Plans in France and Spain



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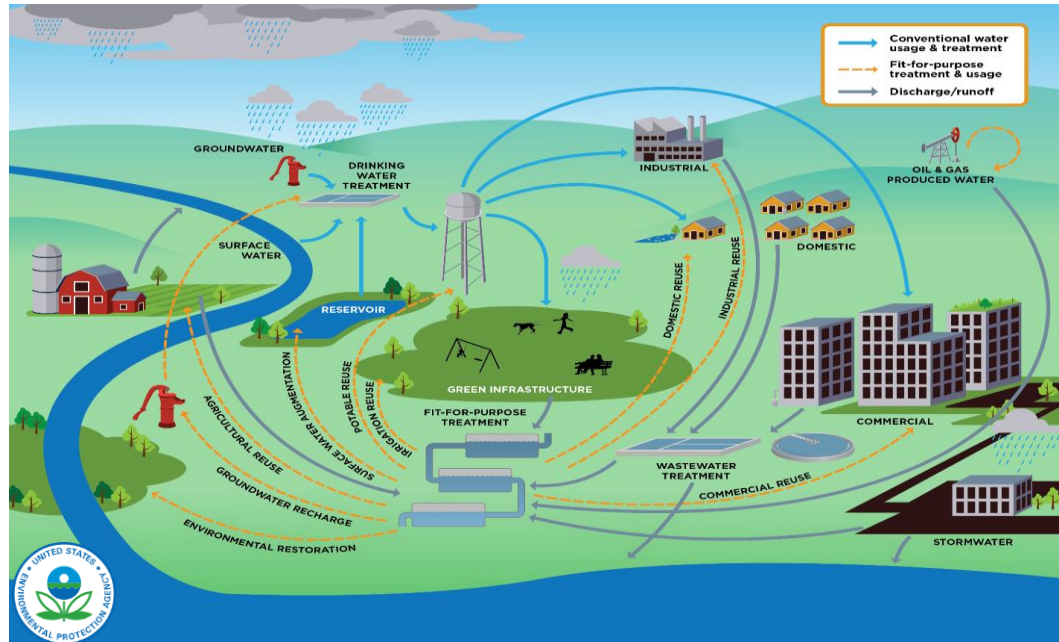
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ABSTRACT

Are we able to transfer these improvements to reclaimed wastewater?

# COMPARISON BETWEEN SANITATION SAFETY PLAN (SSP) AND WATER SAFETY PLAN (WSP)



Need to develop specific SSP for each use

## Comparison of Sanitation Safety Planning with Water Safety Planning

Many readers will be familiar with Water Safety Plans (WSPs). Like WSPs, SSP is based on the Stockholm framework for preventive risk assessment and management and uses the methods and procedures of hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP).

WSPs provide a systematic approach towards assessing, managing and monitoring risks from catchments to drinking-water consumers. Similarly SSP applies the approach from sanitation waste generation (e.g. the toilet) to the waste's final use and/or disposal. For example, in the case of reuse/recycled waste streams in agriculture which produce a food product, SSP goes from "toilet to farm to table", or for waste streams which are released to the environment, from "toilet to environment".

There are, however, critical differences in the two approaches. SSP typically operates in a less defined regulator environment, has multiple objectives, has more stakeholders and addresses risks to multiple exposure groups.

	Sanitation Safety Planning	Water Safety Planning
Similarities	Derived from WHO Guidelines for the Safe Use of Wastewater, Excreta and Greywater	Derived from the WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality
	Uses risk management, HACCP, Stockholm Framework (see Note)	Uses risk management, HACCP, Stockholm Framework
	Core components: (1) system assessment; (2) monitoring; (3) management	Core components: (1) system assessment; (2) monitoring; (3) management
Differences	Follows the sanitation chain	Follows the drinking-water supply chain
	Considers multiple exposure groups for microbiological, physical and chemical hazards	Considers single exposure group (drinking-water consumer) for microbiological, physical, chemical and radiation hazards
	Expands from waste generation to its uses and discharges into the environment	Contracts from catchments and converges to the drinking-water delivery point
	Usually no clear regulatory framework – roles and responsibilities are shared over different sectors and levels	Usually operates in a clear regulatory framework
	Objectives – reduce negative health impacts of use of wastewater, excreta or greywater while maximizing the benefits of their use	Objectives – to consistently ensure the safety and acceptability of a drinking-water supply and to reduce the risk of drinking-water contamination
Implementing agency – varies depending on objectives, skills and resources	Implementing agency – water utility or a community association for small supplies	

**Note:** The Stockholm Framework creates a harmonized framework for the development of guidelines and standards, in terms of water-related microbiological hazards. It provides the conceptual framework of the 2006 WHO Guidelines. In its simplest form, its key elements are: assessment of public health and of risks; health targets; risk management based on informed environmental exposure and acceptable risk (see 2006 WHO Guidelines Vol. 1, 36 for more details).

No clear regulatory framework

# LEGAL CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

- **Regulation EU:** risk management approach, limited to agriculture irrigation
- **Spanish decree:** Multiple uses, but no risk management requirement

## Regulation EU 2020/741

Table 1 – Classes of reclaimed water quality and permitted agricultural use and irrigation method

Minimum reclaimed water quality class	Crop category (*)	Irrigation method
A	All food crops consumed raw where the edible part is in direct contact with reclaimed water and root crops consumed raw	All irrigation methods
B	Food crops consumed raw where the edible part is produced above ground and is not in direct contact with reclaimed water, processed food crops and non-food crops including crops used to feed milk- or meat-producing animals	All irrigation methods
C	Food crops consumed raw where the edible part is produced above ground and is not in direct contact with reclaimed water, processed food crops and non-food crops including crops used to feed milk- or meat-producing animals	Drip irrigation (**) or other irrigation method that avoids direct contact with the edible part of the crop
D	Industrial, energy and seeded crops	All irrigation methods (***)

## Real Decreto 1620/2007

USO	CALIDAD	NEMATODOS INTESTINALES	ESCHERICHIA COLI	SS	TURBIDEZ	Nt y Pt	OTROS CONTAMINANTES	OTROS CRITERIOS
1.- USO URBANO	1.1 y 1.2	Quincenal	2 veces semana	Semanal	2 veces semana	---	El Organismo de cuenca valorará la frecuencia de análisis sobre la base de la autorización de vertido y del tratamiento de regeneración.	Mensual
	2.- USO AGRARIO	2.1	Quincenal	Semanal	Semanal	Semanal		---
2.2		Quincenal	Semanal	Semanal	---	---		Quincenal
2.3		Quincenal	Semanal	Semanal	---	---		---
3.- USO INDUSTRIAL	3.1	---	Semanal	Semanal	Semanal	---		Mensual
	3.2	Semanal	3 veces semana	Diaria	Diaria	---		<i>Legionella spp.</i> 3 veces semana
4.- USO RECREATIVO	4.1	Quincenal	2 veces semana	Semanal	2 veces semana	---		---
	4.2	---	Semanal	Semanal	---	Mensual		---
5.- USO AMBIENTAL	5.1	---	2 veces semana	Semanal	---	Semanal		---
	5.2	Semanal	3 veces semana	Diaria	Diaria	Semanal		Semanal
	5.3	---	---	Semanal	---	---	---	
	5.4						Frecuencia igual al uso más similar	

Potable reuse +  
risk management approach?

# WHAT HAVE WE RELIED ON TO DEVELOP THE SSP?



 Aigües de Barcelona	INSTRUCCIÓ	METODOLOGIA D'IDENTIFICACIÓ DE PERILLS I AVALUACIÓ DE RISCOS SANITARIS DE L'AIGUA REGENERADA	Rev. Nº 0
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## 1 OBJECTE

Definir la metodologia a seguir per identificar els perills significatius i avaluar els riscos associats a les activitats i processos sobre els que es faci una gestió de l'aigua regenerada.

## 2 ABAST

Les aigües regenerades produïdes a les EDAR d'Aigües de Barcelona gestionades segons criteris GRSAR.

## 3 METODOLOGIA D'IDENTIFICACIÓ DE PERILLS SIGNIFICATIUS

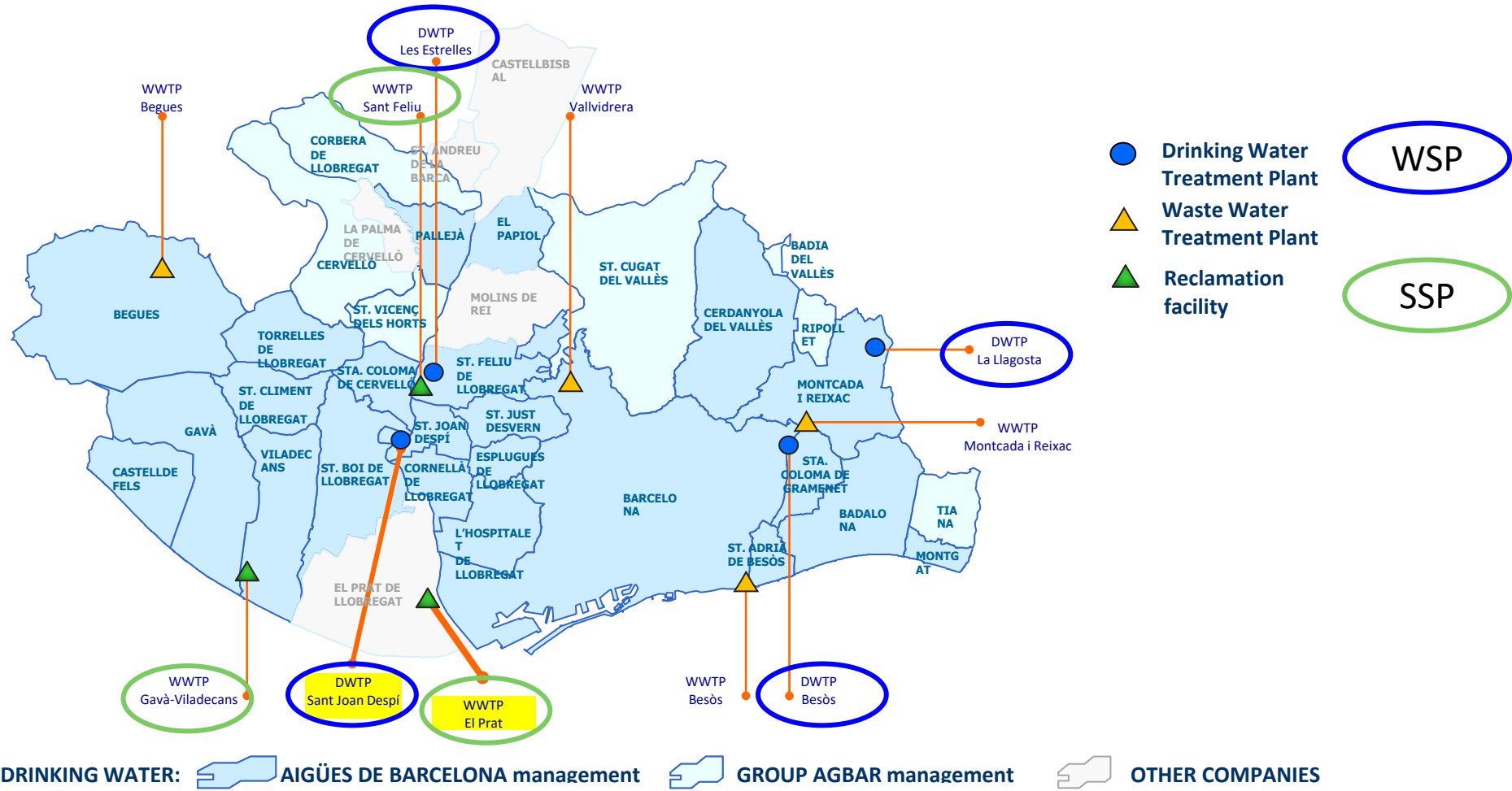
### 3.1 RECOPIACIÓ DE DADES

L'equip d'implantació recollirà dades referents a:

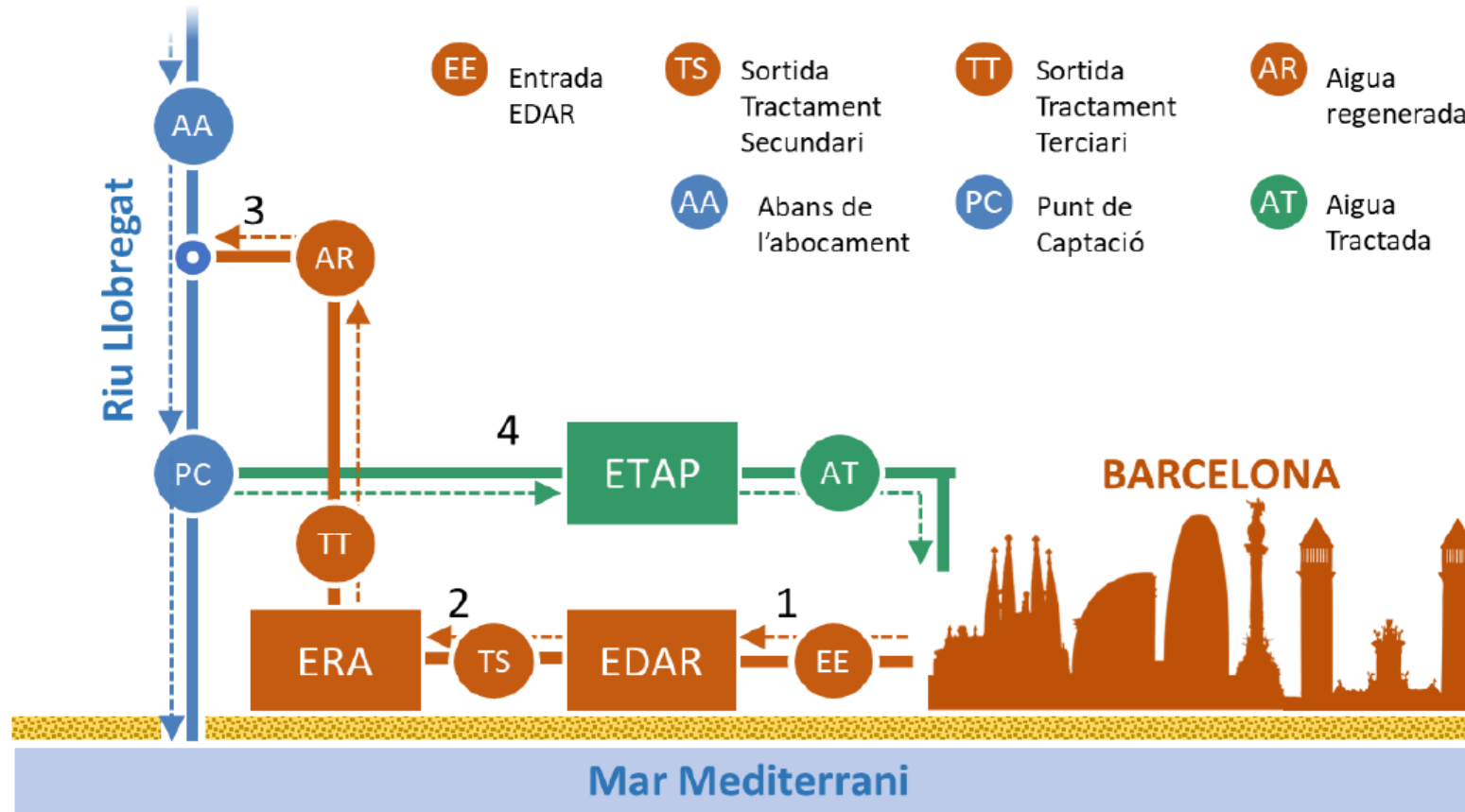
Based on international reference documents such as the WHO Guidelines Aigües de Barcelona has created its own SSP Management Manual and Procedures



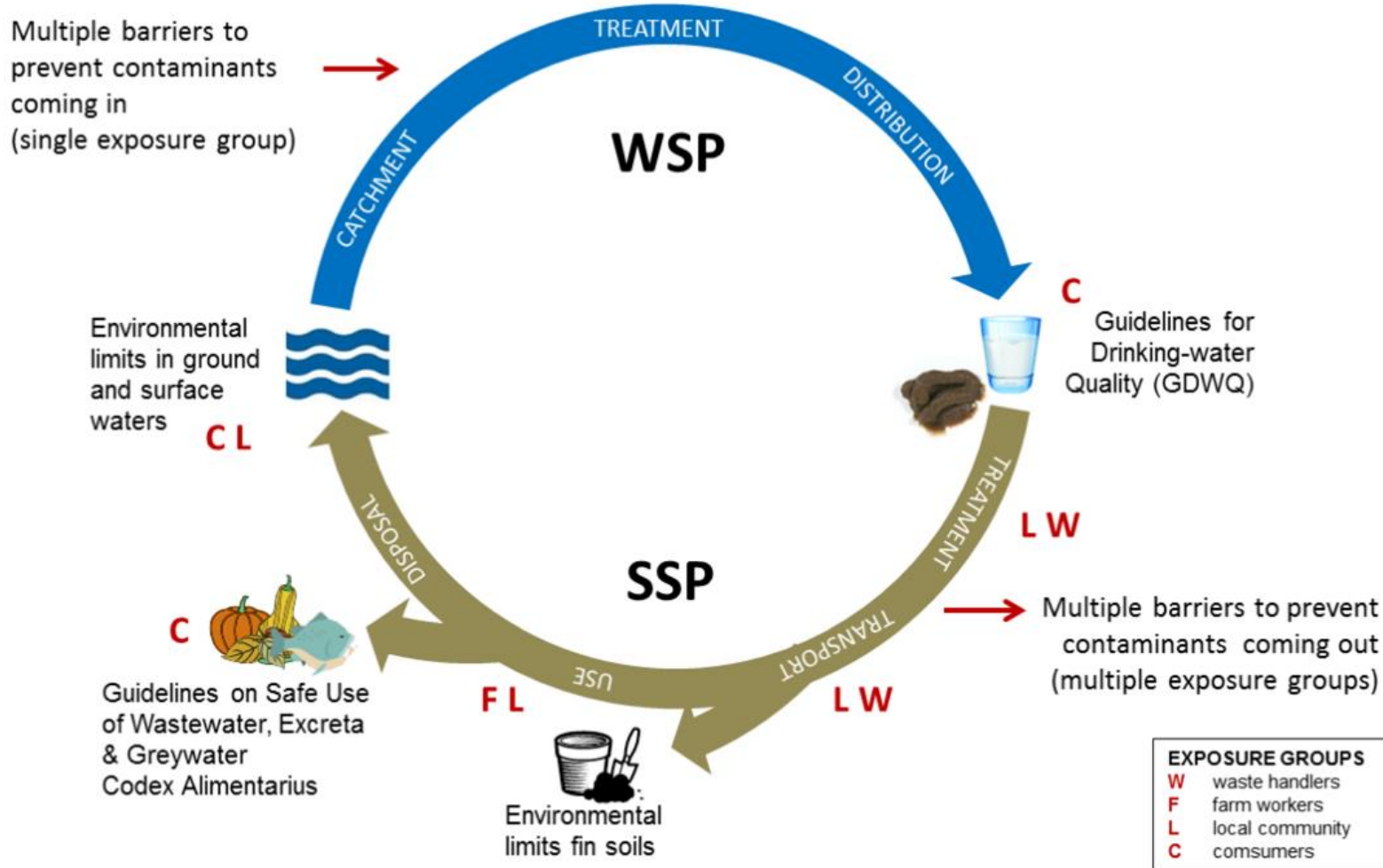
# AIGÜES DE BARCELONA: SCOPE OF ACTIVITY WSP AND SSP IMPLEMENTATION



# INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE: BARCELONA CASE STUDY



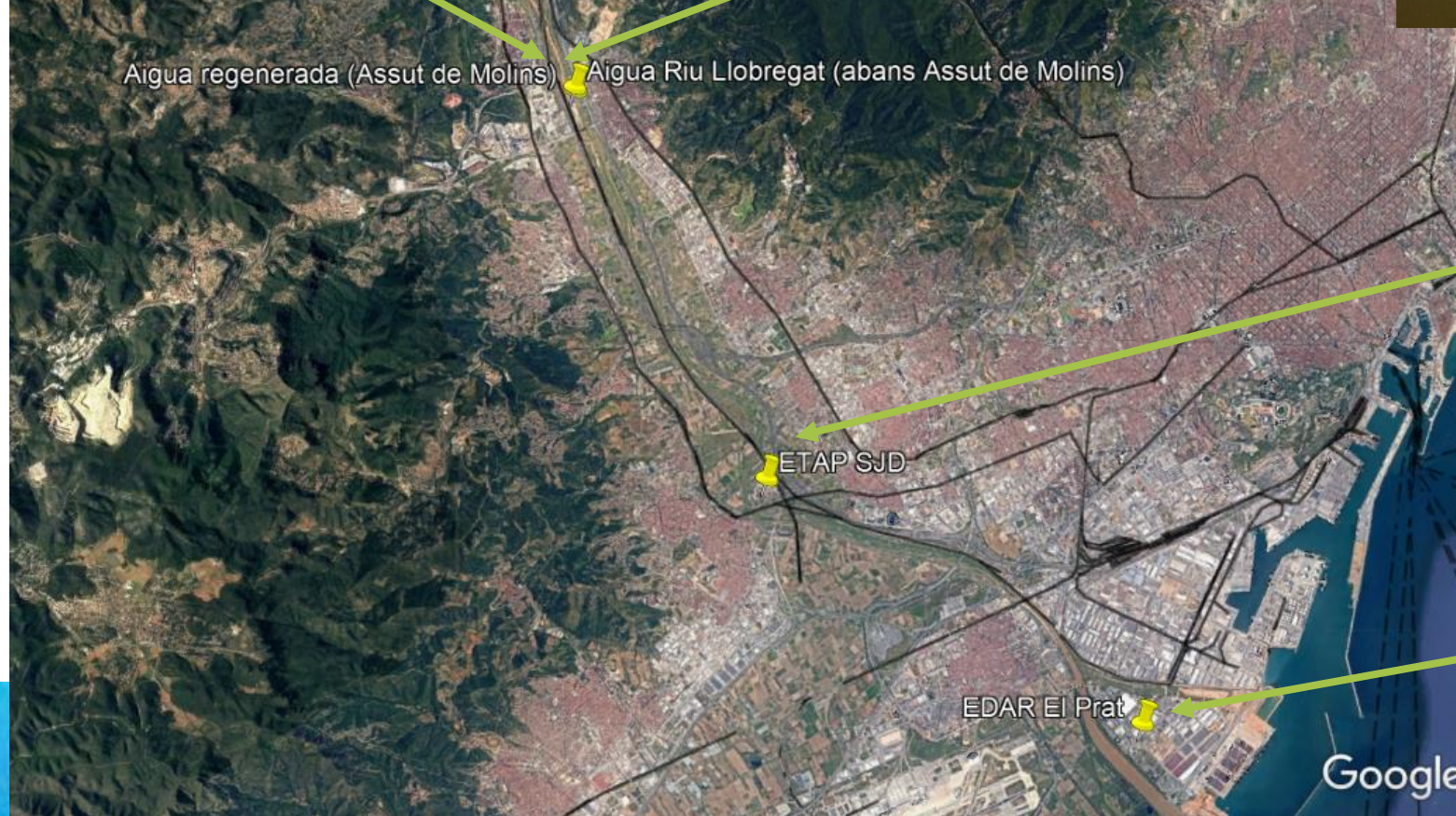
# WSP + SSP = GLOBAL RISK MANAGEMENT



## Benefits:

- Common Approach: Health Risk applied to **Source, Drinking and Reclaimed Water**.
- **Involvement** of all users: operators, customers, administrations.
- Control of critical processes / **barriers and control points** / continuously ensured safety / verification.
- **Immediate action** in case of deviation from the requirements.
- **Generates user confidence** in reused water.

# INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE: SAMPLING POINTS



# INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE: MONITORING PLAN

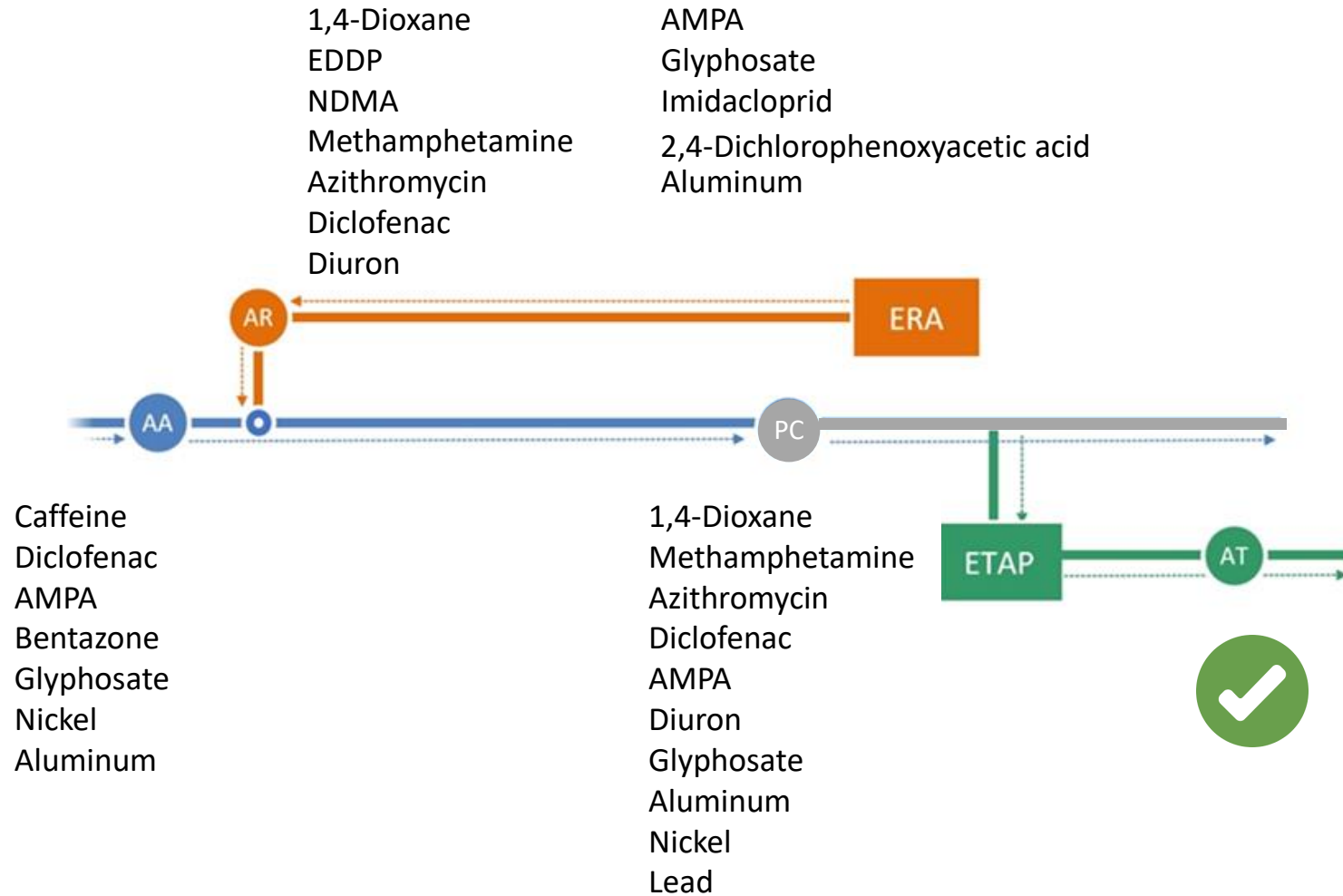
Family	Parameter	Sampling points				Responsible
		AA	AR	PC	AT	
Biological parameters	Algae	M	M*	M	—	Aigües de Barcelona
	Microcystins	—	—	S	M	Aigües de Barcelona
	Microbiological par.	—	—	S	S <sup>(1)</sup>	Aigües de Barcelona
	Chlorophylla	M	M*	D	—	Aigües de Barcelona
Physicochemical parameters	Ammonium	M	S	online	—	Aigües de Barcelona
	TOC	M	M	online	online	Aigües de Barcelona
	Phosphorus	M	S	S	S	Aigües de Barcelona
	Nitrates & nitrites	M	S	S	D	Aigües de Barcelona
	Conductivity	M	S	online	online	Aigües de Barcelona
	pH	—	—	online	online	Aigües de Barcelona
	O <sub>2</sub> dissolved	—	—	online	-	Aigües de Barcelona
Organoleptics	Odor	—	—	D	D	Aigües de Barcelona
	Geosmin	—	—	M	M	Aigües de Barcelona
Disinfection by-products	Trihalomethanes (THMs)	—	—	—	online	Aigües de Barcelona
	Haloacetic acids	—	—	—	Q	Aigües de Barcelona
	Chlorite and Chlorate	M	M	S	D	Aigües de Barcelona
Micropollutant	NDMA	M	M	M	M	ACA
	Metals	M	M	S	S	Aigües de Barcelona
	Detergents	M*	M*	M*	—	Aigües de Barcelona
	Dioxanes	M	S	S	S	Aigües de Barcelona
	Pesticides LC	M	M	S	M	Aigües de Barcelona
	Pesticides GC	—	—	Q	M	Aigües de Barcelona
	Target Orbitrap	M	M	M	M	Aigües de Barcelona
	VOCs	—	—	S	S	Aigües de Barcelona
	PFAS	M	M	Q	Q	Aigües de Barcelona
	PAHs	—	—	M	M	Aigües de Barcelona
Bisphenol A	—	—	M	M	Aigües de Barcelona	
Glyphosate and AMPA	2M	2M	2M	2M	ACA	



La gestió responsable



# INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE: POLLUTANTS DETECTED



# INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE: DWTP THE KEY TO SUCCESS

## DWTP Sant Joan Despí

- ✓ Technologically very advanced
- ✓ Risk management based on ISO 22,000 /WSP standard
- ✓ Removal of micropollutants and microbiological parameters
- ✓ No parameter with concentrations higher than *guide or parametric values* in treated water



However, we have other problems...



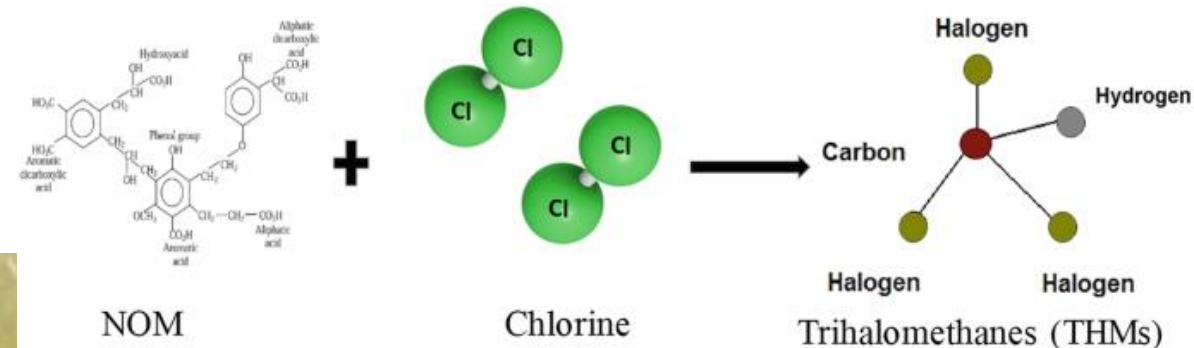
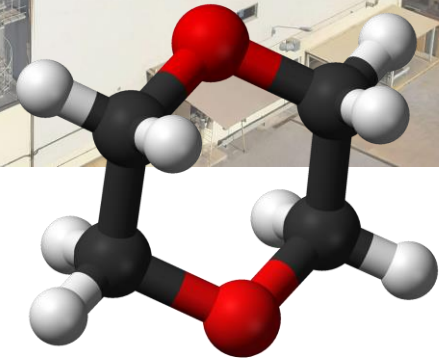
# NEW THREATS:

Algae

Increase in Trihalomethane (THMs)

1,4-dioxane

Organoleptics



# Climate Resilient-Water Safety Plan (CR-WSP)

**Global** approach to risk assessment and management that includes all stages of water supply, from catchment to consumer, **incorporating climate change impacts.**



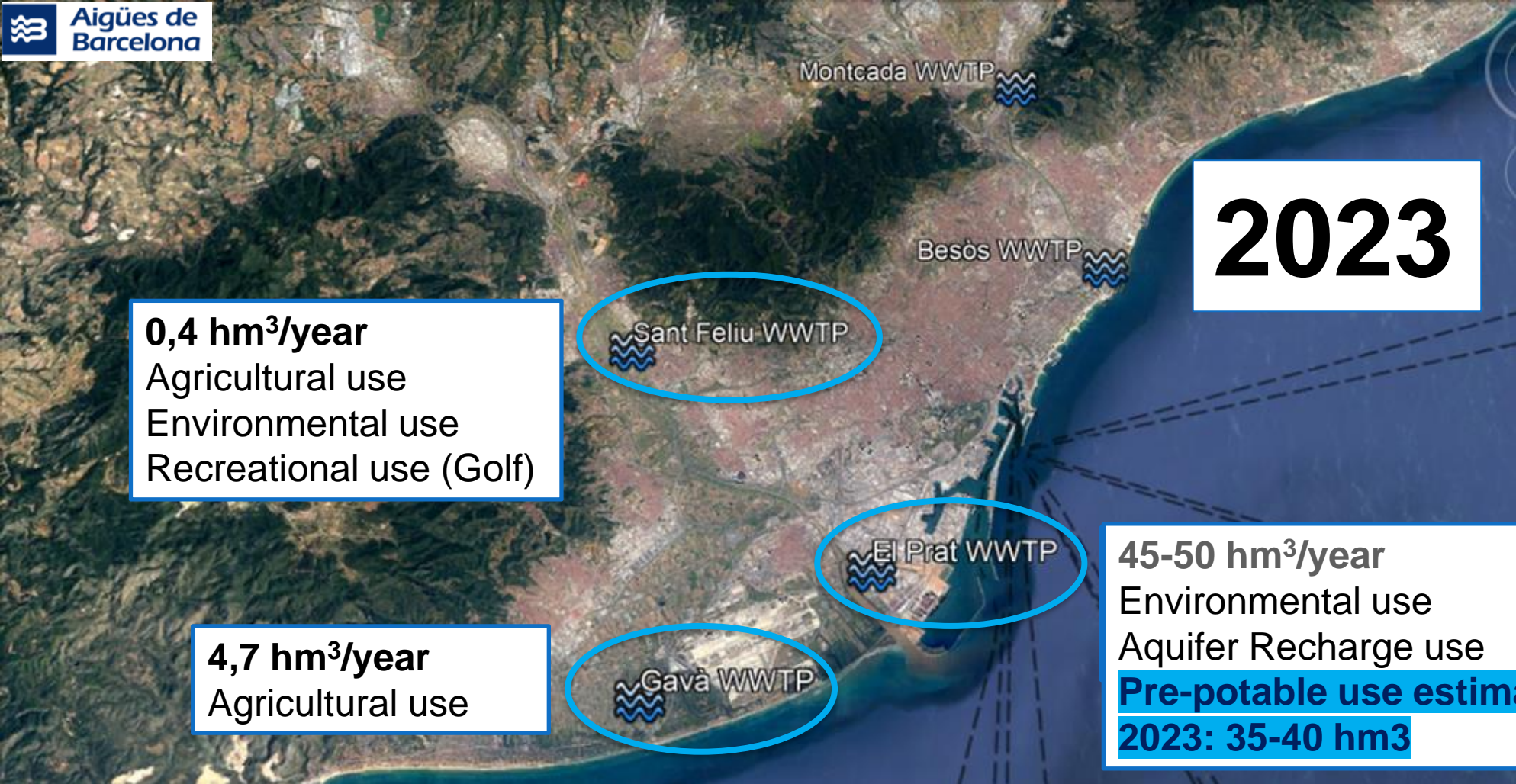




# New CR-WSP measures incorporated into SJD DWTP WSP (2023)

Hazard	Cause	New preventive measure	New control measure	Limit	Corrective action
Microbiological	Presence of algae (diatoms) due to a higher concentration of nutrients, longer residence time, temperature, etc. in the surface water of the river, increased on one hand by drought (less resource) and on the other hand the contribution of regenerated water, cause a malfunction of the pretreatment	KMnO <sub>4</sub> dosage	Analysis of chlorophyll once a day in the river	Chlorophyll > 25 µg/L	ClO <sub>2</sub> dose increase Using KMnO <sub>4</sub> Coagulant and pH adjustment
1,4-dioxane	Regenerated water: From industry, compost that is not eliminated in the WWTP / RWTP	Monitoring. Minimization of industrial discharge/s.	1,4-dioxane analysis twice a week in reclaimed water	1,4-dioxane in reclaimed water > 200 µg/L	Shutdown / reduction of regenerated water impulsion
THMs	Increase of THM formation precursors in river + regenerated water (organic matter, bromides, temperature)	Dilution of treated water ETAP SJD with Gavà IV well, minimization of residence time, TRS systems.	<i>THM - Potential Formation</i> at the DWTP and online monitoring at the Sant Climent reservoir	PF-THMs > 45 µg/L Online analyzer > 80 µg/L	Maximization TRS network, contribution of wells in the Castelldefels-Gavà area, dilution of desalination water or decrease in surface water supply SJD DWTP
Organoleptic	Presence of salts and odorous organic compounds	Reverse Osmosis Coal renewal (GAC)	Odour control in the groundwater resource	Odour (45°C) treated water	Stop groundwater or surface resource, and/or increase reverse Osmosis

# WATER REUSE IN BARCELONA'S METROPOLITAN AREA MANAGED BY SANITATION SAFETY PLANS (SPP)



# WHAT ABOUT CLIMATE RESILIENT PLANS FOR RECLAIMED WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE?

## NEXT STEP:

### Climate Resilient Sanitation Safety Plan (CR – SSP)

Climate-related events in reclaimed water system - Gavà Case Study

Event = Climate event + system effects + impact on reclaimed water safety for people/crops/environment.



# CONCLUSIONS

- **Reclaimed** water for a **diversity of uses** has become necessary to deal with the scarcity of water and the **threats of climate change**.
- WSP and SSP allow comprehensive risk management for indirect potable reuse (IPR).
- Reclaimed water for **IPR** in Barcelona has become a **success story**, thanks to
  - the coordination of all the agents involved,
  - the implementation of health risk management systems (SSP+WSP),
  - the high performance of SJD DW plant treatment SJD
  - the extensive control measures established to guarantee the safety of drinking water.
- In the current scenario of drought and facing the new threats of the climate crisis, adapting WSPs with climate resilience is one of **the challenges of the present**. **Climate Resilient-WSPs** are a very useful tool. Once again, the participation of all the agents involved will be important.



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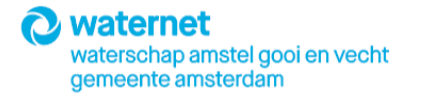
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