



Advancing Sustainability of Process Industries through Digital and Circular Water Use Innovations

# AquaSPICE CS# 5 Agricola

## Rezultate



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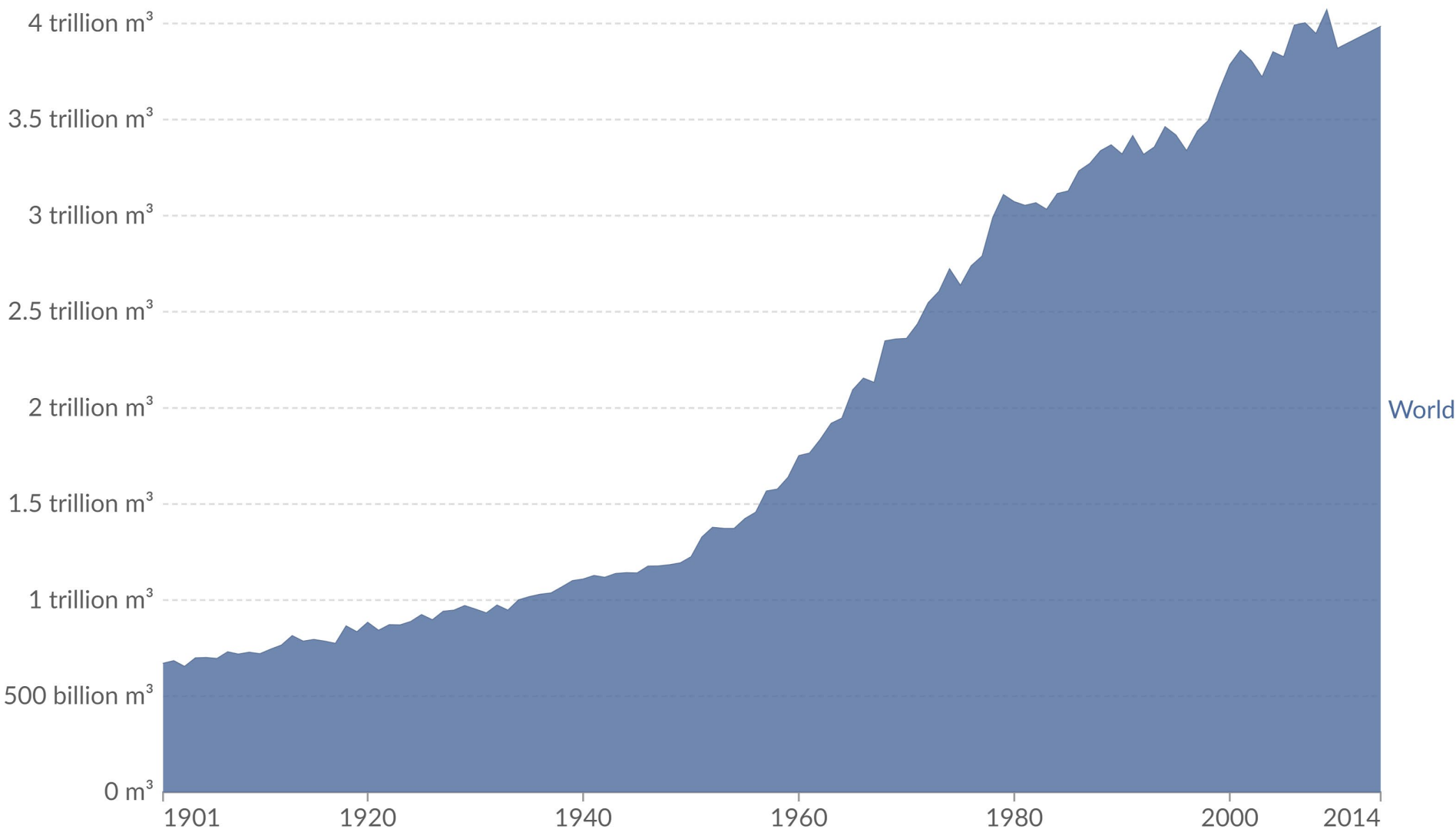
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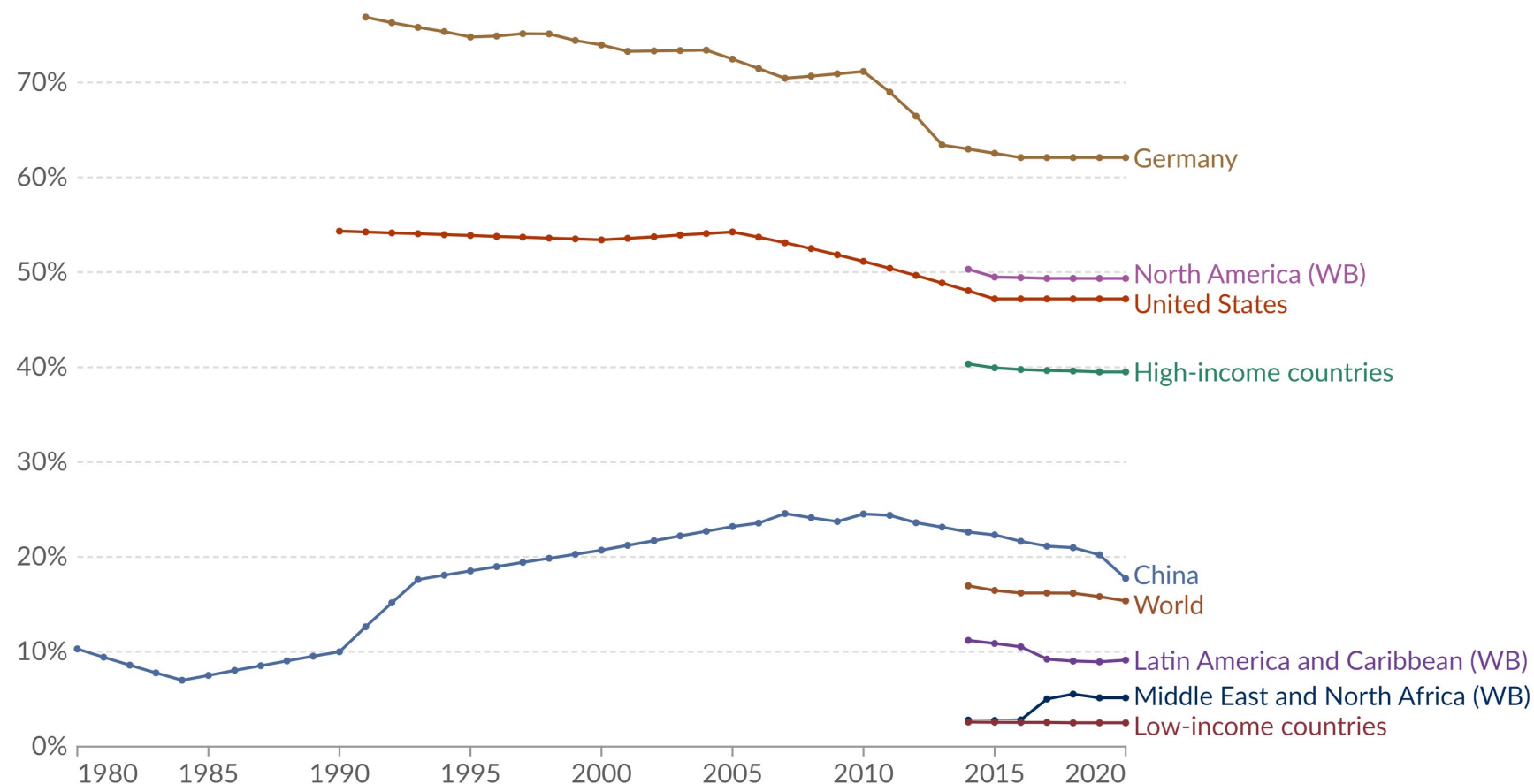
# Global freshwater use over the long-run

Global freshwater withdrawals for agriculture, industry and domestic uses since 1900, measured in cubic metres (m³) per year.



# Industrial water as a share of total water withdrawals, 1980 to 2020

Industrial water withdrawals as a percentage of total water withdrawals (which is the sum of water used for agriculture, industry, and municipal purposes).



**Data source:** Multiple sources compiled by World Bank (2024)

OurWorldinData.org/water-use-stress | CC BY

**Note:** The industrial water sector refers to self-supplied industries not connected to the public distribution network. The ratio between net consumption and withdrawal is estimated at less than 5%. It includes water for the cooling of thermoelectric and nuclear power plants, but it does not include hydropower.

## Deficitul de apa – water scarcity (water stress)

Apa poate lipsi din diferite motive: cerere mai mare decat oferta, infrastructura neadecvata, sau institutiile nu reusesc sa echilibreze nevoile tuturor.

Deficitul de apă este o problemă din ce în ce mai mare pe fiecare continent, comunitățile mai sărace fiind cele mai grav afectate. Pentru a construi reziliența împotriva schimbărilor climatice și pentru a servi o populație în creștere, trebuie adoptată o abordare integrată și incluzivă pentru gestionarea acestei resurse finite.

Deficitul de apă este un concept relativ. Cantitatea de apă care poate fi accesată fizic variază pe măsură ce cererea și oferta se schimbă. Deficitul de apă se intensifică pe măsură ce cererea crește și/sau pe măsură ce aprovizionarea cu apă este afectată de scăderea cantității sau calității.

Schimbările climatice înrăutățesc deficitul de apă. Impactul schimbărilor climatice face apa mai imprevizibilă. Stocarea apei terestre – apa reținută în sol, zăpada și gheața – este în scădere. Acest lucru duce la o penurie crescută de apă, care perturbă activitatea societății.

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# Case Studies

Goals



Reduce Water by Reuse

Optimization



Digital Monitoring

Smart Control

| Industry | Case Study 1                                                                                                                                                            | Case Study 2                                                                                                                                                               | Case Study 3                                                                                                                                                                | Case Study 5                                                                                                                                                                | Case Study 6                                                                                                                                                                |
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|          |                                                                                        |                                                                                          |       |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |
| Country  | Netherlands,<br>Germany                                                                                                                                                 | Italy                                                                                                                                                                      | Belgium                                                                                                                                                                     | Romania                                                                                                                                                                     | Turkey                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Focus    | Technology Focus<br>for Freshwater<br>Intake Reduction                                                                                                                  | Water Treatment<br>and Re-Use Within<br>Production Units                                                                                                                   | Sustainable and<br>Robust Water<br>System for the<br>Industrial Zone of<br>Antwerp                                                                                          | Sustainable Water<br>Use in Meat<br>Production in the<br>Circular Economy                                                                                                   | Water Treatment<br>and Re-use within<br>Refinery                                                                                                                            |
| Goal     |   |   |   |   |   |

## DOW Terneuzen (Netherlands)



- Cooling Tower Blow Down Reuse
- Site Condensate Reuse
- WaterCPS design and implementation



**Reduce Water by Reuse:**  
Fresh water intake reduction by 20 %



**Full digital smart control:**  
Design and implementation

## DOW Böhlen (Germany)



- Improvement Raw Water Treatment
- Cooling Tower Blow Down Reuse
- Site Condensate Reuse
- WaterCPS design and implementation



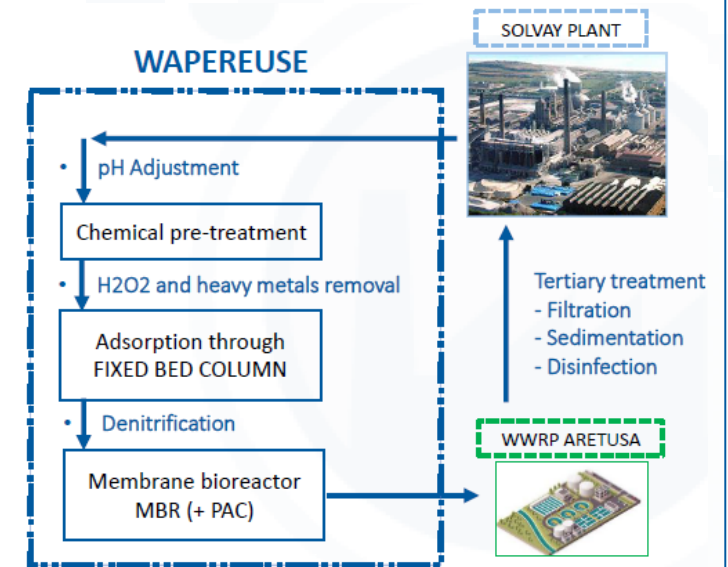
**Reduce Water by improved Treatment and Reuse:** Fresh water intake reduction by 20 %



**Full digital smart control:**  
Design and implementation



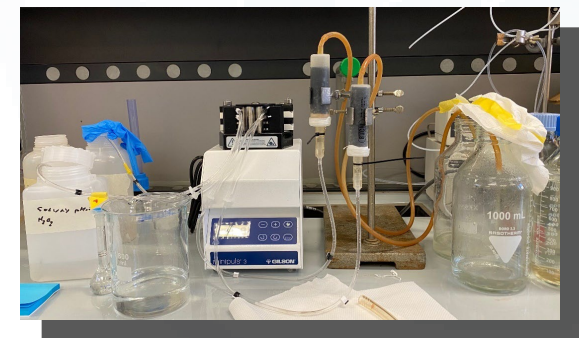
- Water Reuse through treatment of waste water from peroxide and peracetic acid production at Solvay (WAPEREUSE) in pilot-scale
- WaterCPS design and implementation for WAPEREUSE system for optimization strategies



Reduce Water Intake by Reuse of Industrial Waste Water

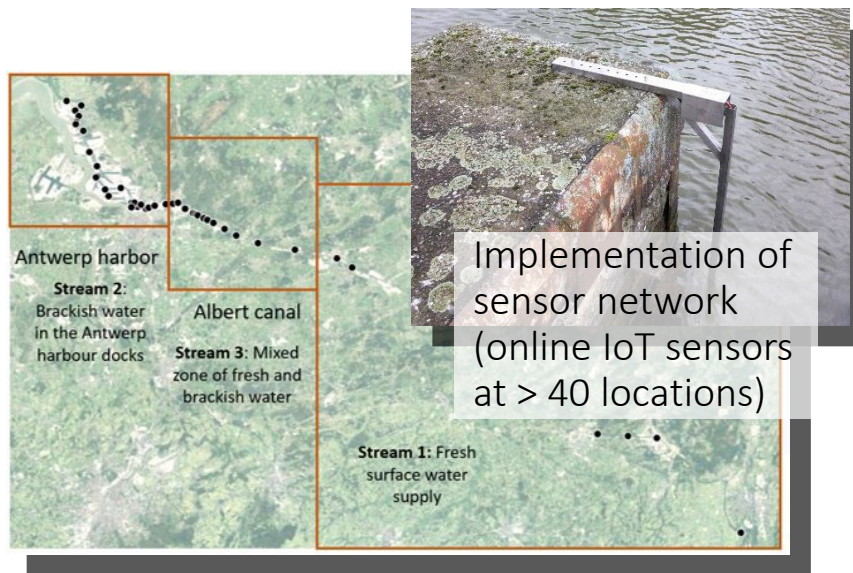


Full digital smart control: Design and implementation



## Subcase 1:

### Antwerp harbor and Albert canal



**Digital monitoring:**  
Design and implementation

## Subcase 2:

### Water reuse and cooling water



- Cooling Tower Process Optimization and Digitalization for Water Intake Reduction
- Water Reuse of RO concentrate and steam cracker process streams



**Reduce Water Intake by better Processes and Reuse**



**Digital monitoring of water treatment facilities:** Design and implementation



- Reuse Water for Cooling Water and Firefighting Water
- Application of advanced Biological Treatment (Aerobic Granular Biomass) for Water Reclamation
- Separation process with regenerated membranes (end-of-life RO membranes from desalination plants)
- Smart Monitoring



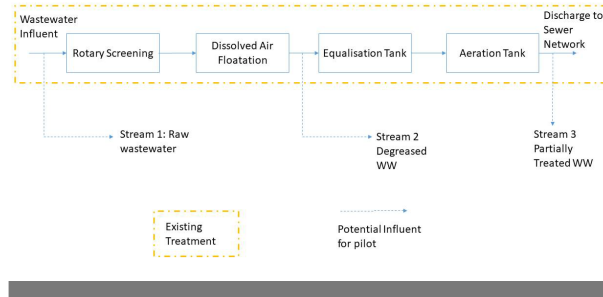
Reuse produced Water and Material (End-of-Life Membranes)



Digital smart control:  
Design and implementation



Proposed Treatment- 3 Potential Streams as Pilot Influent



- Promotion of Circular Water Use in Romania and AGRICOLA group
- Establish CoP on Circular Economy in Bacau, Romania
- Production Process Optimization
- Integration of WaterCPS with several intelligent monitoring and management systems



Process optimization



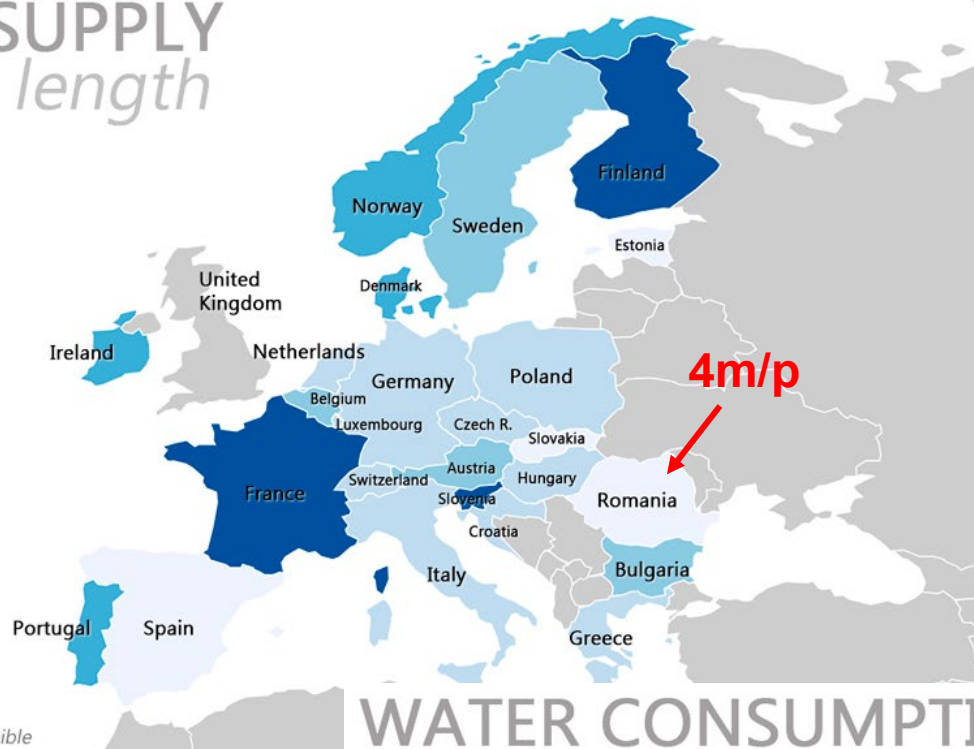
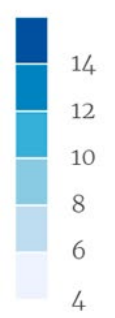
WaterCPS: Design and implementation

- Romania is a medium-sized country, with a population of about 19.4 m inhabitants.
- Romania ranks 9<sup>th</sup> by geographical area and 7<sup>th</sup> by population among the EU Member States.
- Challenging transition periods to comply with the relevant EU Water Directives, with a final deadline for compliance set at 31 December 2018 (that was missed).
- Romania is the only EU country that has a large portion of its population still without access to safe potable water (20% of population, or about 4 million). Adequate sanitation (32% of total population, or about 6 million).
- Romania is striving to make significant efforts to meet the relevant EU water standards.
- More needs to be done regarding institutional coordination and sector leadership.
- Water security and resilience to climate change are increasingly becoming important emerging issues in the Romanian water sector.
- The need to raise awareness among the population remains significant.
- Legislations need to be revised and adapted to the current situation in order to support the execution of innovative projects.

# WATER SUPPLY

Network length

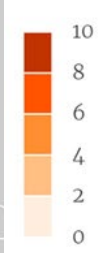
Metres per person



Data: EurEau, 2020  
Infographic: Hidrologia Sostenible

# AVERAGE WATER PRICE

Euros per cubic metre

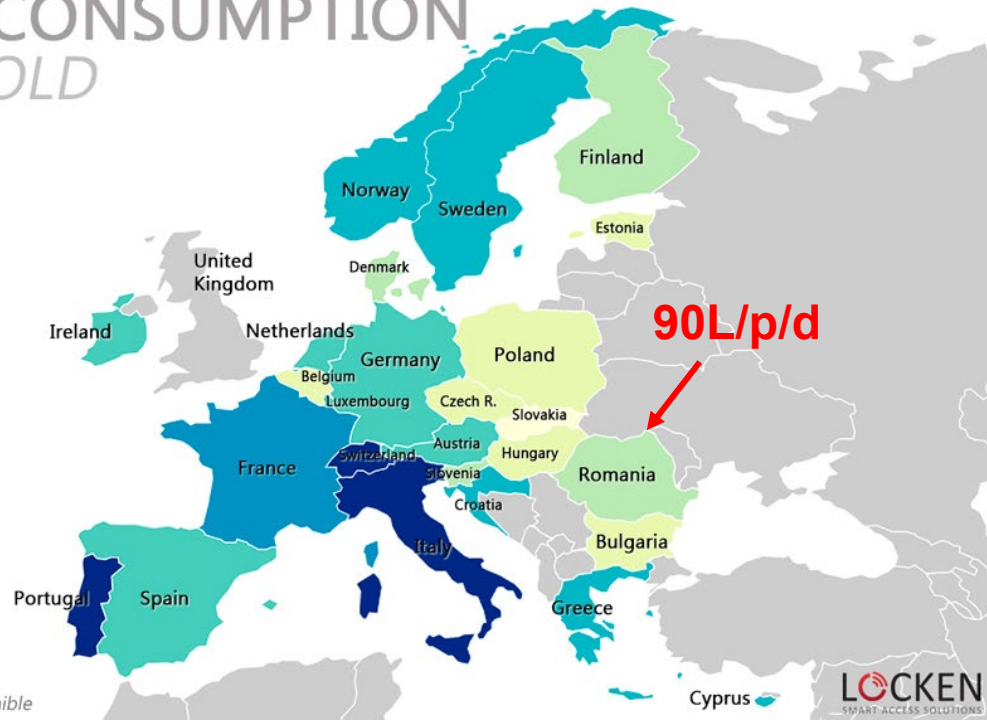
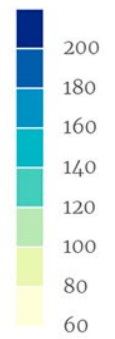


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# WATER CONSUMPTION

HOUSEHOLD

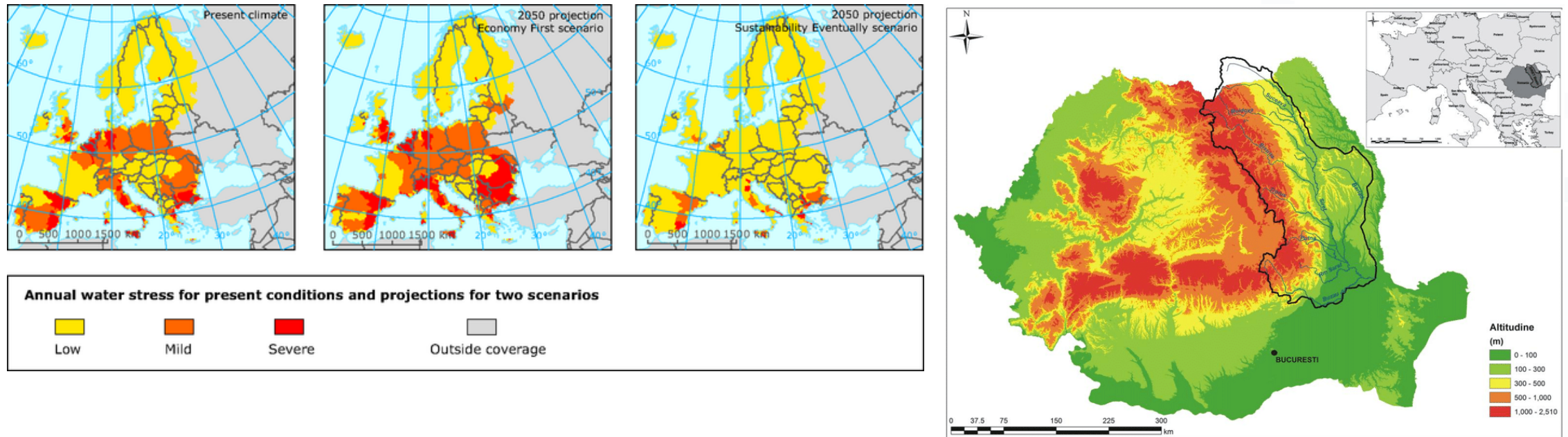
Litres per person and day



Data: EurEau, 2020  
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# Necesitatea reutilizarii apei in industrii



## Localizare bazinul raului Siret

17% din volumul total al resurselor de apa ale Romaniei\*

Populatia totala a bazinului aprox. 2,800,000 locuitori ,15% din populatia totala a Romaniei

*According to 2018 World Bank\*\* assessment of the Romanian water sector Siret RB is close to be a water- scarcity basin*

Source\*: Siret River - [www.wikipedia.ro](http://www.wikipedia.ro))

Source\*\*:<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/es/805041531982015095/pdf/Executive-Summary.pdf>

## Abator AGRICOLA Bacău

- Construit 1975 – modernizare 2008, 2022
- 2008 construire statie de epurare
- Capacitate maxima 550.000 capete/ saptamana (5 zile lucratoare – 8 ore)
- Productie 850 tone de carne pe saptamana
- Consum apa aprox 1200 mc/zi



## Obiectivele principale Agricola:

- Sa demonstreze potentialul de reducere a consumului de apa potabila in zonele in care apa “nu atinge carnea” – zona de receptie si agatare, apa utilizata pentru conditionare (racire), zona deseurilor precum si spalare alei si udare spatii verzi.
- Sa demonstreze ca apa tratata astfel nu are capacitatea de contaminare bacteriologica.



# Parametrii așteptați pentru apa uzată re-tratată

| Parametri                         | UM         | Calitate minim așteptată |                                                 |                      |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                   |            | Instalație de răcire     | Reg. EU 741/2020<br>folosire apă uzată irigații | Industria alimentară |
| BOD5                              | mg/l       |                          | ≤ 10                                            |                      |
| TSS                               | mg/l       |                          | ≤ 10                                            |                      |
| Turbiditate                       | FTU        |                          | ≤ 5                                             |                      |
| Duritate                          | mg/l       | < 200                    |                                                 |                      |
| NH <sub>3</sub> /NH <sup>4+</sup> | mg/l       | 0                        |                                                 |                      |
| Cloruri                           | mg/l       | < 100                    |                                                 |                      |
| Total Fe                          | mg/l       | < 0,1                    |                                                 |                      |
| Alcalinitate                      | mg/l       | < 150                    |                                                 |                      |
| Conductivitate                    | μS/cm      | < 750                    |                                                 |                      |
| SO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-4</sup>     | mg/l       | < 200                    |                                                 |                      |
| Siliciu solubil                   | mg/l       | < 30                     |                                                 |                      |
| E.coli                            | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |
| Legionella spp.                   | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |
| Campylobacter spp                 | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |
| Salmonella spp                    | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |
| Pseudomonas spp.                  | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |
| Staphylococcus aureus             | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |
| Număr total de germeni            | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |
| Total Coliformi                   | UFC/ 100ml |                          |                                                 | 0                    |



Posibila locatie pilot





# UV system Connection to bactosense + UV



Permeate tank  
connection to bactosense

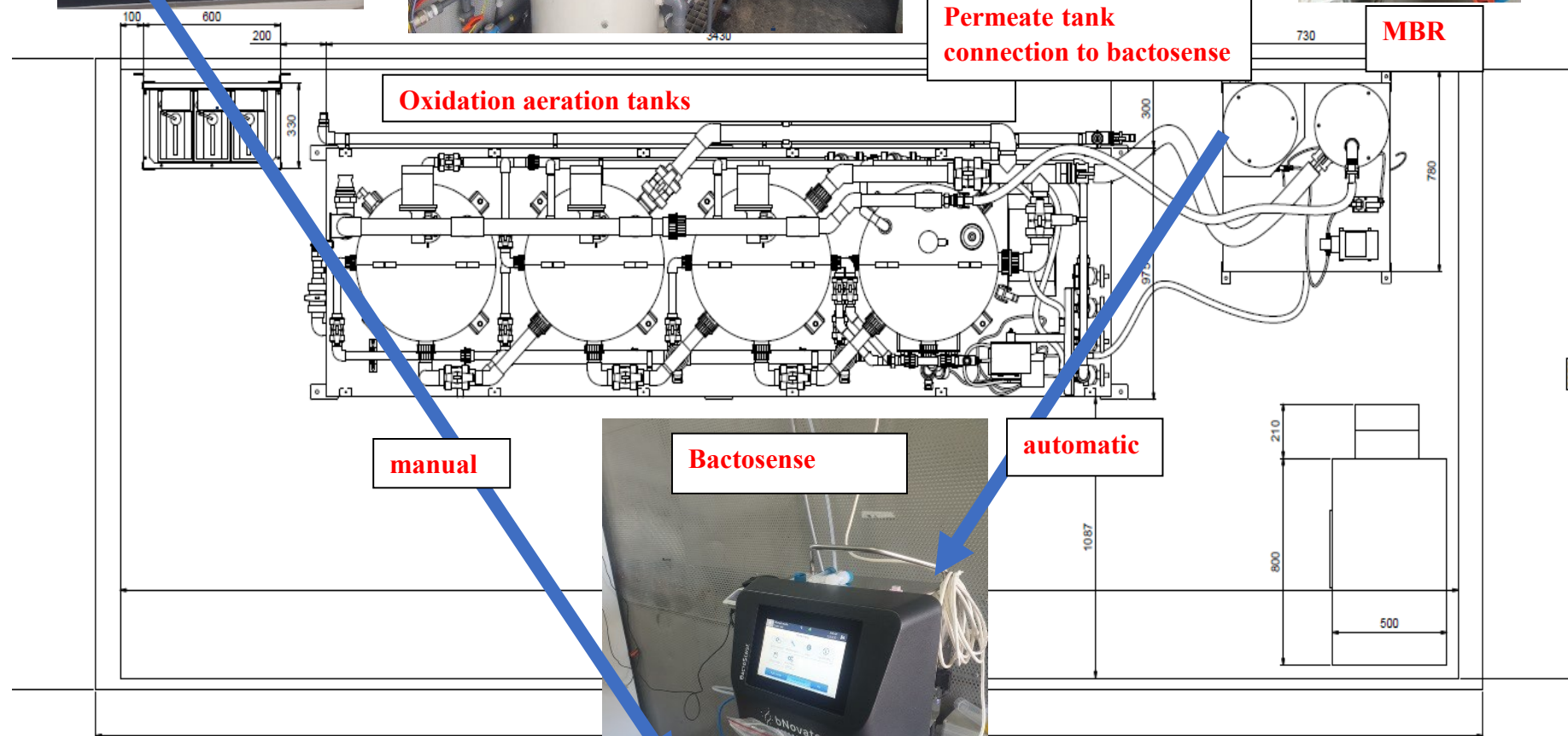
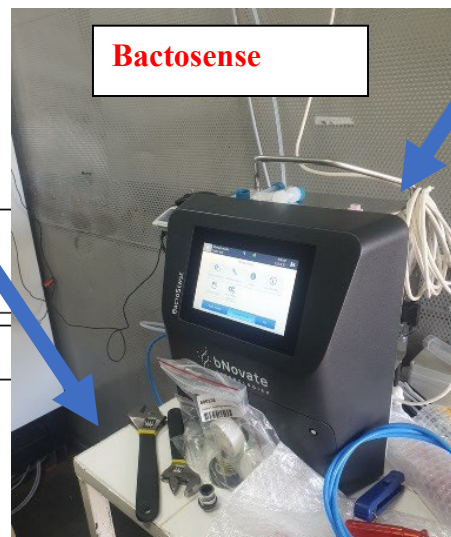
MBR

Oxidation aeration tanks

manual

Bactosense

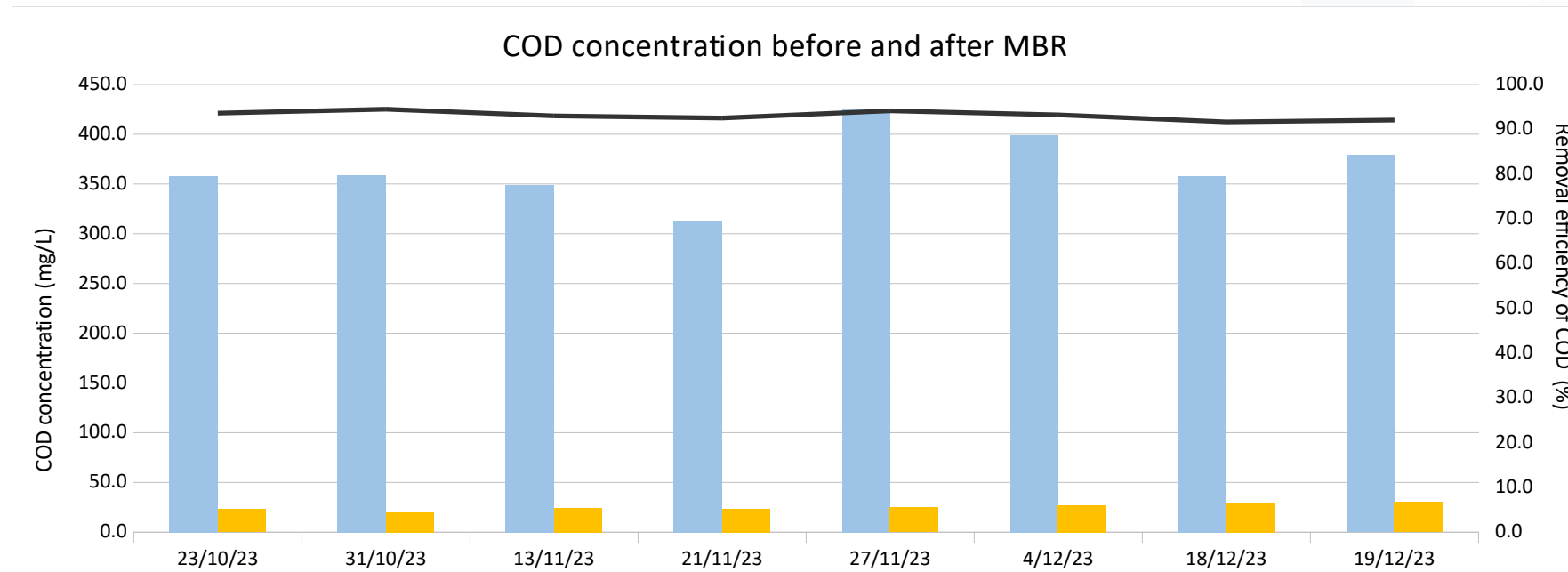
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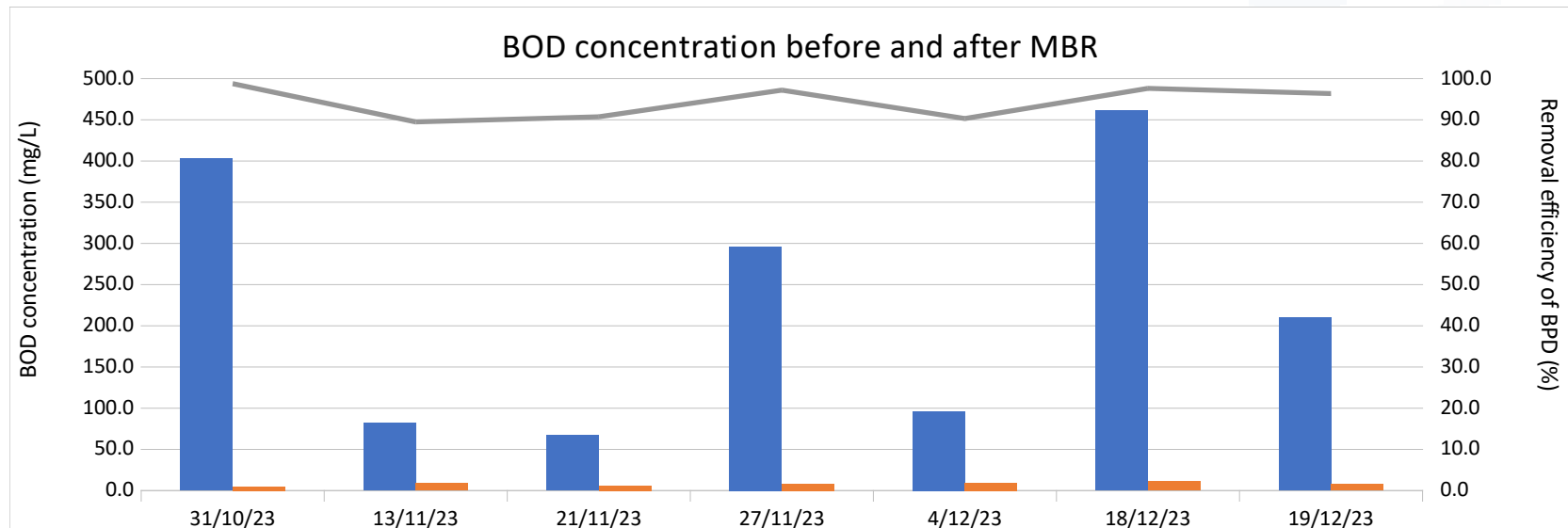
# Rezultate obtinute – CCOCr

consumul chimic de oxigen



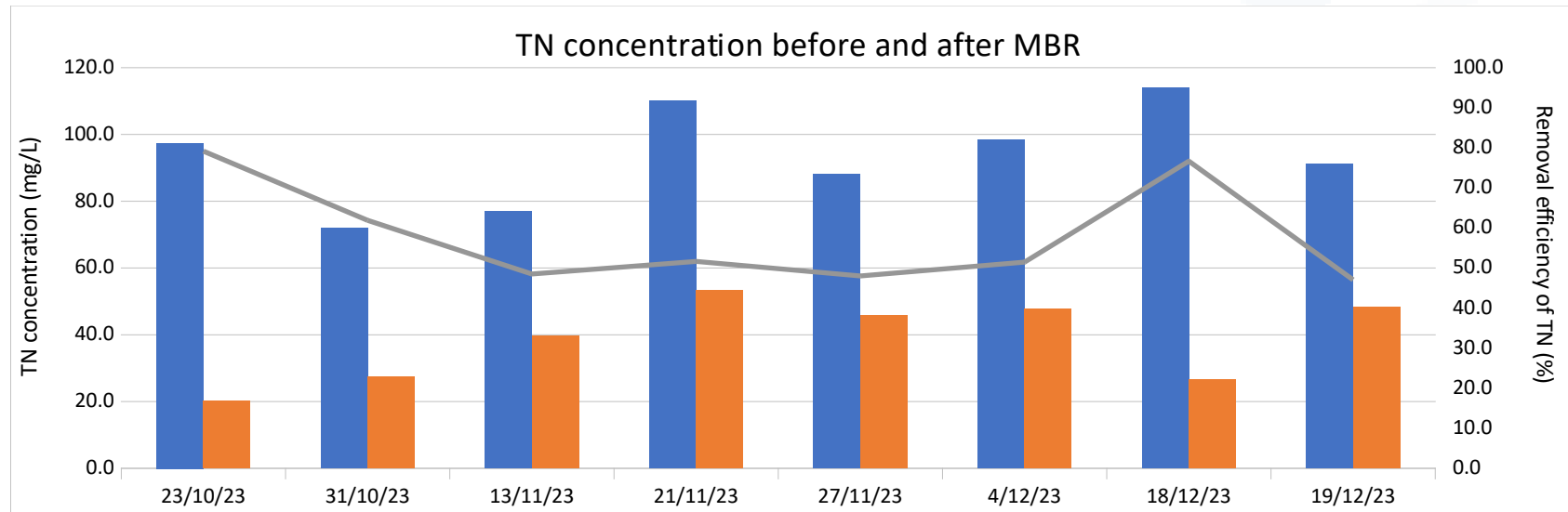
# Rezultate obtinute – CBO5

consumul biochimic de oxigen



# Rezultate obtinute – NT

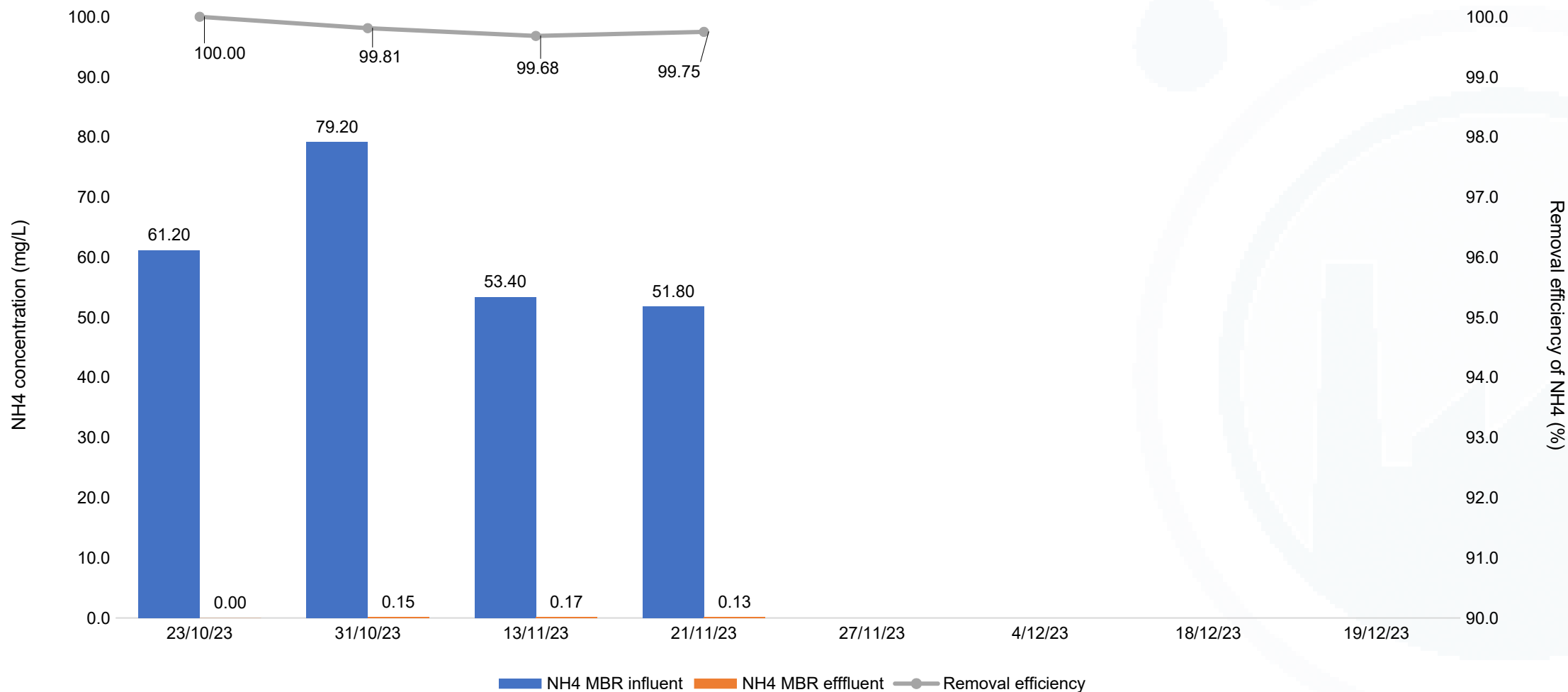
azot total



# Rezultate obtinute – NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>

amoniu

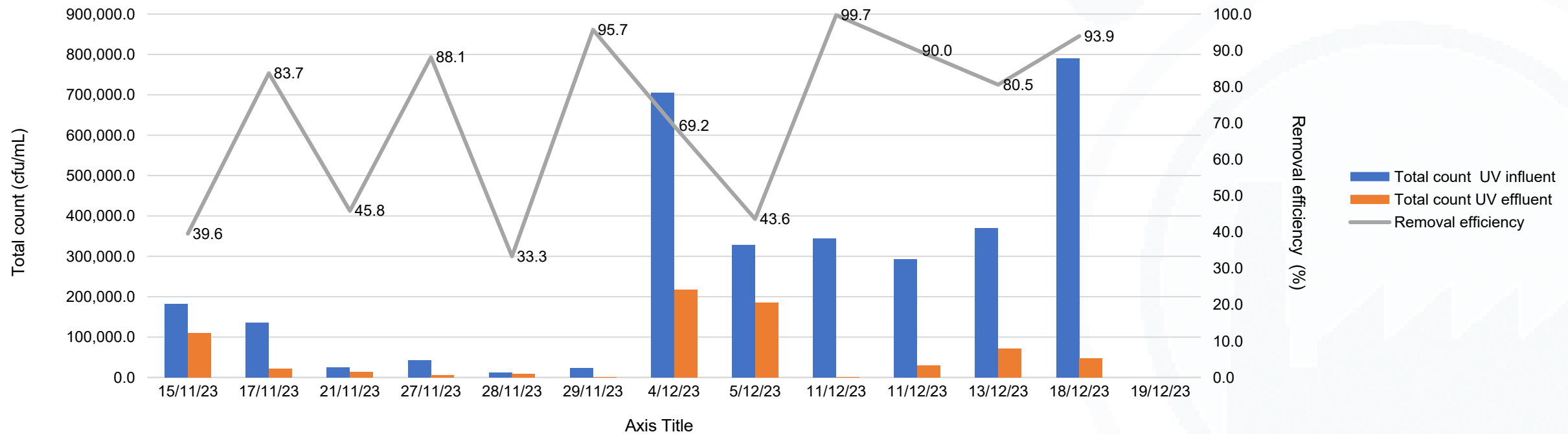
NH<sub>4</sub> concentration before and after MBR



# Rezultate obtinute – NTG

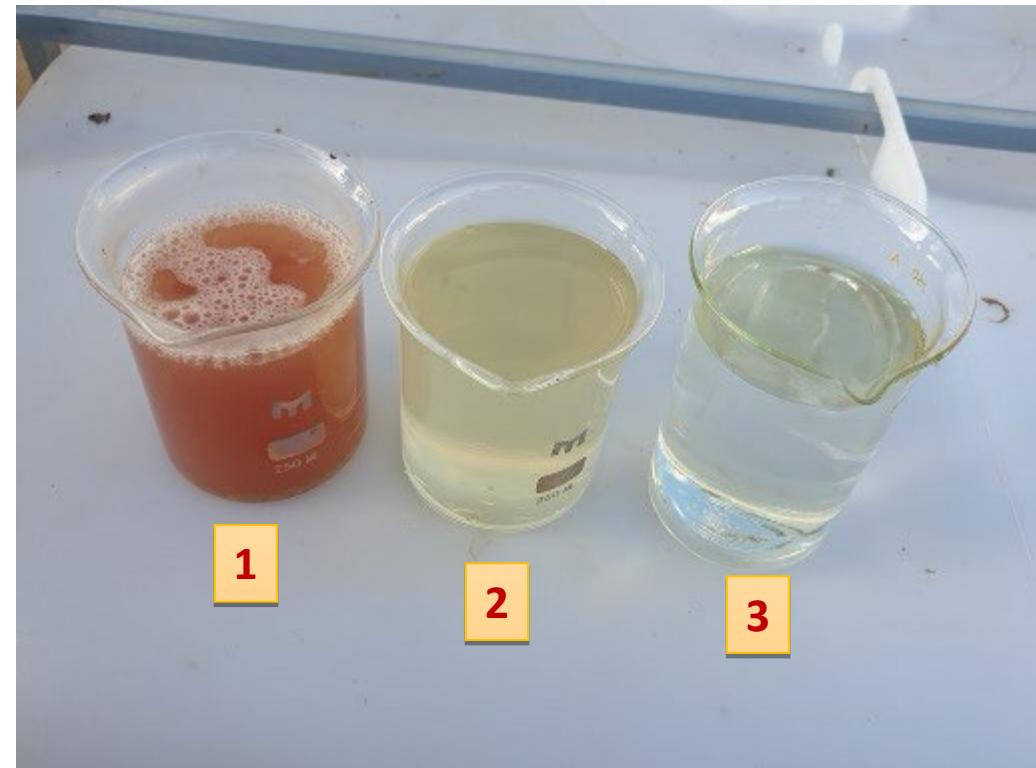
numar total de germeni

Total count before and after UV

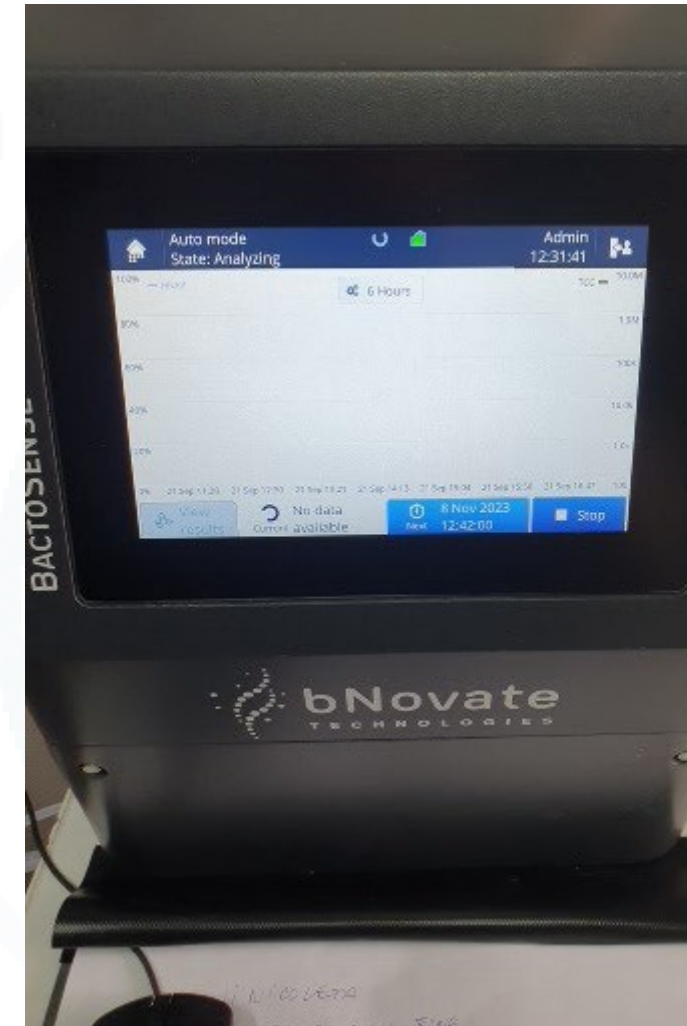
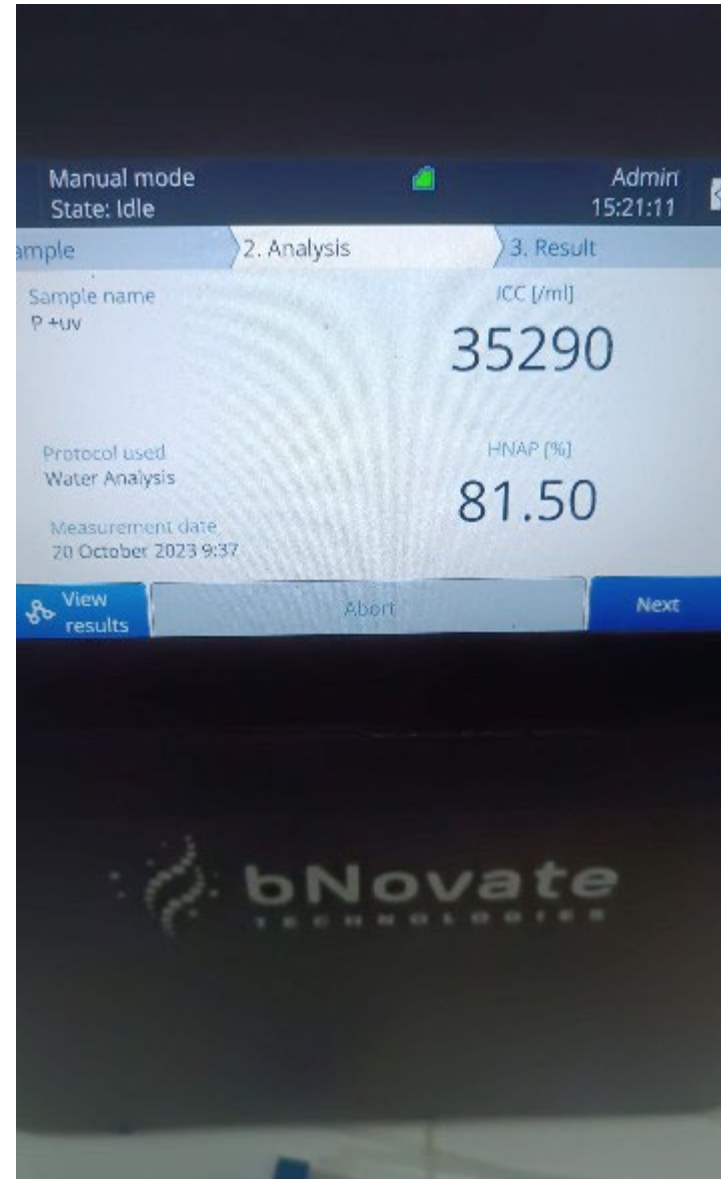


# Rezultate obtinute

- 1 apa uzata intrare statia de epurare
- 2 apa tratata in statia de epurare
- 3 apa tratata pilot

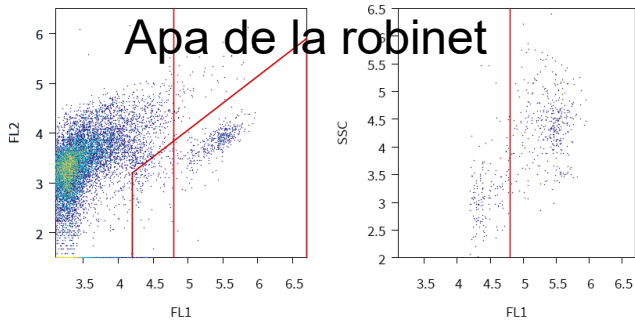


# Bactosense

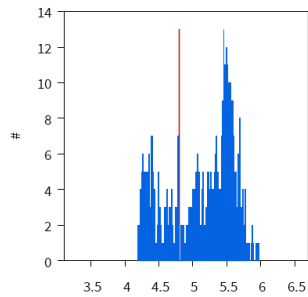


# ICC – intact cell count

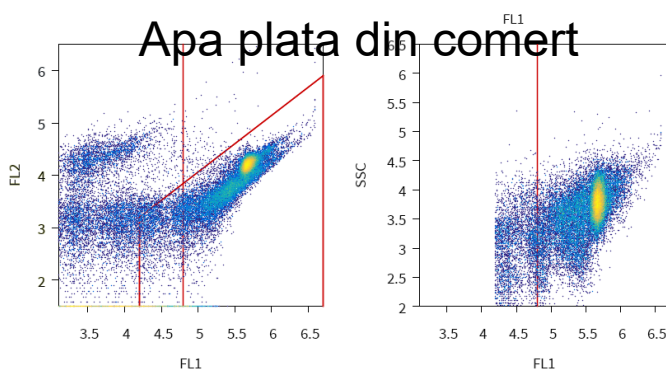
Apa de la robinet



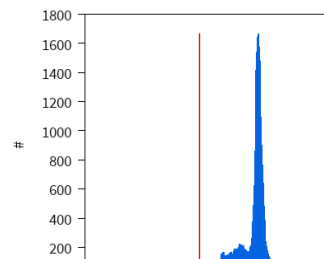
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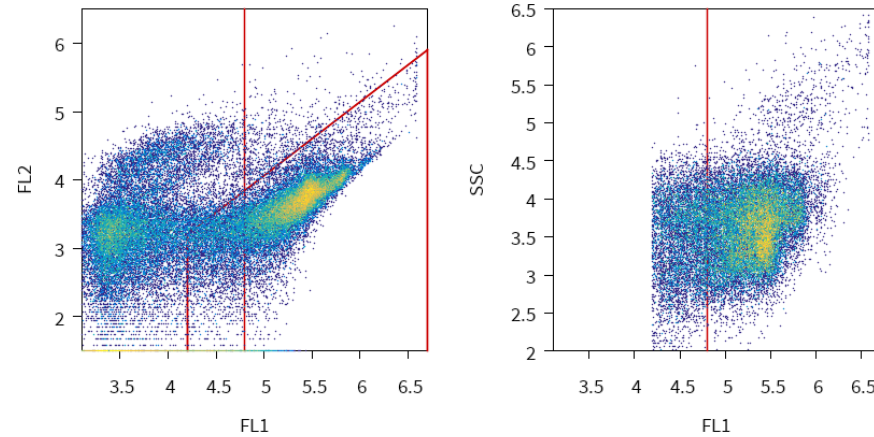
Apa plata din comert



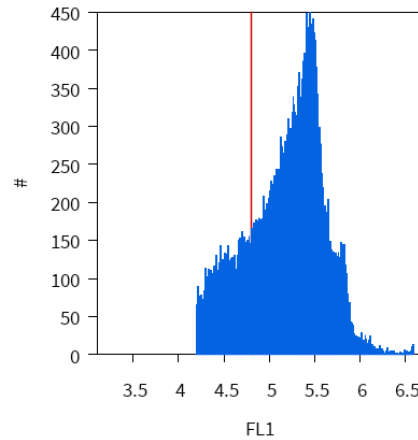
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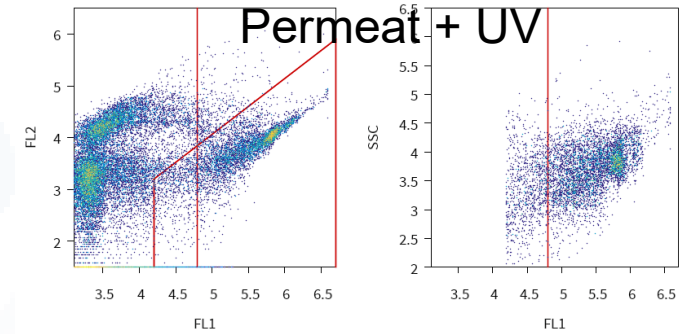
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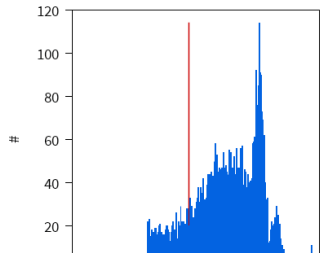
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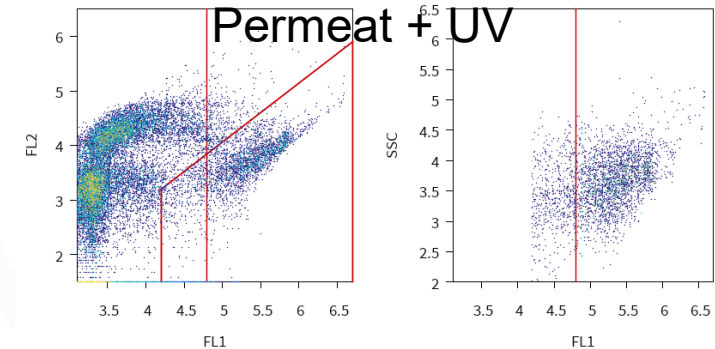
Permeat + UV



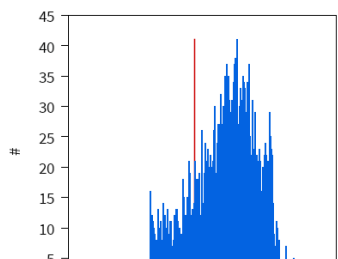
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Permeat + UV



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# Dashboard for Agricola pilot plant – Bactosense unit



# Beneficiile aplicării conceptului de “apă circulară” în cazul de studiu Agricolă

1. Reducere semnificativă a utilizării resurselor de apă dulce
2. Atingerea țintei zero de descărcare a apei uzate folosind sistemul de buclă închisă în procesele industriale
3. Creștere semnificativă a recuperării de apă, energie și/sau substanțe și materiale
4. Diseminare eficientă către angajații actuali și către generațiile viitoare
5. Demonstrarea câștigurilor de mediu
6. Potențial de replicare

# Concluzii

Potențiale obstacole în implementarea unui proiect de cercetare în economie circulara

- Absenta producatorilor de utilaje în Romania
- Cooperare deficitara cu Autoritățile locale
- Lipsa unor stimulente pentru firmele private
- Absenta unor departamente specializate în cercetare în cadrul firmelor private

Sugestii de imbunatatire a procesului de implementare a unui proiect de cercetare în economie circulara

- Formarea unor specialisti în economie circulara în cadrul Autoritatilor
- Crearea unor stimulente/facilitati pentru firmele private care obțin proiecte de cercetare
- Sustinerea și incurajarea firmelor private în realizarea unor departamente specializate
- Colaborarea cu o unitate (Universitate/Institut de cercetare) care sa consilieze/conduca cercetarea

# De ce este importanta apa

- Din cele mai vechi timpuri apa este un element important – spiritualitate
- Pamantul 70% apa – corpul omenesc 70% apa
- Inca din 2003 ONU a dat un semnal de alarma privind scaderea disponibilitatii apei potabile
- Iar apa nu poate fi inlocuita



## Cum actionam?

### Reducerea risipei

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Utilizați apa în mod responsabil. **Apa dulce reprezintă doar 2,5 % din resursele de apă de pe Terra.** Peste două treimi din aceasta ia forma ghețarilor și a calotelor glaciare polare.

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## ȘTIAȚI CĂ...

- un robinet care picură consumă aproximativ **17** litri într-o singură zi, iar o toaletă, aproximativ **40** de litri?
- un singur robinet neetanș sau un vas WC care pierde o singură picătură pe secundă vor duce la o pierdere de apă de 0,5 mc (**500** de litri)/lună?
- dacă firul de apă care se prelinge din cauza unui singur robinet sau vas WC defecte este de 3 mm, pierderea lunară poate depăși **26** de mc, mai mult decât echivalentul consumului mediu de apă a patru persoane timp de o lună?
- un bloc cu aproximativ 40 de apartamente cu robinete care pierd câte o picătură pe secundă și cu vase WC care pierd un fir de apă de doar 1 mm timp de 10 secunde, ajunge la o pierdere de peste **280** mc/lună?
  - Scurtarea timpului de duș cu un minut, poate economisi până la **1710** de litri de apă pe lună



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# Multumesc

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