

**Supporting consolidation, replication and  
up-scaling of sustainable wastewater treatment  
and reuse technologies for India  
Project funded by EC FP7 and DST-GOI**

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# Overview Saraswati “Session”

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15:45 – 16:15 Overview project Saraswati (BOKU/IITR)

16:15 – 16:25: Techno-economic assessment of small scale wastewater treatment systems (IITR)

16:25 – 16:35 TRICKLING- FILTER- BASED SOLUTIONS FOR urban WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND REUSE IN INDIA (CENTA)

16:35 – 16:45 Does design of a wastewater treatment plant matter for its acceptance? Results from a study in Raisen, Madha Pradesh (BOKU)

16:45 – 16:55 Results from the three year EU/ India SARASWATI joint research project on GROW and GROW Hybrid successfully turning ‘grey’ wastewater into reusable ‘green’ water at IIT-M (Chennai). (HYDROK)

16:55 – 17:05 Pilot UASB-high rate algal pond combination for blackwater treatment and mobile anaerobic digester for digestion of septage (IIT KGP)

17:05 – 17:15 Result HYSAF Pilot (IITR)

17:15 – 17:25 Community Participation in Wastewater Treatment and Reuse (TISS)

17:25 -17:45 Q&A

# **Overview Project Saraswati:**

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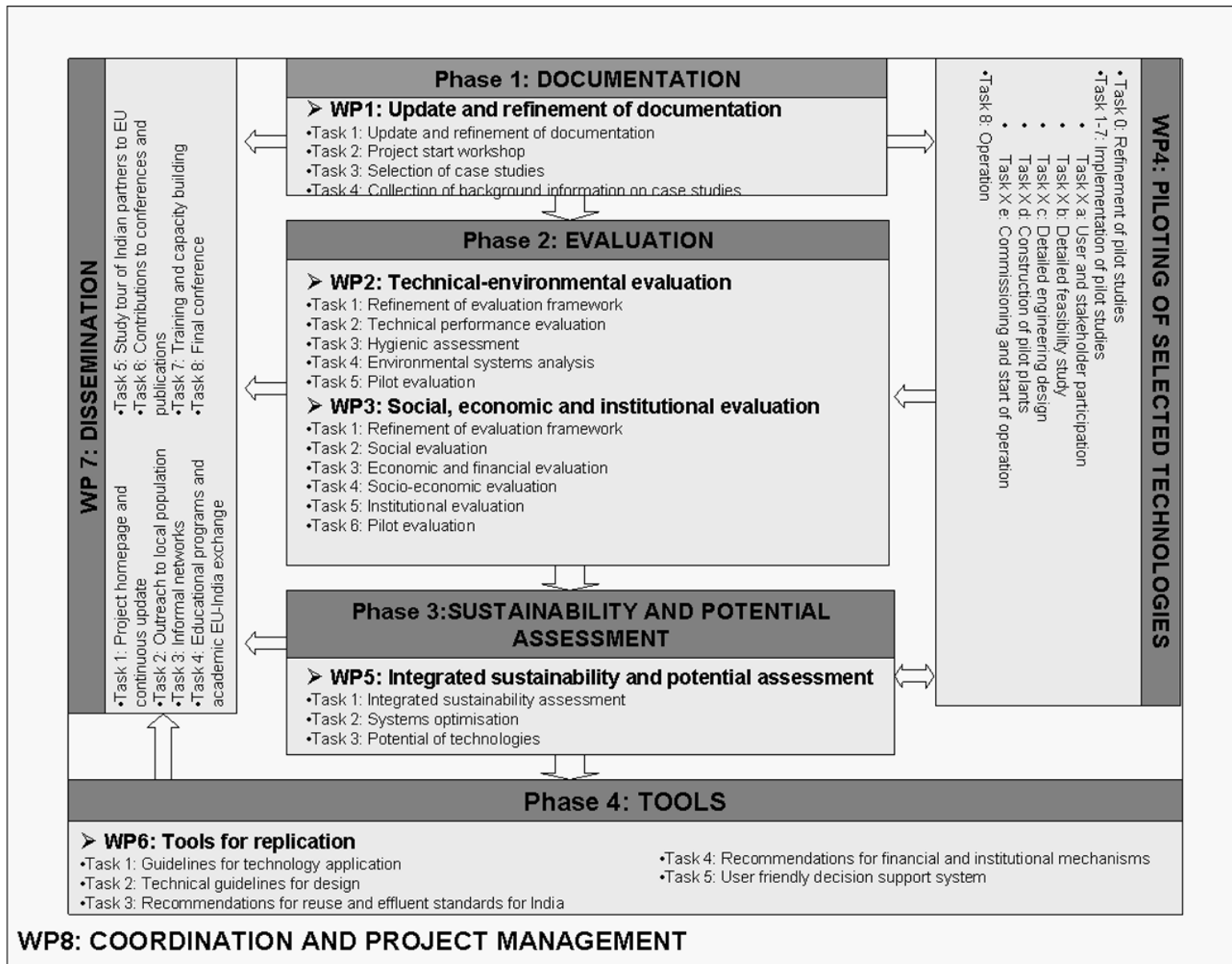
## **(preliminary) results and achievements**

Following slides present all parts of project Saraswati in an overview fashion – more detailed information provided for selected parts in the following paper presentations.

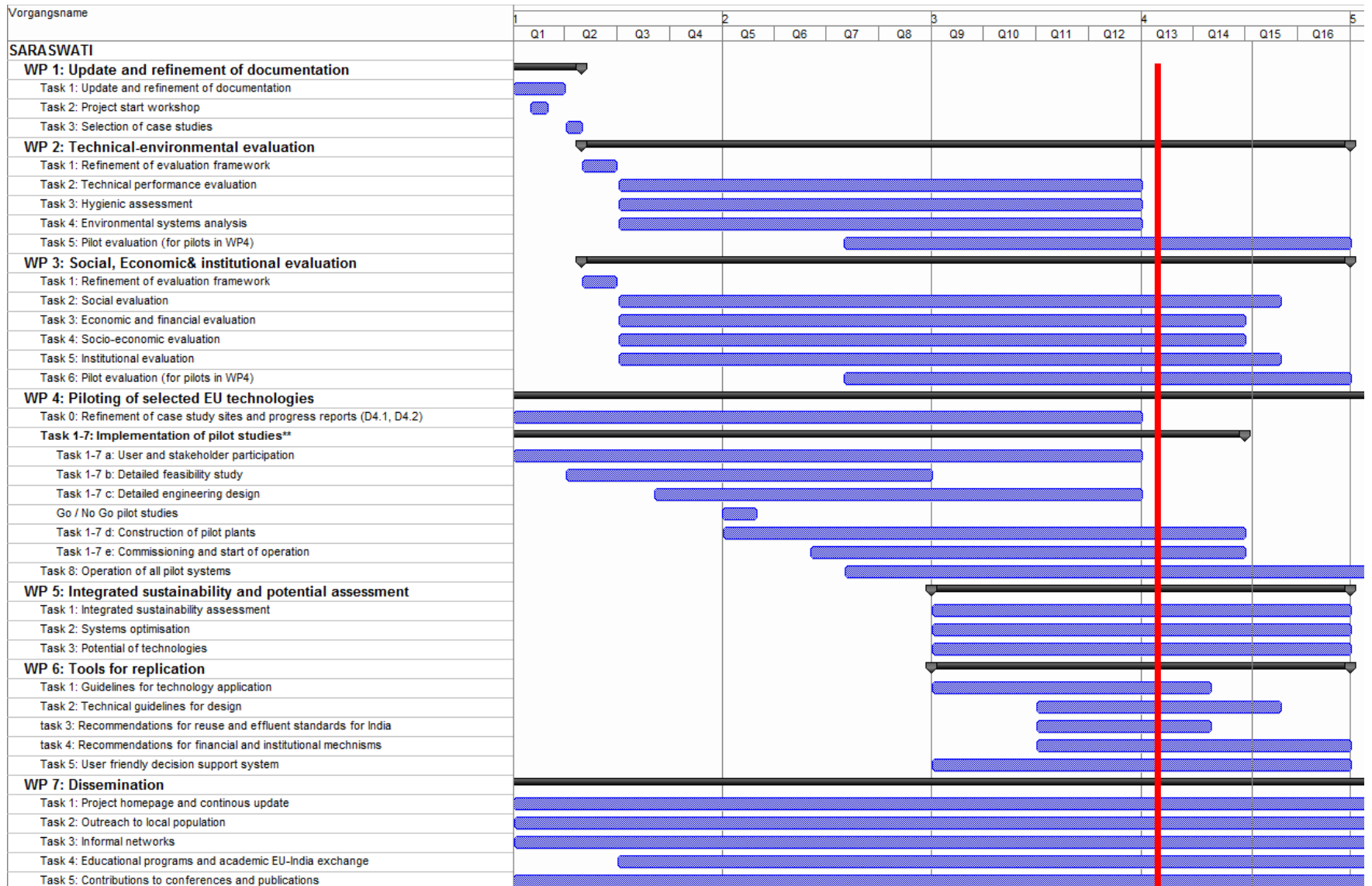
# Overview project consortium

<b>Participant no.</b>	<b>EU Participant organisation name</b>	<b>Country</b>
1	Coordinator: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)	Austria
2	Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières (BRGM),	France
3	Fundacion Centro de las Nuevas Tecnologias del Agua (CENTA), Sevilla	Spain
4	Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Técnicas de Gipuzkoa (CEIT)	Spain
5	University of Exeter (UNEXE)	UK
6	Centre for Environmental Management and Decision Support (CEMDS), Vienna (Austria)	Austria
7	A3i	France
8	Simbiente - Engenharia e Gestão Ambiental	Portugal
9	Hydrok UK Ltd.	UK
	<b>India Participant organisation name</b>	
1	Coordinator: Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT-R), Uttarakhand	India
2	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-Kgp), West Bengal	India
3	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M), Tamil Nadu	India
4	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, Maharashtra	India
5	National Institute for Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai, Maharashtra	India
6	Doshion Veolia Water Solutions (DVWS), Ahmedabad, Gujarat	India
7	Madras School of Economics (MSE), Chennai, Tamil Nadu	India

# Overview work packages



# GANTT Chart



# Overview project objectives

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		<b>Status</b>
1	To provide a comprehensive documentation of existing wastewater treatment, reclamation and reuse technologies in India	Completed
2	To conduct an integrated assessment of existing and piloted technologies in India	Largely completed
3	To pilot proven EU technologies that have a potential to solve real life water challenges in India	Largely completed
4	To suggest strategies for measures to improve further the sustainability of both EU and non-EU technologies for solving water challenges in India and to assess the overall potential of all technologies	Ongoing
5	To provide tools to facilitate large scale deployment of the technologies with the best potential to cope with the targeted real life water problems in India	Ongoing
6	To synthesize the research results and to achieve an effective dissemination, exploitation and take-up in practice and mainstreaming of results	Ongoing

# WP 1: Documentation

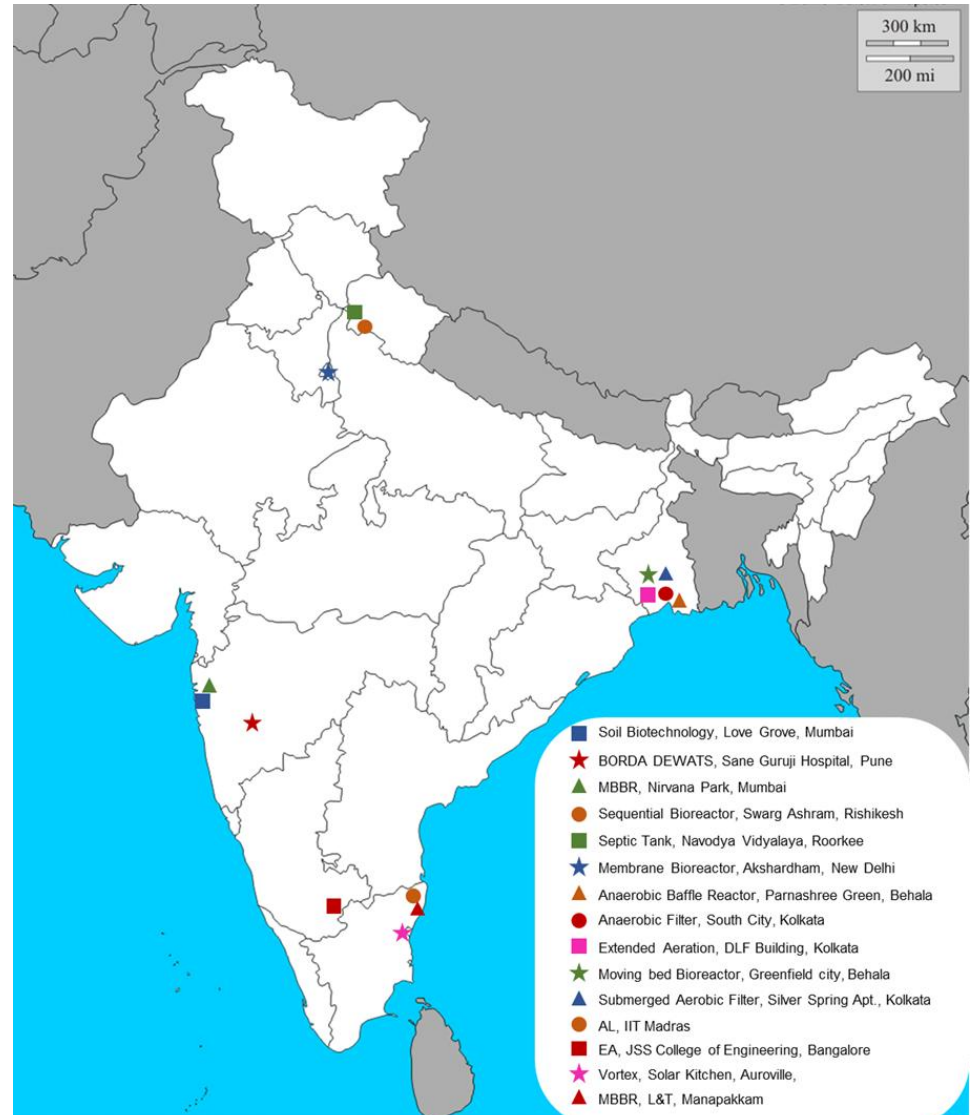
## Summary of Results

	Type of Technology	Short name	Number of plants in India	%
<b>Rural Areas with cheaper land availability and on-site package septic systems for all areas</b>				
1	Waste stabilization ponds/Duckweed Pond/Water Hyacinth Pond	WSP	136	9
2	Karnatechnology	KT	5	0.3
3	Onsite package (PWTS-AM series, THST series, CCST series)	On-Site- Package	402	26.5
<b>Rural Areas and peri-urban areas with cheaper limited space</b>				
4	DEWATS/BORDA	DEWATS/BORDA	45	3
5	DEWATS Others	DEWATS Others	53	3.5
6	VORTEX System	VORTEX	2	0.1
7	SoilBio Technology	SBT	34	2.2
8	AnaerobicFilter	AF	33	2.2
9	AeratedLagoon	AL	24	1.6
10	UASB	UASB	53	3.5
<b>Peri-Urban areas with expensive and limited space</b>				
11	New GPT- ASPType- Ion Exchange India Ltd	EA-Package	58	3.8
12	ConventionalActivatedsludgeprocess	ASP	109	7.2
13	Extended aeration	EA	46	3
14	TricklingFilter	TF/BT	16	1.1
15	NBF (10 KLD to 150 KLD)	Contact Aeration-Package	79	5.2
16	Settler + Contact aeration (STBF series)	On-site Aerobic- Package	42	2.8
<b>Peri-Urban areas with expensive and limited space and strict effluent quality</b>				
17	Moving bed biofilm reactor (including FAB)	MBBR	150	9.9
18	Submerged Aerobic Fixed film SAFF process	SAFF	1	0.1
19	Membrane Bioreactor	MBR	5	0.3
20	Sequencing Batch Reactor	SBR	171	11.3
		Unknown	53	3.5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1517</b>	<b>100</b>



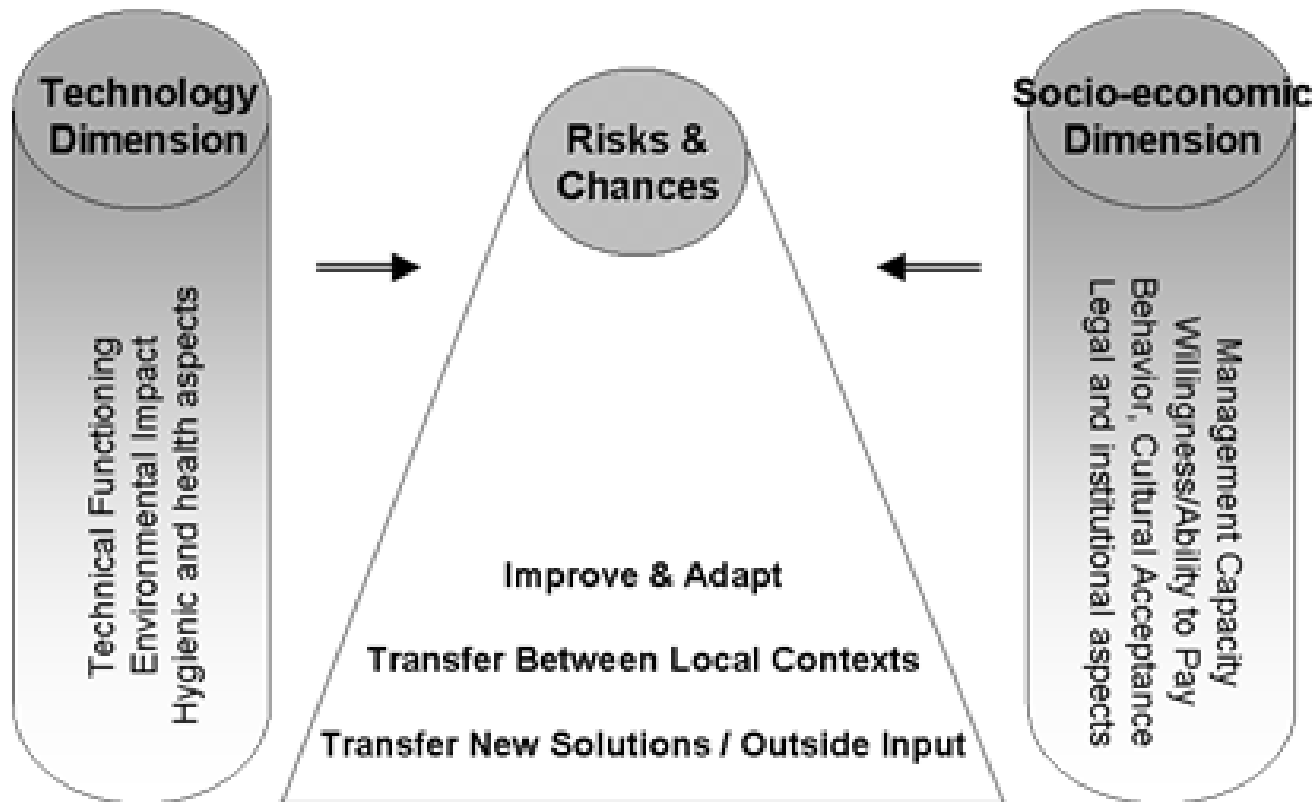
# WP 2: Technical-environmental evaluation

Details in following presentation of Prof. Kazmi



# WP 3: Social, economic and institutional eval.

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# **WP 3: Social, economic and institutional eval.**

- **Tasks 2 and 5: Social and institutional evaluation**

# Overview

- 12 plants for detailed social and institutional evaluation
- Methodology: Triangulation of qualitative and quantitative data
- Purposive sampling
  - Technology, Institutional management and Social groups associated with the plant
- Methods, techniques, and tools:
  - In-depth interviews ,
  - Group discussion,
  - Observation of the plant activities,
  - Secondary sources: files, documents, newspaper articles, videos maintained by the stakeholders
- Analysis: thematic analysis, cross case analysis

Sl.No	Name of the plant	Data collection Status	Methodology
1.	Soil Bio Technology, Mumbai	Completed	Qualitative data Interviews and group discussions
2	Fluidised Aerobic Bio-Reactor (FAB), Mumbai	95% Completed	Qualitative and quantitative data Interviews and group discussions Questionnaires
3	Borda DEWATS, Pune	95% Completed	Qualitative data Interviews and group discussions PRA tech with children
4	Extended Aeration, Pune	95% Completed	Qualitative and quantitative data Interviews and group discussions Questionnaires
5	Aeration and Filtration Process, Chennai	Completed	Qualitative data Interviews and group discussions
6	Moving Bed Bioreactor (MBBR), Chennai	Completed	Qualitative and quantitative data Interviews and group discussions Questionnaires
7	Extended Aeration (EA), Chennai	In Complete	Qualitative data Interviews
8	Vortex DEWATS, Puducherry	In complete	Qualitative data Interviews
9	Submerged Aerated Fixed Film (SAFF) and	Completed	Qualitative data Interviews and group discussions
10	Extended Aeration (EA), Kolkata	Completed	Qualitative data Interviews and group discussions
11	Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR), Uttarakhand	Completed	Qualitative and quantitative data Interviews and group discussions Questionnaires
12	Membrane Bio-Reactor, Delhi	Completed	Qualitative data Interviews and group discussions

# Determinants of Evaluation

Social	Institutional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Awareness:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WWT Recycle, Reuse, Acceptance, Perception</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Gender:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Difference in perception</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Participation:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decision making, Feedback mechanism, Community engagement</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Obstacles:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Freedom of association and collective bargaining</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Social security:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• better pay, Provident fund, Insurance, others</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Social responsibility:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hygiene practices, Relationship with providers, Improved Environment Sensitivity to indigenous rights</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Benefits of WWT:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Job opportunities/equal opportunities, Transparency, End of life responsibility</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Secure living conditions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthy, Safety, De-localisation and migration</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Health:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health issues and Available Facilities: Issues, Accessibility, Frequency of visits, Expenditure</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Ecological/bio-diversity:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Impact on environment, good environmental management, Minimum waste, Eco friendly Resource utilisation : Optimal, Reuse potential, Sustainability</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Governance :</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Red tape, Information, Transparency, Funding, Corruption</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Popularity among community:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Satisfaction, Relationship with consumers, End of life responsibility</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Laws related to WWT:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awareness, Implementation and Effectiveness of the Laws, Statutory bodies</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Economic :</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost: Water charges, Affordability, Income, Economical, Operating cost /management cost: Expenses, Funding, Competitive Job opportunities: Adequate salary for workers: Sufficient, Working hours Contribution to economic development: Sustainable</li></ul></li></ul>

Plants/ S&IE Indicators	Soil Bio Technology, Mumbai	Fluidised Aerobic Bio- Reactor (FAB), Mumbai	Borda DEWATS, Pune	Extended Aeration, Pune	Aeration and Filtration Process, Chennai	Moving Bed Bioreactor (MBBR), Chennai
Social Evaluation Indicators	Awareness Participation Obstacles Social security Social responsibility Benefits of WWT Secure working conditions Delocalisation and migration Health Marine diversity Collection of WW	Awareness Participation Social security Benefits of WWT Secure living conditions Health Safety Ecological/bio -diversity	Participation Gender Sensitivity to indigenous rights Awareness Freedom of association and collective bargaining Ecological/bio -diversity	Social security Benefits of WWT Funding Sensitivity to indigenous rights Ecological/bio -diversity Geographic and demographic context	Technology development Awareness Diverse population Participation Health	Awareness Social security Benefits of WWT Secure working conditions Safety
Institutional Evaluation Indicators	Governance Economic aspects	Governance Satisfaction, Relationship with consumers, End of life responsibility Legal mandate	Governance Popularity among community	Governance Legal mandate Satisfaction, Relationship with consumers, End of life responsibility	Governance Economic aspects Resource utilisation	Governance Economic aspects Legal mandate

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Social Evaluation Indicators	Working Conditions Participation Health	No data	Social security Benefits of WWT Funding Working Conditions	Social security Benefits of WWT Funding Working Conditions	Awareness Social security Social responsibility Marine diversity/Ecolo gical/bio- diversity Collection of WW	Social security Benefits of WWT Secure working conditions Health Safety
Institutional Indicators	No data	Governance Technology development	Governance Legal mandate End of life responsibility	Governance Legal mandate End of life responsibility	Governance Economic aspects	Governance, Client satisfaction, End of life responsibility Legal mandate



# Conclusion

- Social Evaluation
  - Awareness: less among stakeholders
  - Gender: invisible
  - Participation: lack of involvement in the process
  - Social Security: absent for lower level workers
- Institutional Evaluation
  - Governance: top to bottom
  - Cost effectiveness: huge capital investment
  - Legal Mandate: STPs out of legal requirement
  - Popularity among community: lack of contact with general public

# Plans from May 2016 to November 2016

- Finish data collection at pilot plant
- Deliverables
- Process publications
- Stakeholders' workshop
- Final Report

# WP 3: Social, economic and institutional eval.

- **WP3 – task 3 “Economic Evaluation”**

# WP 3: Social, economic and institutional eval.

- **Example MBR New Delhi**
  - Size: 4,5 MLD
  - Infrastructure costs: 2400 lacs (Financed by: NG Loan)
  - O&M Costs (Financed by: State Government)

Year for which the cost data have been collected:	01.04.2014 – 31.03.2015
	Annual amount
Annual personnel costs for this year	33.66 Lacs
Annual consumable/material costs for this year	7.2 Lacs
Annual energy costs for this year	38.63 Lacs
Annual costs for any repairs (if not budgeted under consumables/material)	17.5 Lacs
Etc. (add any other cost items that have occurred in that year) water testing	8.5 Lacs
Etc.	-
Total annual O&M costs	105.49 Lacs

# WP 3: Social, economic and institutional eval.

Type of Technology	Soil Technology	BORDA DEWATS	Sequential Bioreactor	Septic Tank, Anaerobic filter	Membrane Bioreactor
Technology Location Site	Love Grove, Worli, Mumbai	Sane Guruji Hospital, Hadapsar, Pune	Swargashram, Hrishikesh	Navodya Vidyalaya, Roorkee	Akshardham, New Delhi
Total Infrastructure Capital costs					
Unit 1	3 crores (Unit 1+Unit2+Unit 3)	19.29 lakhs (Unit 1+Unit2+Unit 3+Unit 4)	6 crores	0.5 lakhs	24 crores
Unit 2					
Design Lifetime (years)					
Civil			30	30	30
Electrical			15	15	15
Mechanical	NA	NA	15	15	15
O & M cost (Total/year)					
Personnel	3 lakhs (8 months operation, not operated in monsoon)	12 000	12 lakhs		33.66 lakhs
Consumable		Not required	6.38 lakhs		7.2 lakhs
Energy		Not required	18.5 lakhs		38.63 lakhs
Repairs		Not required	5 lakhs		17.5 lakhs
Etc		6500	4.5 lakhs		0.015 lakhs
Financing					
Donor/Loan		19.29 lakhs			
National Gov. Grant			6 crores	0.5 lakhs	24 crores
State Gov. Grant					
Other	3 crores				
Financing O & M cost (Total/year)					
Revenue	3 crores				
From user fees					
From taxes for WWTP					
Other	3 lakhs	12000	46.38 lakhs	0.015 lakhs	1.0549 crore
Etc		6500			



# WP 3: Social, economic and institutional eval.

- **WP3 – task 4 “Socio-economic Evaluation”**

# Estimation of willingness to pay for wastewater treatment: A case study of Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Objective:

- Elicit residents' Willingness to Pay (WTP) for improvement of WW treatment (i.e., non-market value of improved treated WW)

Method:

- Contingent Valuation (CV) survey

Implementation :

- Chennai case study as representative of urbanised coastal area

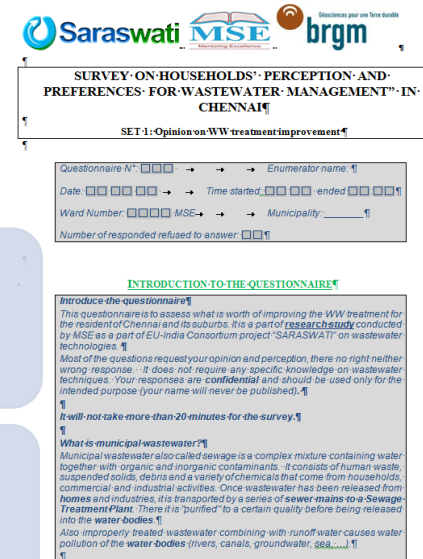
Are you willing to pay higher municipal taxes in order to move from Scenario D to Scenario C?



Buckingham canal, Chennai



# CV questionnaire design



Respondent profile

- Personal information (age, sex, birth place, period of residence, ...)
- Socioeconomic status (household size, education level, employment, household income, ethnic group origin, ...)

Household water WW provision

- Questions about water provision (source of water use, water filtration practices, ...)
- Questions about wastewater services (type of toilet facility, ...)

Knowledge about wastewater treatment

- Knowledge on WW in general terms (e.g. where your ww go?)
- Questions regarding ww treatment (SWT utilities, technologies ...)
- Benefits of ww treatment

CV questions

- Introduction to municipal WW treatment and reuse
- Description of hypothetical scenarios / options to be valued (e.g. wastewater quality level)
- Explanation of payment vehicle
- CV exercise

What do think?

- Questions about environmental sensibility
- Opinion about rivers pollutions
- Opinion about origin of pollution / part of urban wastewater
- ...

# Survey administration

Mode: face-to-face interviews

Date: February and March 2015

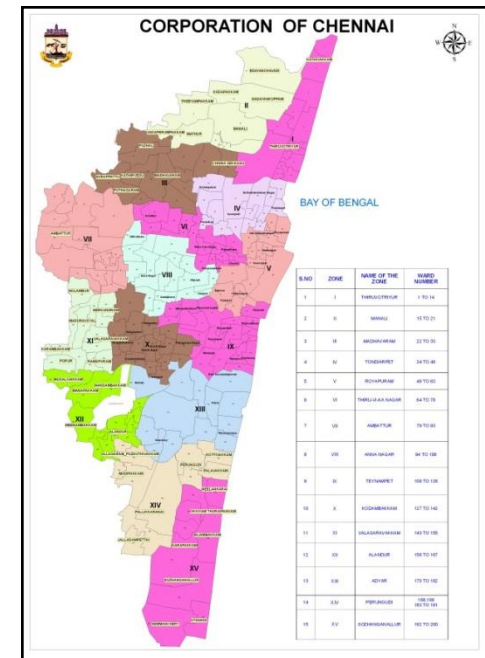
Spatial scope: 15 zones of CMWSSB (*Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewage Board*)

Sample<sup>(\*)</sup>: 200 residents (households) randomly selected covering the 15 zones

WTP measurement unit: Rupees/month

Vehicle payment: payment card based on the CMWSSB' taxes as sewage cess (7% of the Annual rental value)

*(\*) The survey was administered to be representative of the sample population in terms of income, social status, proximity to **Adyar river and Buckingham Canal***



# CV Elicitation

Residents were presented with four distinct WW treatment programs, characterised in terms of the quantity and quality of water, including the present situation, i.e., status quo:

- **Scenario D** (mostly present situation): Not suitable for drinking, swimming, aquaculture and irrigation



- **Scenario C:** Not suitable for drinking, swimming, aquaculture and irrigation for eatable crops



- **Scenario B:** Suitable for swimming, aquaculture, irrigation. Not suitable for drinking.



- **Scenario A:** Suitable for drinking, swimming, aquaculture, irrigation



e.g. CV questions: change from scenario D to C

- ✎ Would it be to achieve WW treatment as per scenario C (e.g. water can be reused for irrigate no eatable crops)  
 Yes  No  Don't know
- ✎ Are you willing to pay higher municipal taxes in order to move from Scenario D to Scenario C?  
 Yes  No  Don't know
- ✎ If yes, what would the most you are willing to pay a municipal tax per year to achieve scenario C?  
Rs / year \_\_\_\_\_ see Payment Card

# Socioeconomic characteristics of the sampled households

Characteristics	Mean (SE)
Age (in years) of the respondent	44.7 (10.9)
Number of years lived in the area	28.99 (16.98)
Number of members in the household	4.26 (1.39)
Number of children less than 10 years of age	0.34 (0.78)
Monthly Household income (Rs)	14087.50 (9484.77)
Monthly household spending on water (Rs)	<b>340.32</b> (405.15)
Number of years residing in the house	13.58 (11.38)
Distance from nearest canal/river	<b>2.39</b> (3.25)
Household head completed primary education	15
Household head completed secondary education	34.5
Employment in service sector=1,0 otherwise	11.7
Self-employed	22.4
Manual worker	46.3
Monthly income 5000-10000	74
Monthly income 10000-15000	49

# Logistic regression on determinants of WTP for wastewater Treatment programs

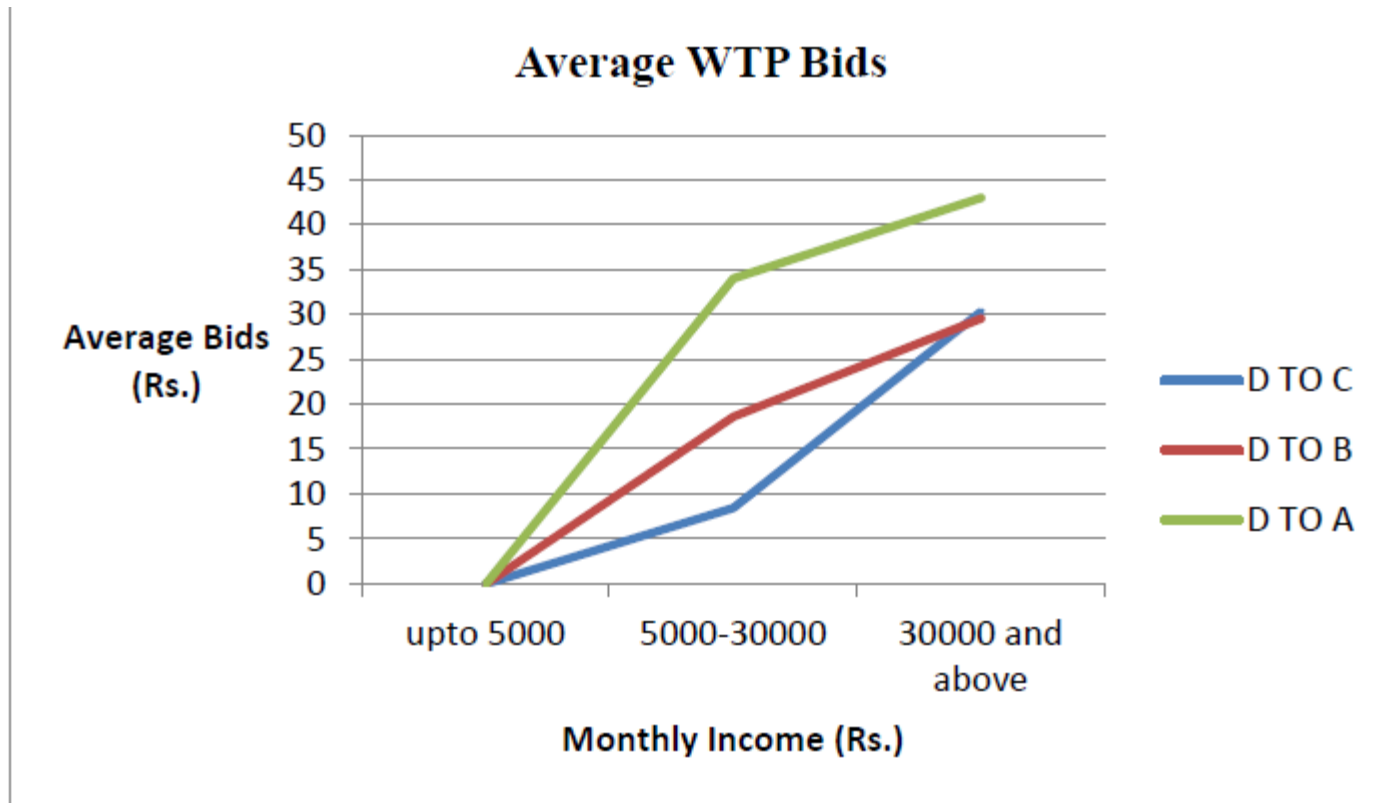
Variables	Scenario D to C	Scenario D to B	Scenario D to A
	Coeff(SE)	Coeff(SE)	Coeff(SE)
Constant	-4.98*** (1.43)	-4.91*** (1.43)	-5.66***(1.50)
Age	.0064(.019)	.0065 (.019)	.019 (.02)
No of Children	-1.04*** (.41)	-.96***(.39)	-.59 (.38)
Income	.000***(.00)	.000***(.00)	.000***(.00)
Female	-.54(.56)	-.61 (.556)	-.92 (.61)
Water quality	1.18** (.613)	1.22***(.621)	1.62**(.738)
Education	.79 (.499)	.83* (.51)	.63 (.52)
improved health	-.19 (.42)	-.42(.42)	-.44 (.44)
Reduction in overflowing cesspits	1.02**(.47)	1.27***(.48)	1.23***(.48)
Avoid groundwater contamination	-1.03**(.49)	-1.08**(.49)	-1.05**(.51)
Reduced river pollution	.202 (.42)	.16 (.43)	-.04 (.44)
Lower degradation of river ecosystem	.55(.49)	.51 (.49)	.83(.52)

\*\*\* indicates significance at 1% level \*\* indicates significance at 5% level and \* indicates significance at 10% level.

Source: Wastewater treatment household survey(2015)

➤ **More is the level of water quality, more the people are willing to pay**

## Estimated average WTP Bids



The average WTP bids including all three scenarios range from none i.e. zero valuation to a maximum of **Rs 43 per month** per household (**Rs 516 per year**)

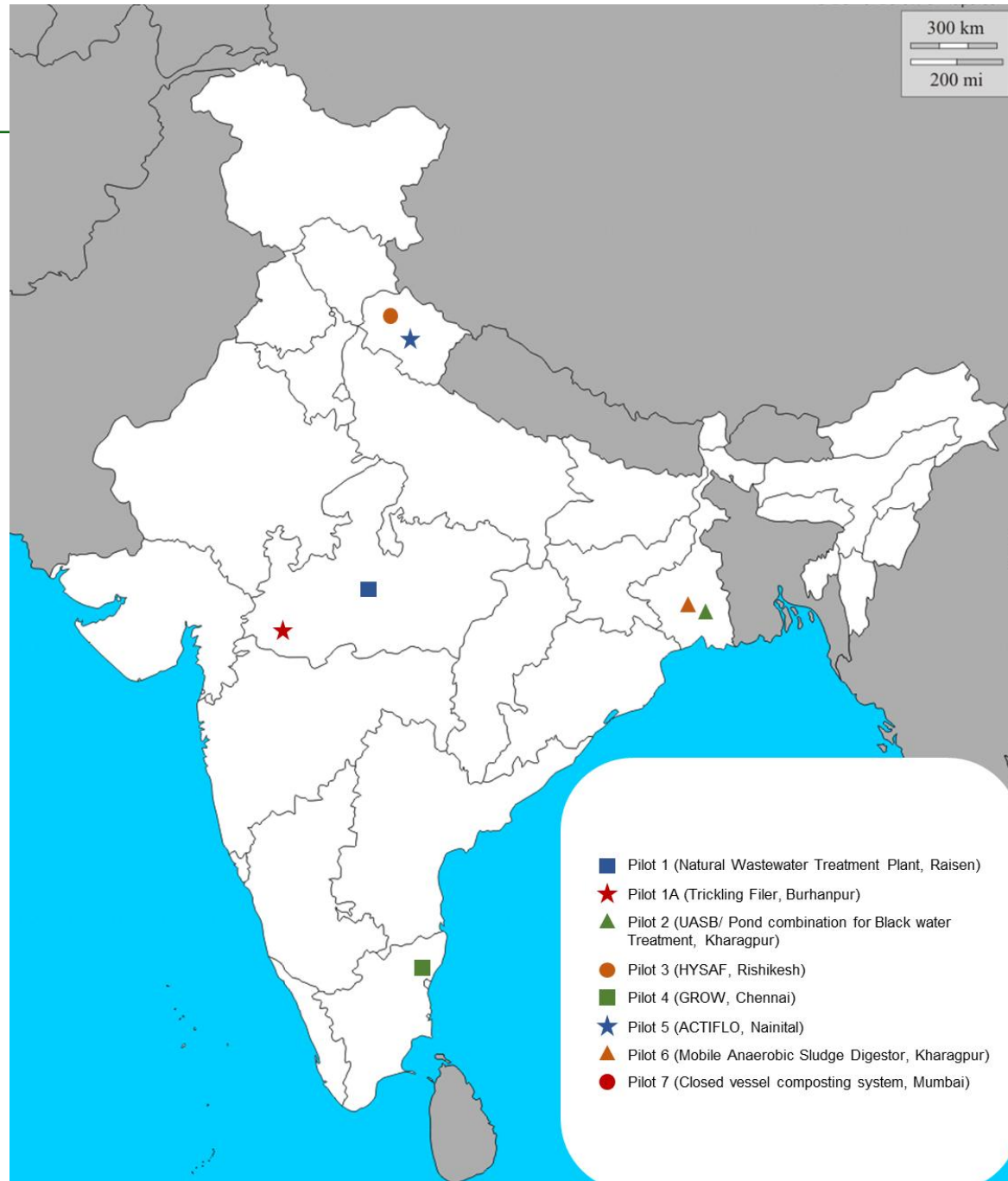
# Main finding

- The benefit estimates reported in this study reveal that an **average** household in the sample would be **willing to pay yearly Rs 516 (~8 \$/yr) as sewage tax**
- This WTP value is much less than the ‘international’ WTP value resulted from our meta-analysis (**53 \$/yr**)
- When aggregated over the entire Chennai population (4.45 million inhabitants, Census 2011) it amounts around **Rs 240 crores** per year for an improvement from worst scenario (D) to best one (A).
- To be compared to the cost of **Rs 720 crores** for first phase (2011) involving upgradation of the STPs and of sewage pumping stations (Chennai City River Conservation Project).
- This ‘back-of-the-envelope’ cost-benefit analysis (CBA) would suggest that even though the residents’ welfare would increase as a result of an improvement of the current STPs, the water and sewerage tax revenues may not be sufficient to meet the costs and hence need additional financial sources for the financing of this endeavour.

# **WP 4: Piloting of selected EU technologies**



# Overview Pilots





# Pilot 4

GROW  
Nov 2013



Dec 2014



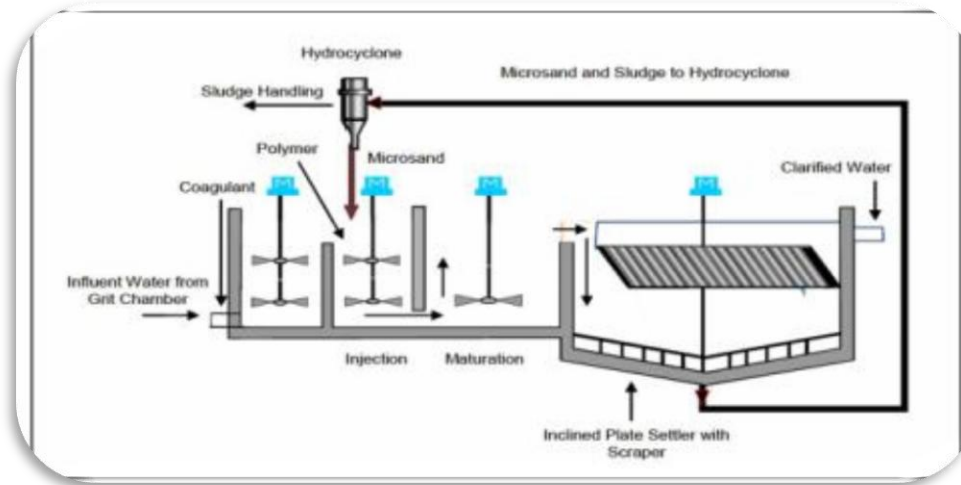
# WP 4: Piloting of selected EU technologies

- **Pilot 1 and 1A, 2, 3, 4**
  - More detailed information in following presentations

# WP 4: Piloting of selected EU technologies

- **Pilot 5**

# Pilot study 5: Ballasted Flocculation Process (An EU Technology) Storm-water treatment system, Nainital (Uttarakhand) (Pilot Hardware, Infra and O&M by DST)- IIT R



Site	Nainital, Uttarakhand
Type of Technology	Ballasted Flocculation
Type of Wastewater	Stormwater, CSO, Dry weather flow
Flow Rate	1000 m <sup>3</sup> /day
Effluent Quality	BOD < 30 mg/L, TSS < 20 mg/L
Intended Reuse	Direct Discharge to Lake
Beneficiaries	lake Pollution Control

**Status: To be installed and Commissioned in September 2015**

# Material and Methods



**Study Site**



Study Area

# Slide 1



Site at Nainital



Drain at site





# Slide 1

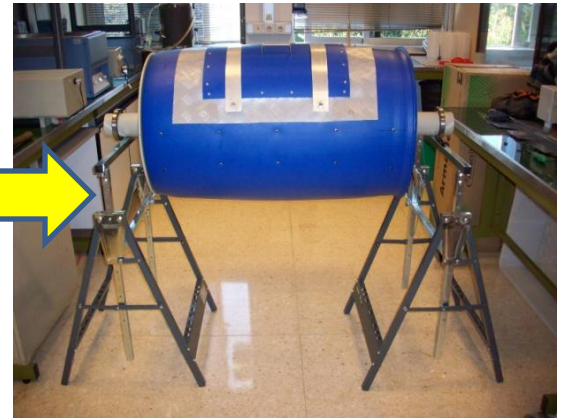
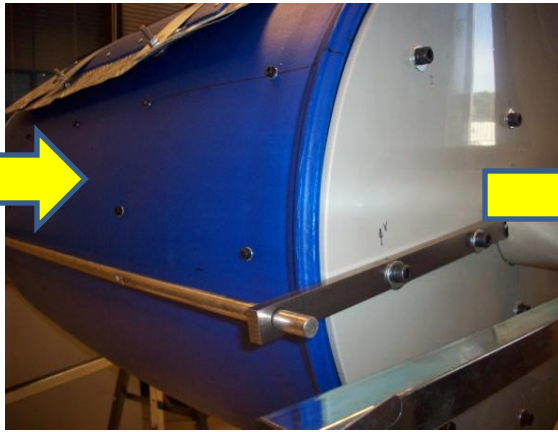
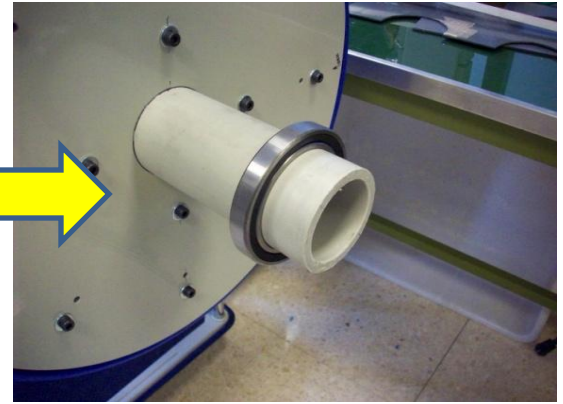
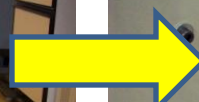
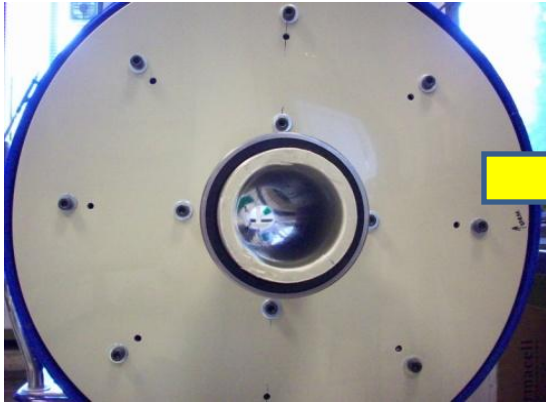
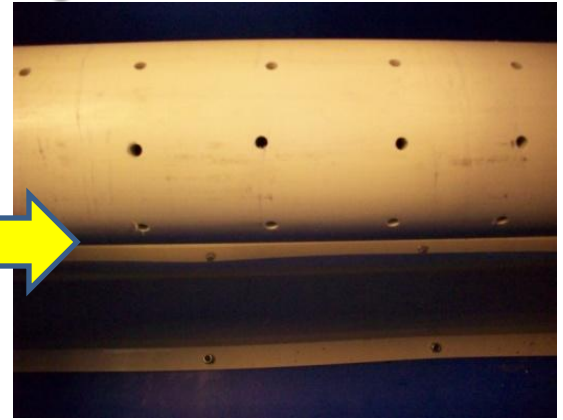
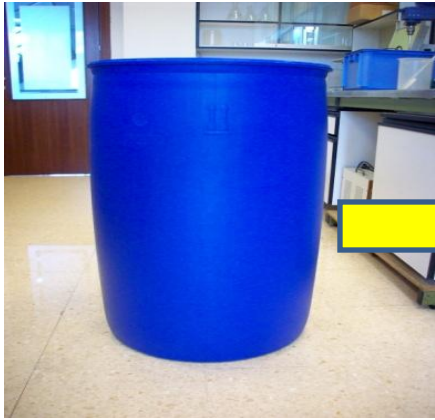
S.No	Items ready for installation
1	Ballasted sand flocculation settling unit including media for tube settler
2	Hydro cyclone
3	Dosing pump
4	Dosing tank
5	Agitator
6	Agitator skid
7	Turbidity analyzer
8	Panel
9	Chemicals
10	Pipes, valves, cables and fittings etc.



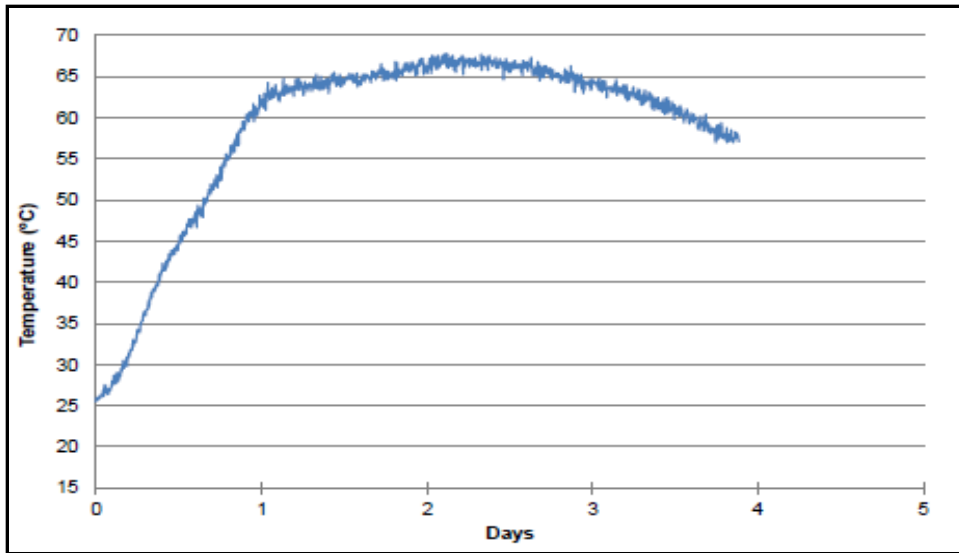
# WP 4: Piloting of selected EU technologies

- **Pilot 7**

# Reactor Assembly



# Experiments at CEIT, Spain



Characteristics of the mixture		
	Theoretical	Real
TS (%)	30.00	33.56
TS content (kg)	30.00	30.00
Total weight (kg)	89.39	89.39
Volatile Fraction (VF, %)		49.99
VS (%)		16.78

Components	TS (%)	VS (%)	VF (%)	Percentage (on a kg TS basis)	TS (kg)	Total weight (kg)	% (on a wet kg basis)	VS (kg)
Sewage sludge	25.00	16.00	64.00	60.00	18.00	72.00	80.54	11.52
Bulking agent	69.00	20.00	28.99	40.00	12.00	17.39	19.46	3.48
(Additional component 1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	-
(Additional component 2)	15.00	13.00	86.67	0.00	-	-	-	-
(Additional component 3)	30.00	5.00	16.67	0.00	-	-	-	-
				0.00	-	-	-	-
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>89.39</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>

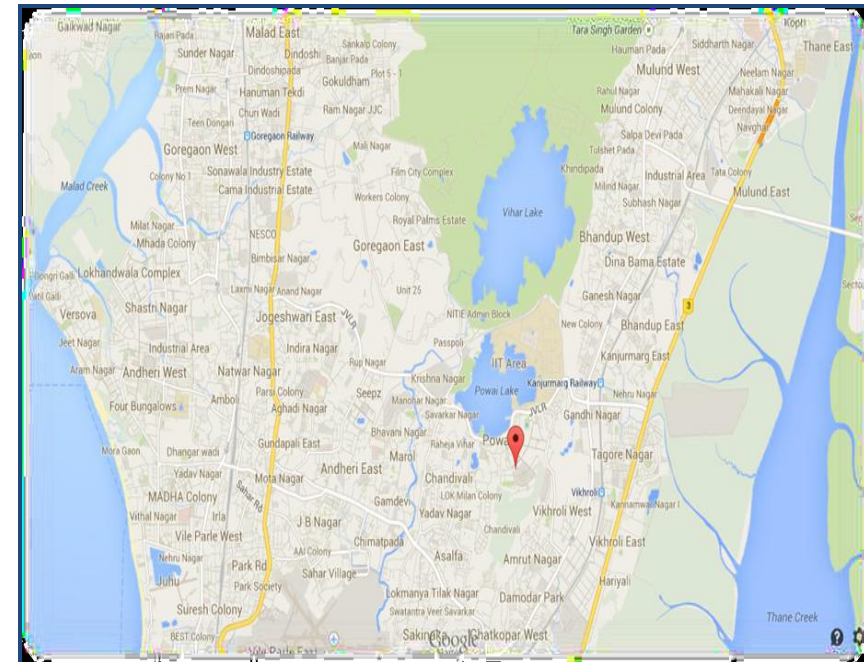
# Site For Sludge Composting Unit



## Site Details

- **Name:** Nirvana Park, Mumbai
- **Address:** Hiranandani Gardens, Powai, Mumbai
- **Technology:** MBBR
- **Reuse applications:** Gardening, Toilet Flushing,
- Construction
- **Capacity:** 2 MLD
- **Startup Year:** 2005

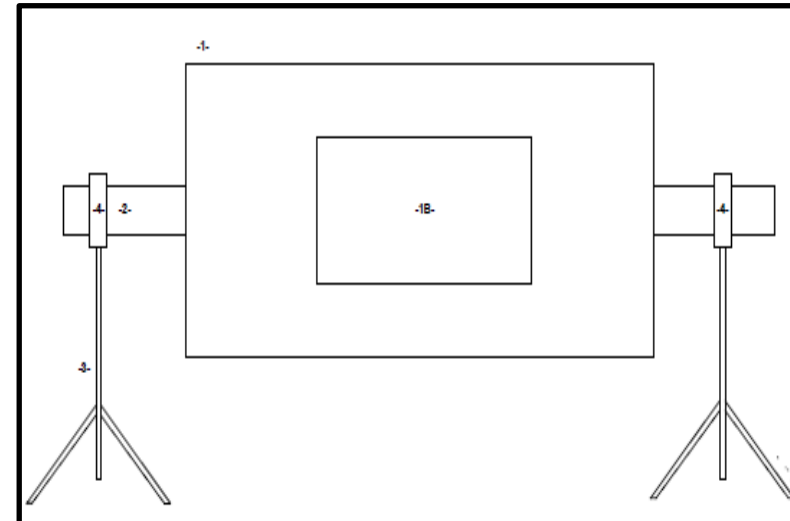
Chemical	Quantity used per year
Chlorine	64203 kgs
Alum	162130 kgs
Lime	39409 kgs



# Reactor set up in NITIE Lab & on site



- The reactor consists of a horizontal plastic drum (made of high density polyethylene), 200 L of volume. It contains a perforated polypropylene pipe (length of 2 m) to allow a passive aeration of the composting mixture. The drum can be turned manually.



**Installation and Commissioning – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

# Composting

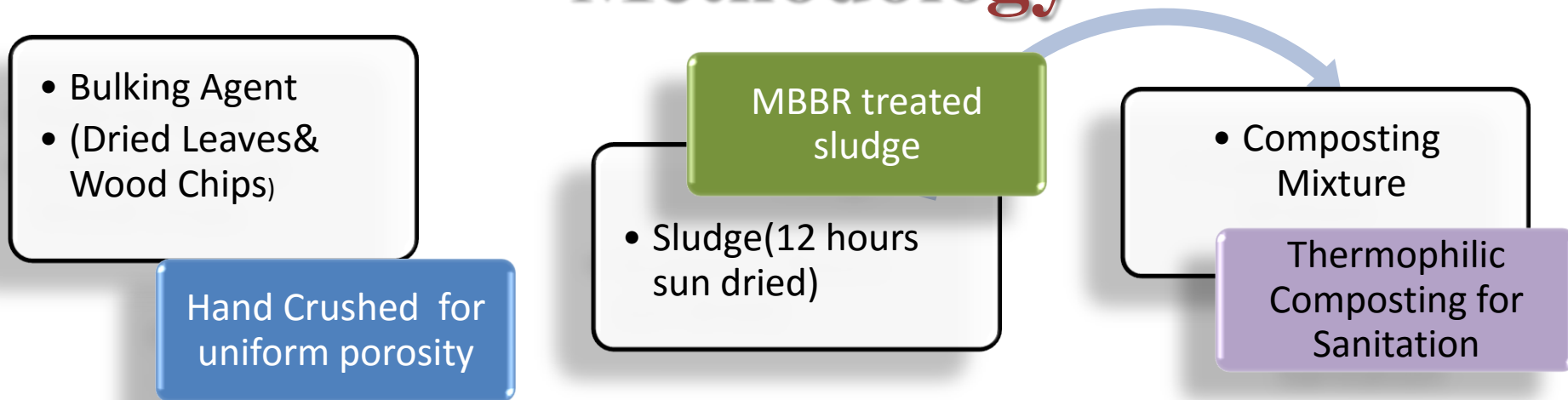
- Garden waste specifically the fallen dried leaves were used as bulking agent and the thermophilic stage temperature profile was used as main indicator for gauging if the composting process is developing correctly.
- Dried garden leaves and sludge did not give the desired rise in temperature except once in spite of trying various combinations of moisture content, freshness of sludge and leaf properties.
- Wood shavings and chips were used as the second choice and gave the desired thermophilic temperature in first instance.
- The effects of the aforementioned process variables on temperature, moisture content, C: N ratio, organic matter content, pH, metal concentration, sanitation level and stability of the final product are being studied.

# Objectives

To carry out composting of sludge without adding any easily biodegradable carbon source unlike CEIT in Spain.

To study the influence of process variables (turning frequency, effect of additive i.e household food waste, lime, zeolite, type of bulking agent and sludge/bulking agent mixing ratio) on the performance of the sewage sludge composting process using a rotary drum and vertical drum pilot scale reactors, in order to optimize the thermophilic stage and reduce the processing time.

# Methodology





# Experimental set up using Bulking Agent as Dried Garden Leaves



Bulking Agent



Sludge



Mixture



Reactor setup

# Experimental set up using Bulking Agent as Mixture of Dried leaves and wood shavings



Bulking Agent – Wood shavings

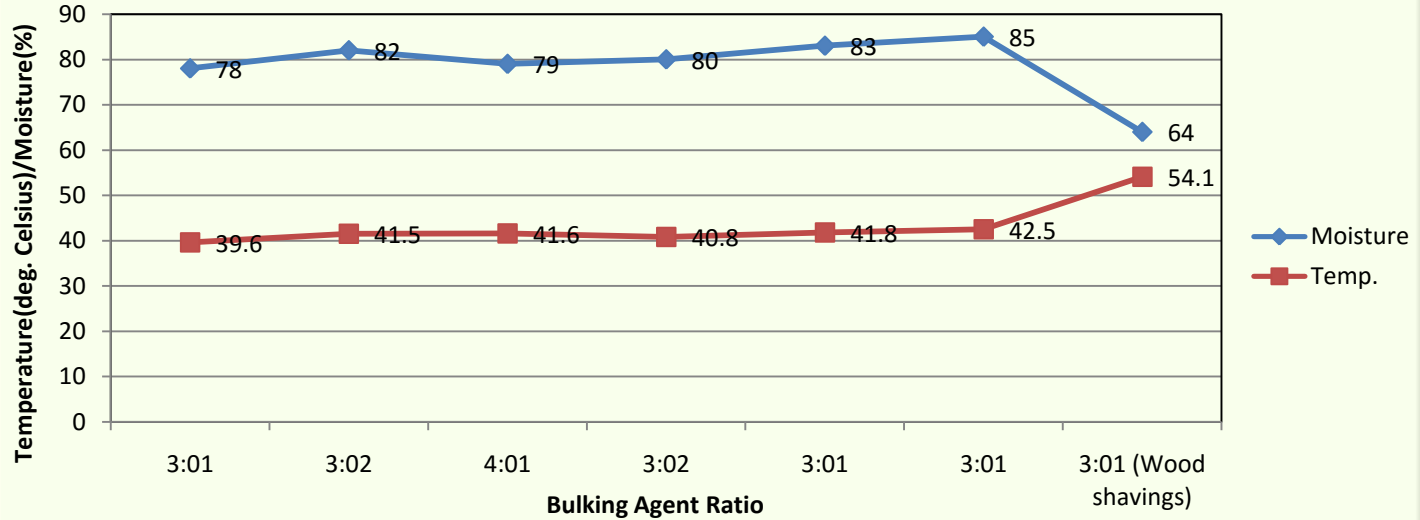
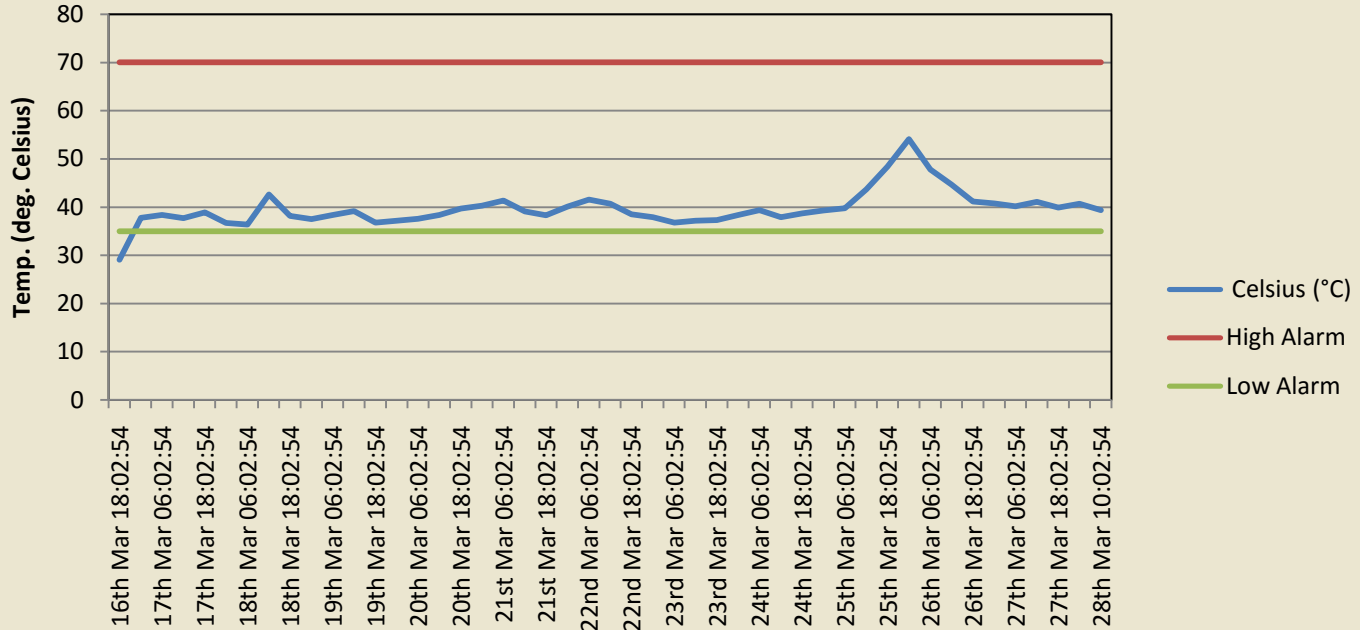


Mixture

# Observations (Pilot on-site)

Exp no.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	March 2015-March 2016															
<b>OM content of Sludge (%)</b>	12	16	17	17	27	27	27	38	42	29.85	39.44	9.16	12.5	24	28	29.62
<b>VSS Content of Mixture</b>	Analysis not done									73.16	65.12	--	20	30.15	36.19	65.78
<b>VSS Content of Sludge</b>										52.86	52.91	--	39.12	13.2	48	43.98
<b>VSS Content of BA</b>										22.19	21.92	23.09	18	18.55	29.53	28.22
<b>C:N ratio of mixture</b>	Analysis not done									24:1	26:1	25:1	16:1	21:1	32:1	33:1
<b>pH of mixture</b>	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.2	8.1	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.8
<b>Moisture content of mixture</b>	Analysis not done									78	82	79	80	83	85	64
<b>Sludge / B.A Ratio</b>	3:2( 30 Kg+20 Kg)	3:1(30 Kg +10Kg)	3:1 (36 kg +1 2Kg)	3:1 (15 kg +5Kg)	5:1(25 Kg +5Kg)	5:1(25 Kg +5Kg)	5:1 (25 Kg +5Kg)	5:1 (50kg + 10 kg)	5:1 (25kg + 5kg)	3:1(24kg+ 8kg)	3:2(30kg+20kg )	4:1(40kg+10kg )	3:2(30kg+20kg )	3:1(30kg +10kg)	3:1(30kg +10kg)	3:1(30kg +10kg)
<b>Max Tem ( Degree Celsius)</b>	57.1	53	48.3	45.2	47.3	39	43.6	35	40	39.6	41.5	41.6	40.8	41.8	42.5	<b>54.1</b>
<b>Turning frequency(h ours)</b>	Every 6-8 hours	Every 6-8 hours	Every 6-8 hours	Every 6-8 hours	Every 24 hours	Every 24 hours	Every 24 hours	Every 24 hours	Every 24 hours	Every 24 hours	Every 24 hours	Every 12 hours	Every 12 hours	Every 12 hours	Every 12 hours	Every 12 hours

**Nirvana Run 17; BA- Dried leaves +wood chips; Max. temp. -54.1deg.C**



# Observations

- Analysis are been conducted at lab scale to determine and control the basic parameters required for the process of composting viz. Total Organic Matter content ,Volatile Solid Content and Moisture for the Sludge, Bulking Agent and Mixture. Also the Rotary drum is being rotated regularly at an interval of 12 hours during the experimental setup.
- For the pilot setup no. 17 a maximum temperature of 54.1 deg. Celsius which is closely related to thermophilic temperature was obtained on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of composting. The moisture content of the mixture was maintained between 60-65 percent and the Solid Content ranged between 35-40 percent. The C:N ratio of the mixture was found to be 33:1.
- Reactor is now being run repeatedly at the site of STP to attain higher temperature. Initially the runs were conducted using dried leaves as Bulking Agent.
- For the runs conducted from January 2016 onwards, a mixture of crushed dried leaves or wood shavings of specific size (0.5-2.0cm) have been used as Bulking Agent.

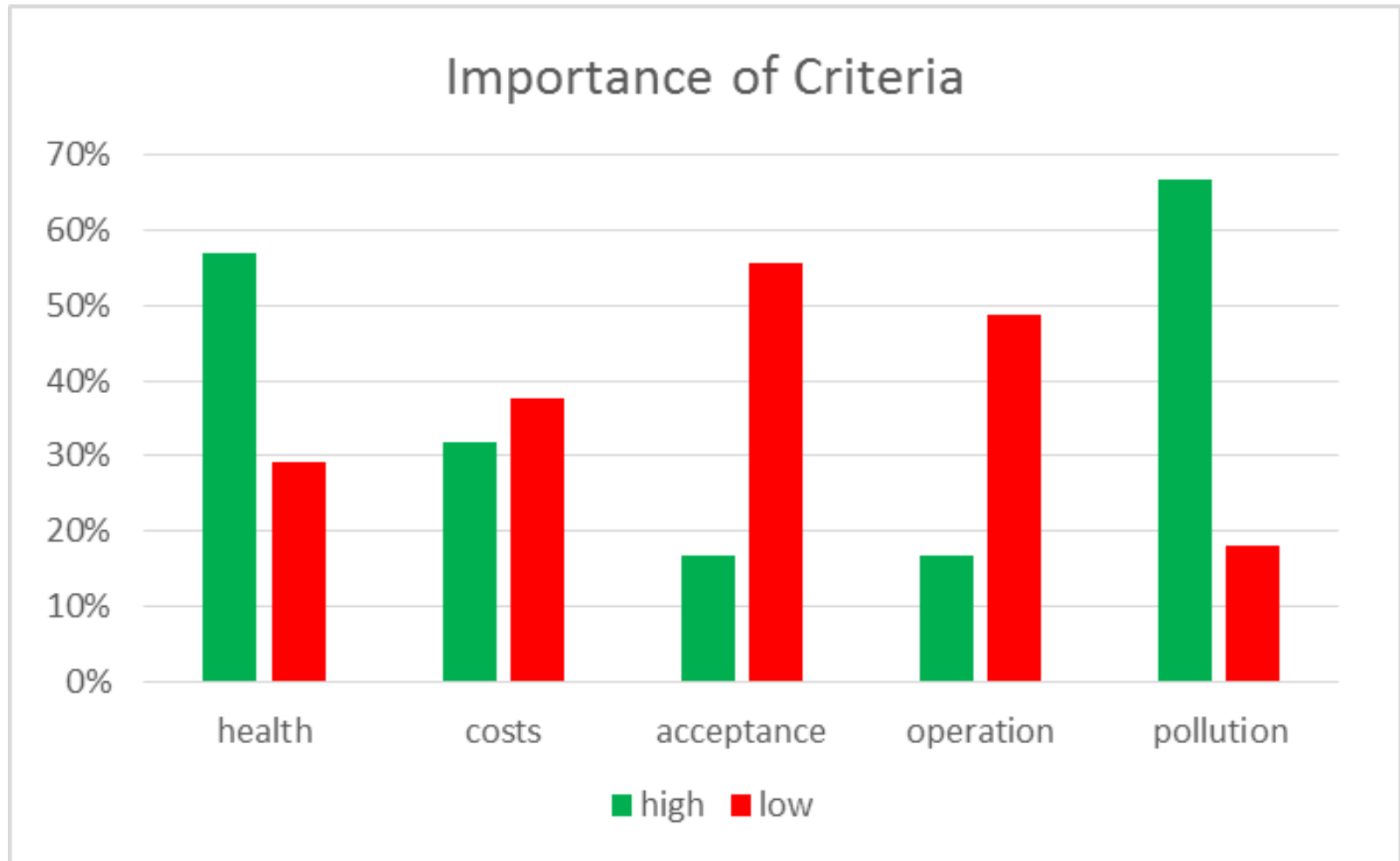
# **WP 5: Integrated sustainability assessment**

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- **Task 1. Integrated sustainability assessment**

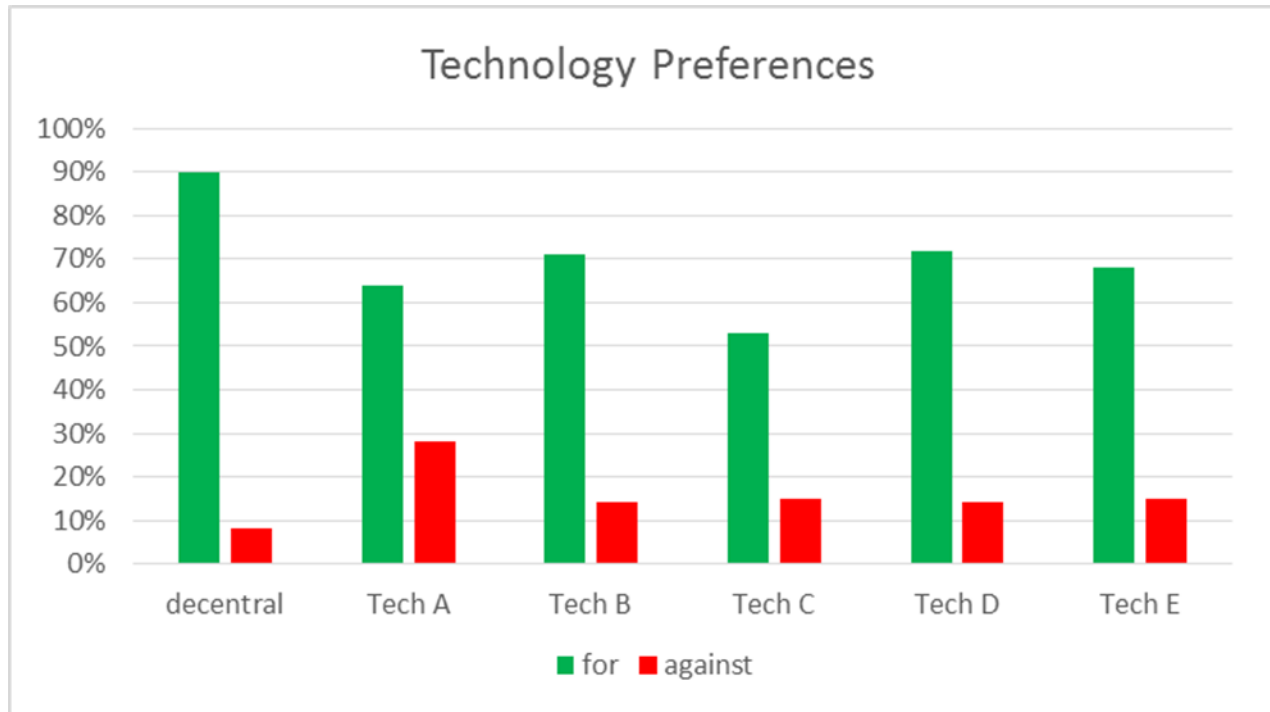
- Main goal: Aggregate the various components of the technical-environmental, social, economic and institutional evaluations in WP2&WP3
- Challenges due to data gaps for certain aspects
- Task has recently started with a literature review on sustainability criteria and indicators relevant for wastewater management
- A questionnaire survey with stakeholders about the importance/relevance of main criteria groups was conducted last year
- Results will also feed WP6

# WP 5: Integrated sustainability assessment



# WP 6: Tools for replication and upscaling

- Why?



A: natural tech.  
B: low tech  
C: combinations  
D: Conventional  
E: Advanced



# WP 6: Tools for replication and upscaling

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- **5 tools:**

- 1. Guidelines for technology application
- 2. Technical guidelines for technology design (pilot technologies)
- 3. Recommendations for reuse and effluent standards
- 4. Recommendations for financial and institutional mechanisms and policy instruments
- 5. Decision support tool for technology selection

# WP 6: Tools for replication and upscaling

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## **Technological Options for Solid and Liquid Waste Management in Rural Areas**



**MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
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# WP 6: Tools for replication and upscaling

- At the start of this WP 3 stakeholder workshops were conducted in Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi (May 2015)
- „Wishes/suggestions“ of stakeholders with respect to those tools were discussed and included in the tasks as far as possible



# WP 6: Tools for replication and upscaling

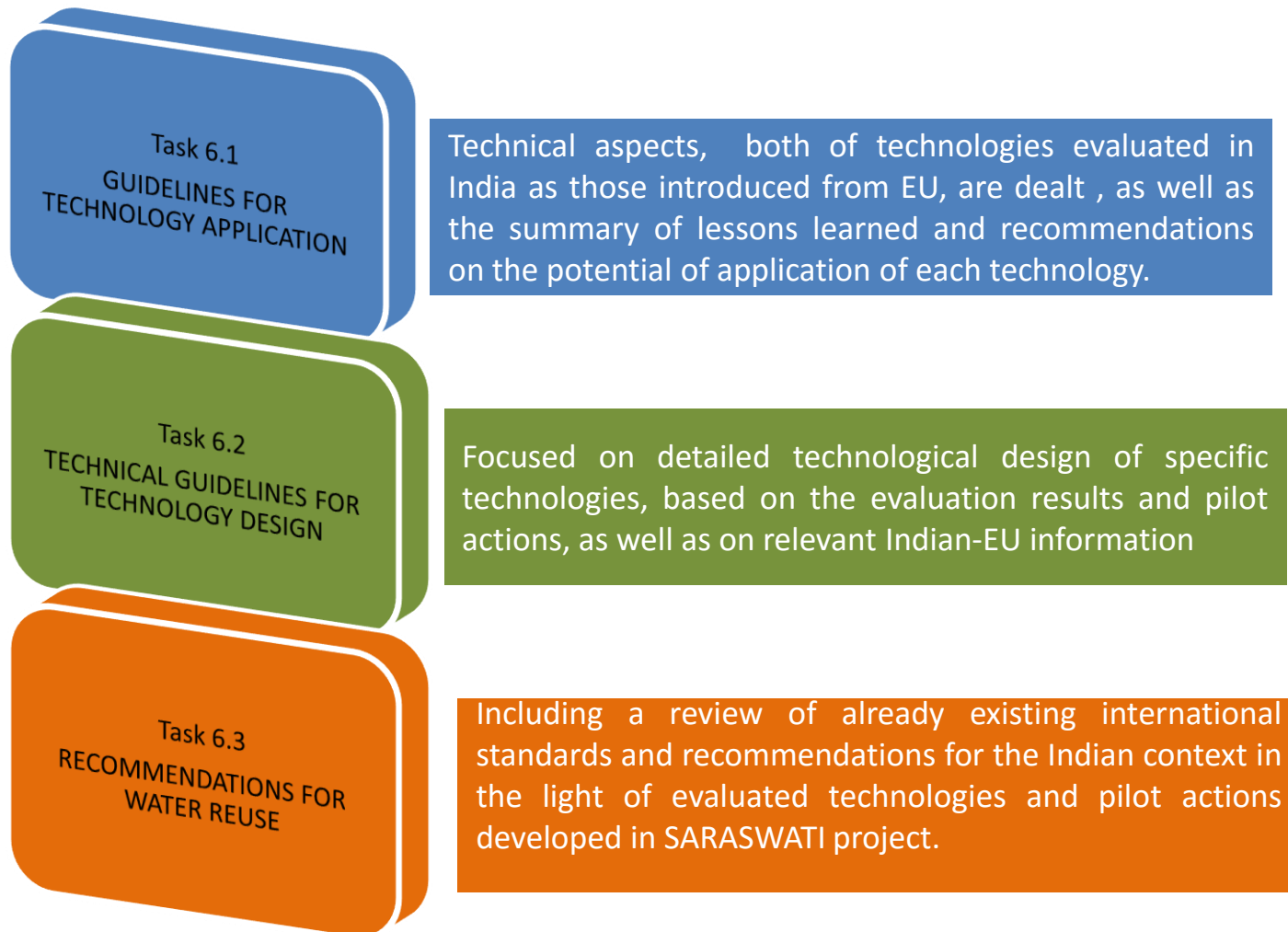
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- **Guidelines (Kazmi)**
  - Guidelines for technology application
  - Technical guidelines for technology design
  - Recommendations for reuse and effluent standards

# GUIDELINES AND OBJECTIVE

Aim at providing tools that can help to replicate and upscale suitable technologies for wastewater treatment and reuse in India, based on the results and experiences of SARASWATI Project .

These tools are being elaborated in consultation with relevant stakeholders and authorities from India and include:



## 6.1. GUIDELINE FOR TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION

This Guideline is not intended to replace the existing Indian Guidelines. It should be a technical document that provides useful information in order to contribute to the development of integrated water resources management in India, within a framework of knowledge sharing and collaboration between EU-Indian stakeholders involved in the wastewater management.

**1<sup>ST</sup> STAGE: Review of existing similar type of guidelines in India, EU and International**

**2<sup>nd</sup> STAGE: Present and discuss the Guideline content with Indian technicians**

**3<sup>rd</sup> STAGE: According to Indian technicians recommendations, the information included for each of the technologies covered in the Guideline can be summarised as following:**

- Fundamentals of the process
- Flow diagrams that represent the typical configurations of each technology
- Treatment characteristics
  - ✓ removal efficiency
  - ✓ population range recommended for its implementation,
  - ✓ surface required,
  - ✓ energy consumption,
  - ✓ influence of weather conditions,
  - ✓ establishment and operational costs (**Indian costs**),
  - ✓ influence of the topography,
  - ✓ adaptability to population variations,
  - ✓ reliability of the technology,
  - ✓ complexity of O&M,
  - ✓ generation of sewage sludge and the environmental impacts

## 6.1. GUIDELINE FOR TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION

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- Start-up operations
- Operation and maintenance (O&M)
- Advantages and disadvantages
- Possible combinations
- Criteria for technology selection
- Section on sludge management
- Section on disinfection
- Legislative framework (wastewater discharge and water reuse)
- Summary of learned lessons (SARASWATI Project)
- Successful case-studies (SARASWATI Project)
- Photo gallery of Indian technologies included in the SARASWATI project
- References
- Contact

## 6.2. TECHNICAL GUIDELINE FOR TECHNOLOGY DESIGN

- Technical Guideline will be focused on **detailed technology design** of specific technologies, based on the evaluation results of **Pilot actions (WP4)**:
  - Task 4.1: Pilot study 1: Natural wastewater treatment plant system, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh
  - Task 4.1A Pilot study 1A: Trickling filter based treatment system, Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh
  - Task 4.2: Pilot study 2: UASB/Pond combination for black-water treatment, West Bengal
  - Task 4.3: Pilot study 3: HY-SAF package WWTP, Rishikesh (Uttarakhand)
  - Task 4.4: Pilot study 4: GROW grey-water recycling system, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
  - Task 4.5: Pilot study 5: Actiflo storm-water treatment system, Nainital (Uttarakhand)
  - Task 4.6: Pilot study 6: Mobile anaerobic sludge digester, West Bengal
  - Task 4.7: Pilot study 7: Closed vessel composting system
  
- Sub-tasks c) **Detailed engineering design**: A detailed engineering design including technical drawings will be prepared.
  
- Feedback with SARASWATI's Decision Support tool (Task 6.5), principally with key component: "A graphical user interface aimed at facilitating context specific data input, visualising outputs (**design.....**)"
- Consultation with relevant Indian authorities, such as Pollution Control Board, as is indicated in the proposal



## 6.3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REUSE AND EFFLUENT STANDARDS IN INDIA

Review of existing international standards according different uses:

- ❖ WHO (2006)
- ❖ EPA (2012)
- ❖ FAO Guidelines for agricultural use (1999)
  
- ❖ Australian Guidelines (2003)
- ❖ Israel Guidelines (2000)
- ❖ Tunisian Decree 89-1047 (1989), Tunisian standard NT106.03 (1989), Proposal of Tunisian Reuse Standard – ONAS, (2011)
  
- ❖ Spanish Royal Decree (1620/2007)
- ❖ French Decree (2014)
- ❖ Portuguese Norm (NP 4434, 2005), Technical Guidelines for wastewater reuse, (2010)
  
- ❖ Jordanian Standards JS 893/1995 (revised in 2002)
- ❖ Turkish Water Pollution Control Regulation (1991)
- ❖ Recommended Guidelines by the Palestinian Standards Institute for Treated Wastewater Characteristics according to different applications (Irrigation)
- ❖ Morocco (Arrete N° 1276-01 des Normes de Qualite des Eaux Destinees a l'Irrigation) (2002)
- ❖ China National Reclaimed Water Quality Standard
- ❖ Abu Dabhi, Dubai, Oman, Bahrain (UAE), Qatar... Legislations, (Standards of quality)
- ❖ Mexican official Norm-NOM-001-ECOL-1996
- ❖ **Indian Guidelines for reuse of treated wastewater (CPHHEO Manual, 2012)**
- ❖ Etc....

## 6.3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REUSE AND EFFLUENT STANDARDS IN INDIA

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Related with Indian standards for water reuse, in the light of the SARASWATI results of WP2 , recommendations for improvement and implementation of other uses, will be elaborated.

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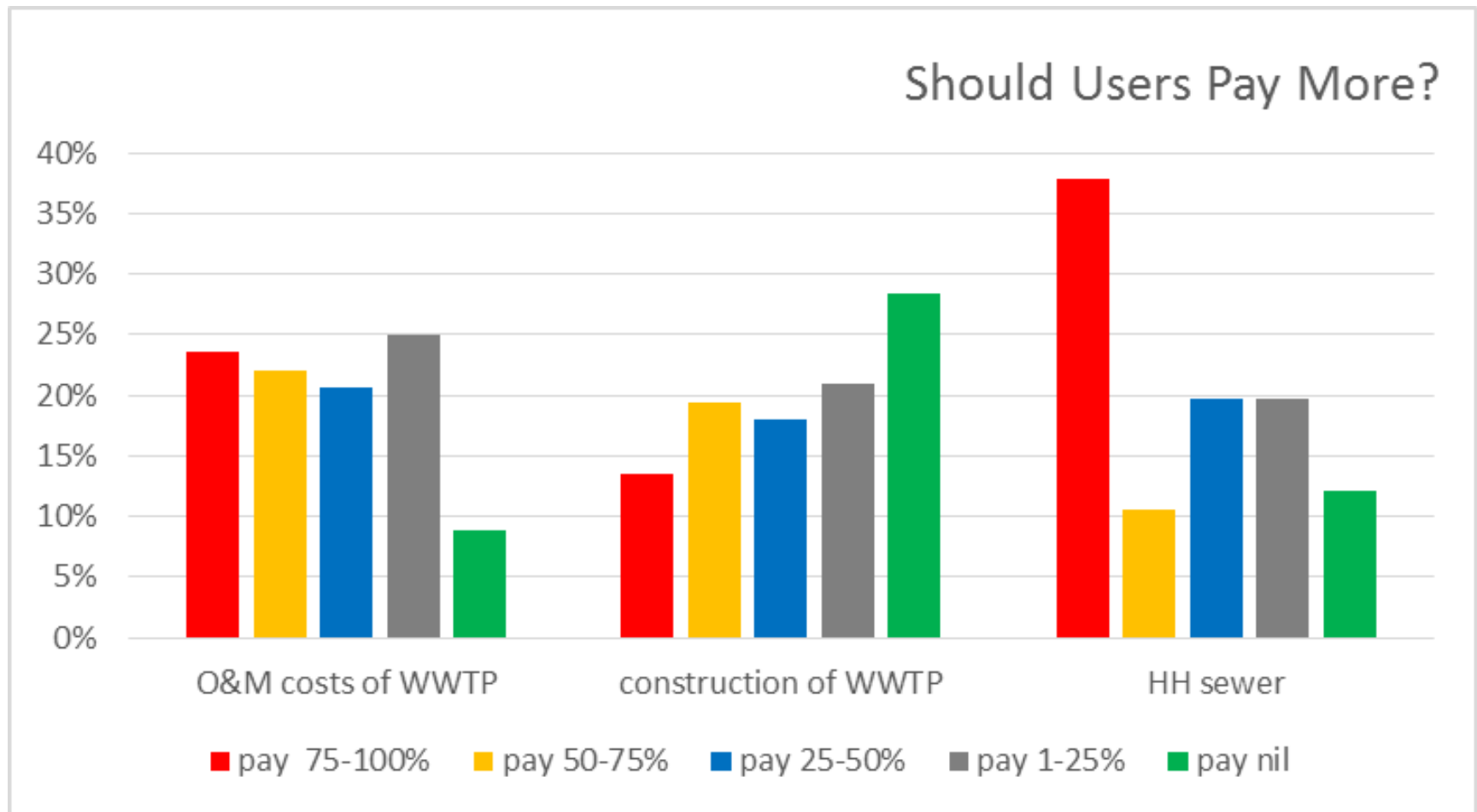
- **Task 4: Recommendations for financial and institutional mechanisms**

# WP 6: Tools for replication and upscaling

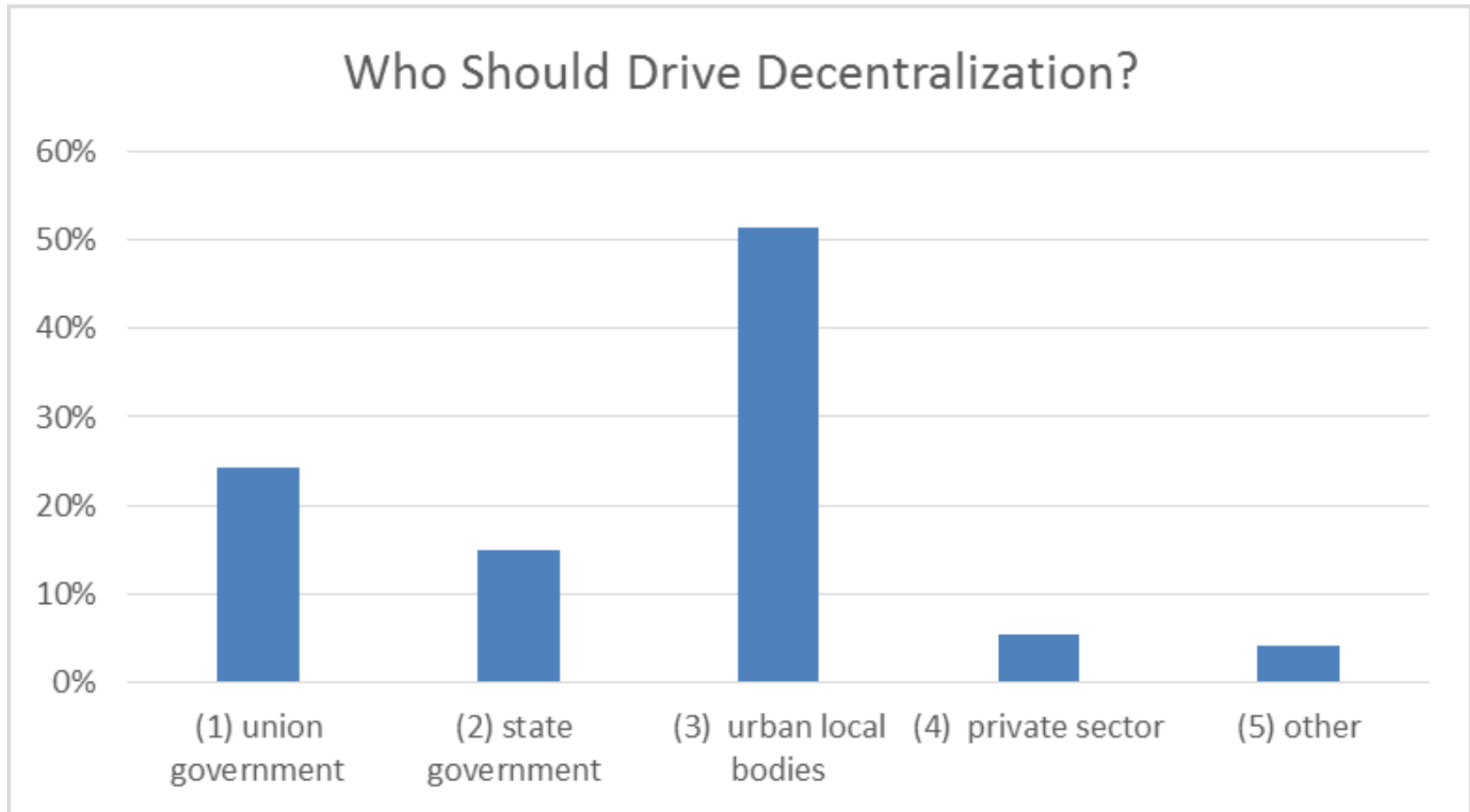
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- **Task 4: Recommendations for financial and institutional mechanisms**
  - During stakeholder workshops in May 2015 an initial questionnaire survey was conducted
  - Questions related to financing and policy instruments were included
  - 72 stakeholders returned the filled in questionnaire
  - Some results:

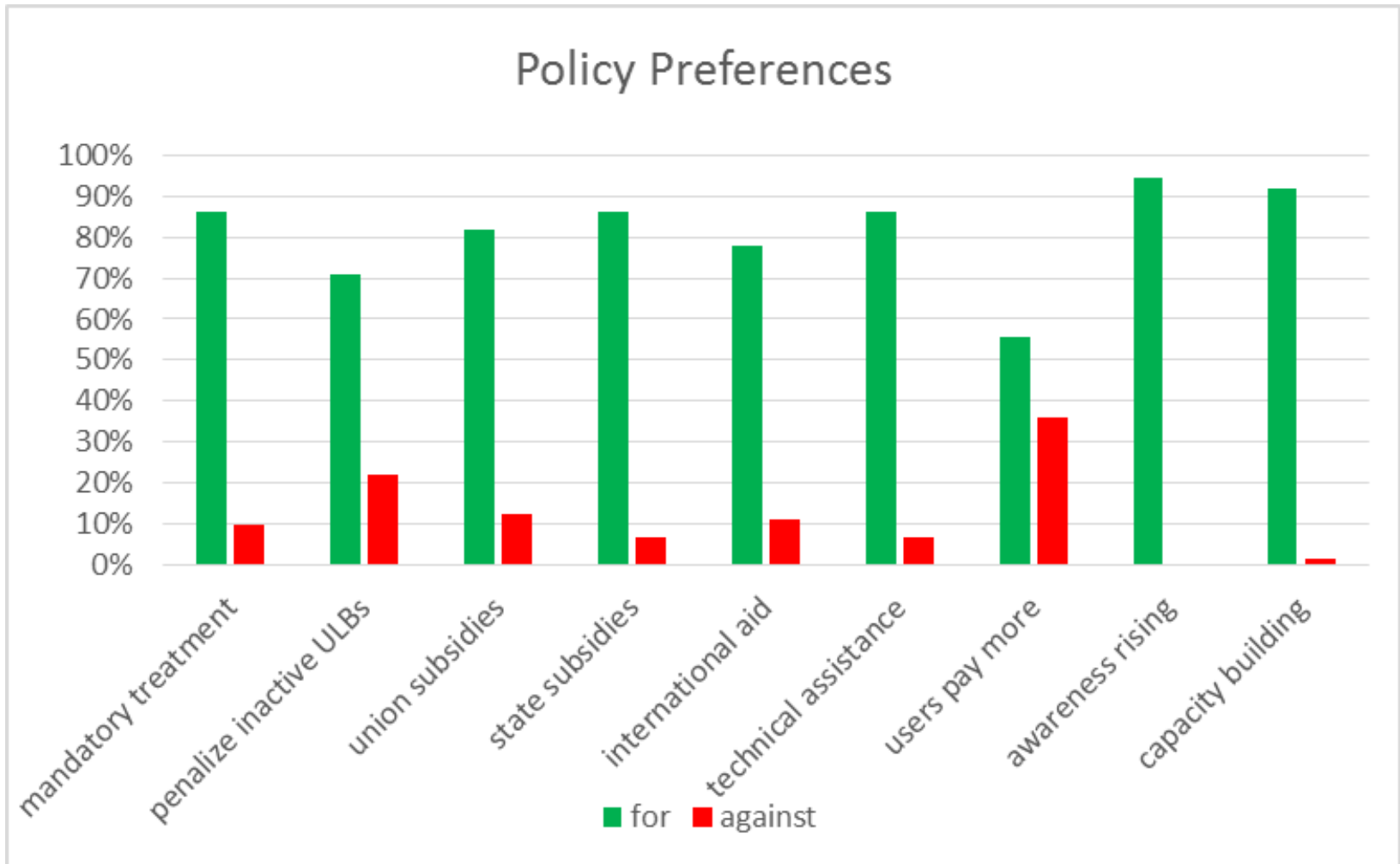
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- **Task 4: Recommendations for financial and institutional mechanisms - conclusions**
  - No consensus among key stakeholders on key question of financing
  - ULBs and UG seen as most important for driving decentralized wastewater treatment solutions
  - Stakeholders open to various policy instruments
  - Further analysis over coming months



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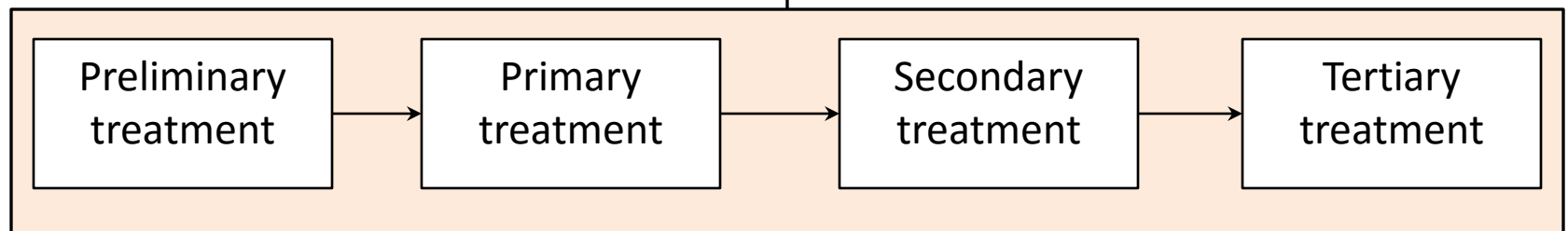
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- **Task 5: Decision support tool for technology selection**

# DSS – technology selection

Treatment **system** selection mainly depends on

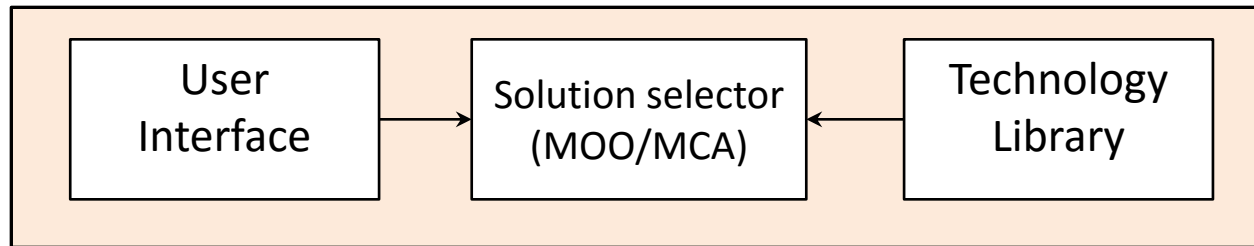
- Influent quality and quantity
- Effluent quality required to meet specific end use
- Available resources (cost, land, trained staff etc)



To perform **each stage** of treatment a range of technologies is available. Each technology has different:

- Operational envelop
- Cost
- Energy and carbon implications
- Treatment potential and resulting by-products

Pilots of this project



The focus of UNEXE effort is the development of **computational architecture** for a functional tool

# T5.2 Technology Library (structure)

❑ Comprises 7 key elements (and further sub elements)

1. Technology description
2. Technology installation
3. Technology O & M
4. Chemical requirement
5. Cost (CAPEX AND OPEX)
6. Social aspects
7. Treatment performance for priority pollutants

[TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY TEMPLATE](#)

# T5.2 Technology Library (example)

## ❑ Structure of technology library – example of Conventional Activated Sludge

1. TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION		
		Comments
Name of technology	Conventional Activated Sludge Process	
Technology lifespan (years)?	30	
Which sources of wastewater can be treated with this technology?	Domestic	
Does the technology need pretreatment? If so, please indicate here	Yes	
Is the technology suitable for rural/urban areas?	Both	
Does it require frequent monitoring?	Yes	
Is there any published literature, brochures, images, technical reports available?	Yes	
If so, please provide sources	see below	
<i>Deliverable 1.1 + Joksimovic, 2006.</i>		

## Task 6.5: User friendly Decision Support Tool

### “WISDOM”

Raw Wastewater Info tab

Agreed raw wastewater quality parameters will appear here:

Details of min and max flow rates entered by user

Total volume calculated automatically from info on Context Definition tab

The screenshot shows the WISDOM software interface. The title bar reads 'WISDOM'. The navigation menu includes: Welcome to WISDOM, WISDOM user information, Context definition, Raw wastewater information (selected), Criteria selection, Results: Page 1, Results: Page 2, and Results: Page 3.

The main content area is titled 'Please provide information on the influent wastewater stream'. It contains a text input field for 'Water source Name/ID:' with the value 'WW1'.

Below this is a table for 'Water quality Parameters':

Water quality Parameters	Min value occurring	Max value occurring	Avg value

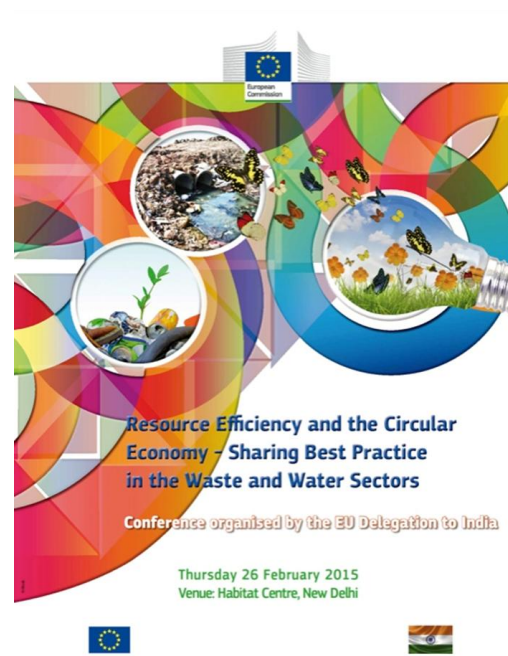
Below the table is a summary section:

Minimum possible flow rate (m3/s):	100
Maximum possible flow rate (m3/s):	499900
Total volume of wastewater to be treated (cubic metres per day):	500000

At the bottom of the interface, there are navigation buttons: '<<< Context definition' and 'Criteria evaluation >>>'. A small inset image on the right shows a person's hand interacting with a handheld device at a wastewater treatment site.

# WP 7: Dissemination

- Several dissemination activities at various events
  - Peer reviewed publications in international journals
  - Awareness raising activities in the pilot study sites
- e.g.:



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