



Smart Water Sector

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Technological perspective - need to have educationally updated personnel to choose and maintain smart technologies and investments

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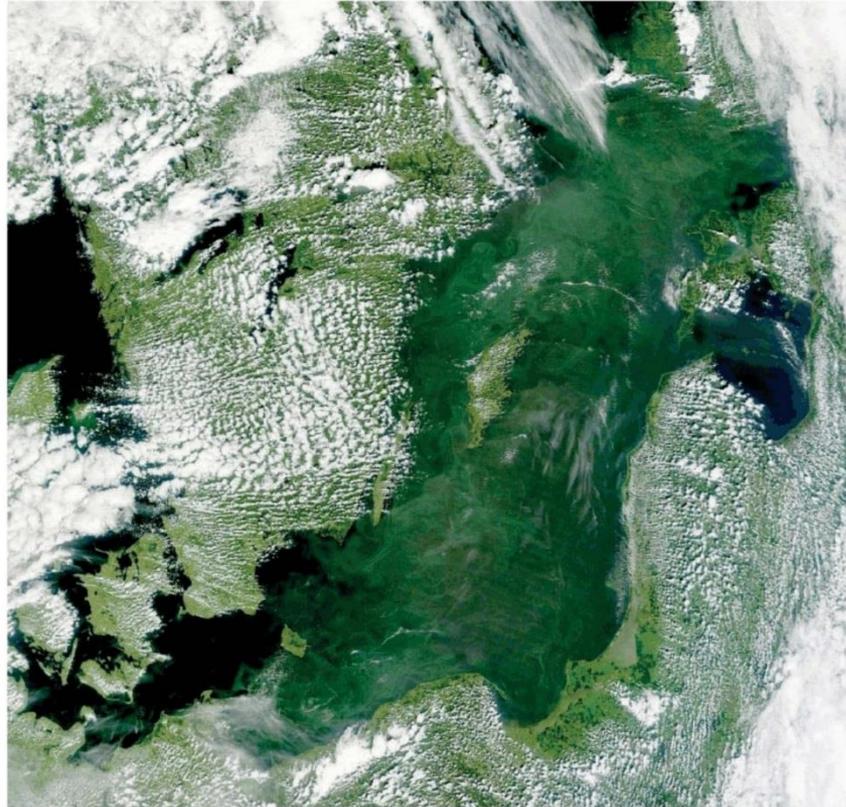
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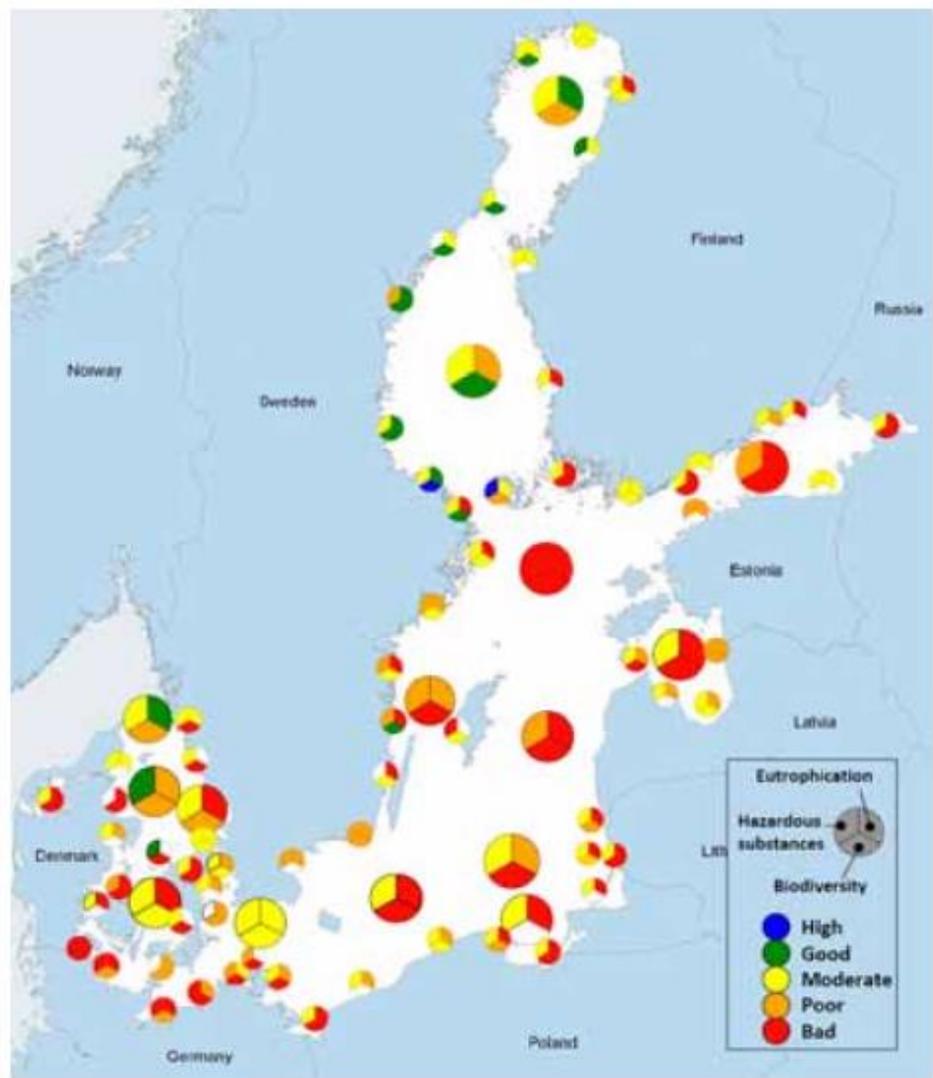
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Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region

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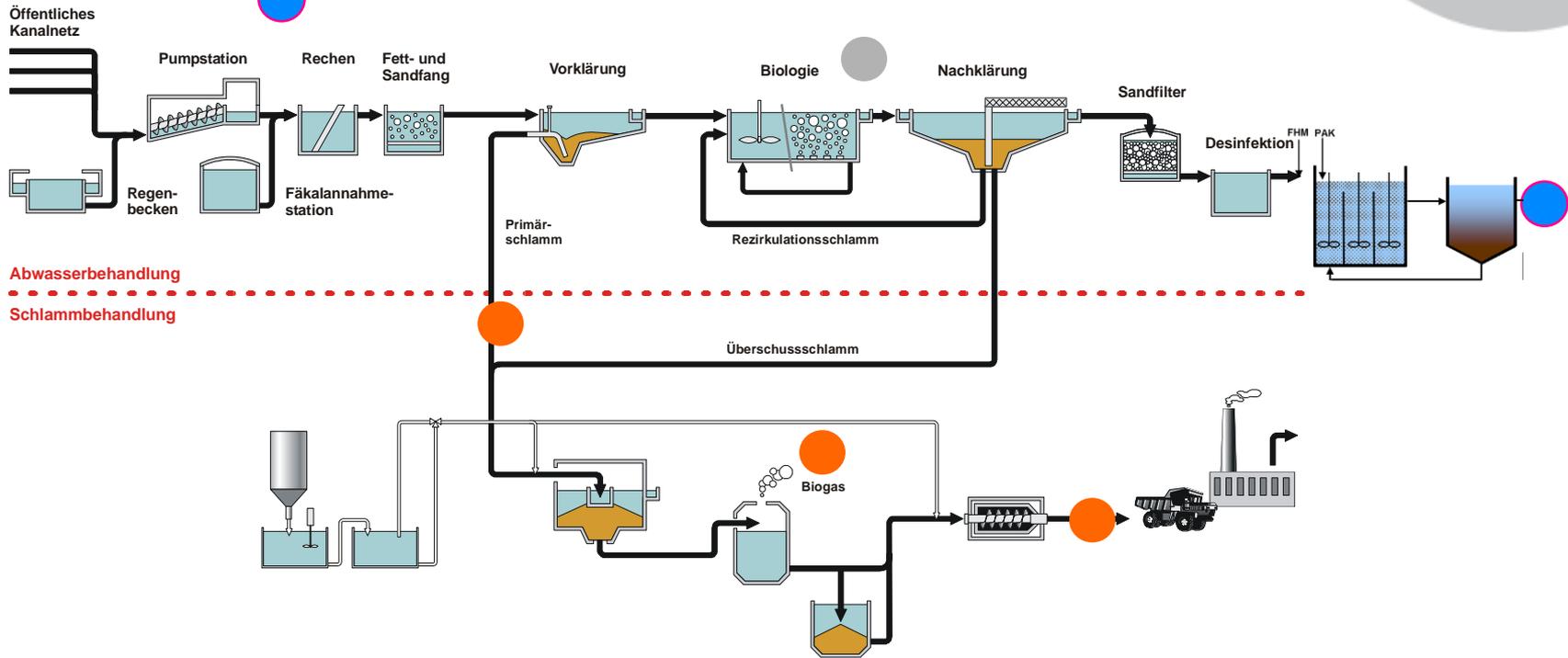
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Wastewater treatment plant (Example Pomorzany)



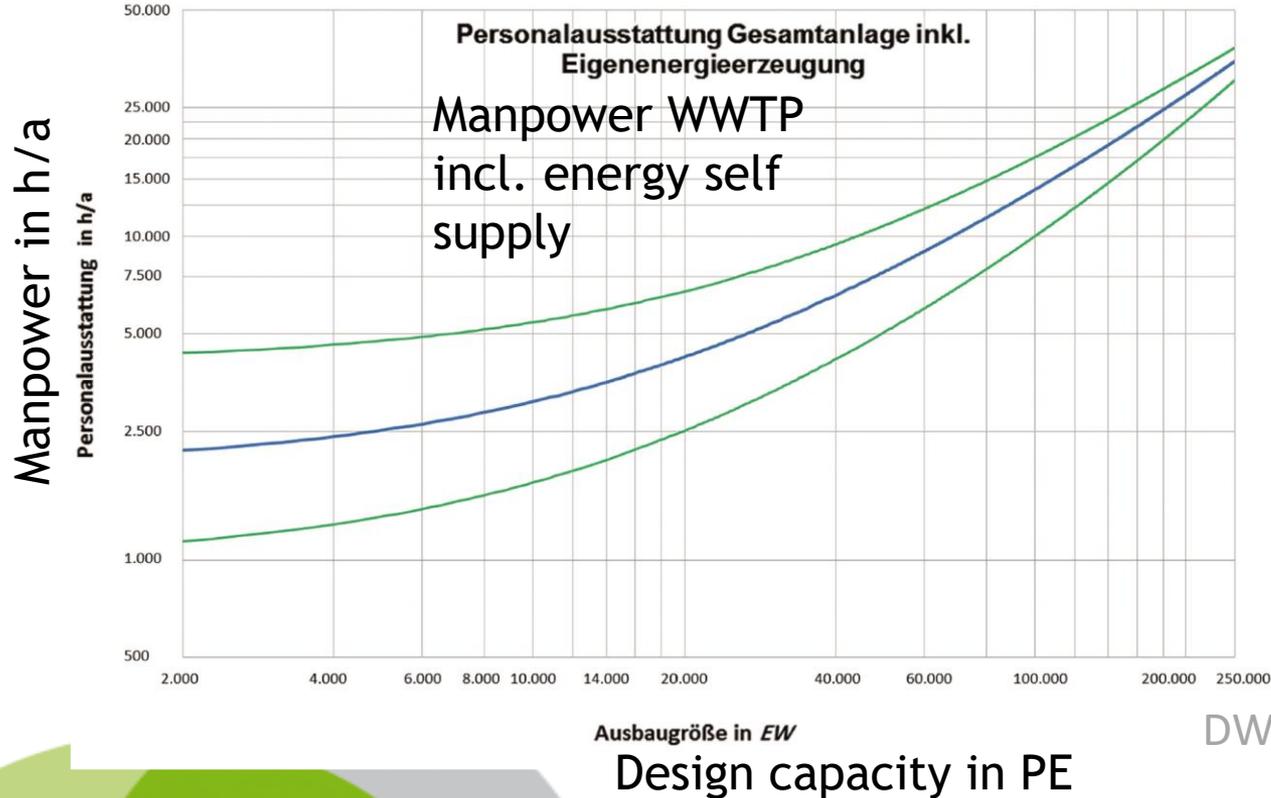
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Skill requirements

- **Qualified workers and engineers**
 - Operation of wastewater treatment facilities
 - Operation of electrical facilities
 - Mechanical education
 - Additional requirements for maintenance
- **Regular training recommended**
 - Updates regarding current processes
 - Capacity development for future requirements
- **Knowledge about upcoming technologies**

Manpower requirements



Lifelong learning example

- Since more than 40 years
- Currently 320 neighbourhoods with approximately 7400 WWTP
- Exchange of experiences under guidance of representatives
- On-site problem-solving
- Regular further training (2-3 time per year)
- Information about new regulations
- Enhancement of self-control and optimisation procedures
- Motivation of the staff
- Cooperative support in requirements

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A Good Neighbourhood

From the Sewer over the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Water Bodies



Exchange of Experience and Training



Nutrient impact versus Energy

**Aim: Good ecological status
of the Baltic sea**

- Eutrophication!
- Advanced removal of nutrients (HELCOM!)
- High energy demand for nitrification/denitrification



Reasons for energy optimization

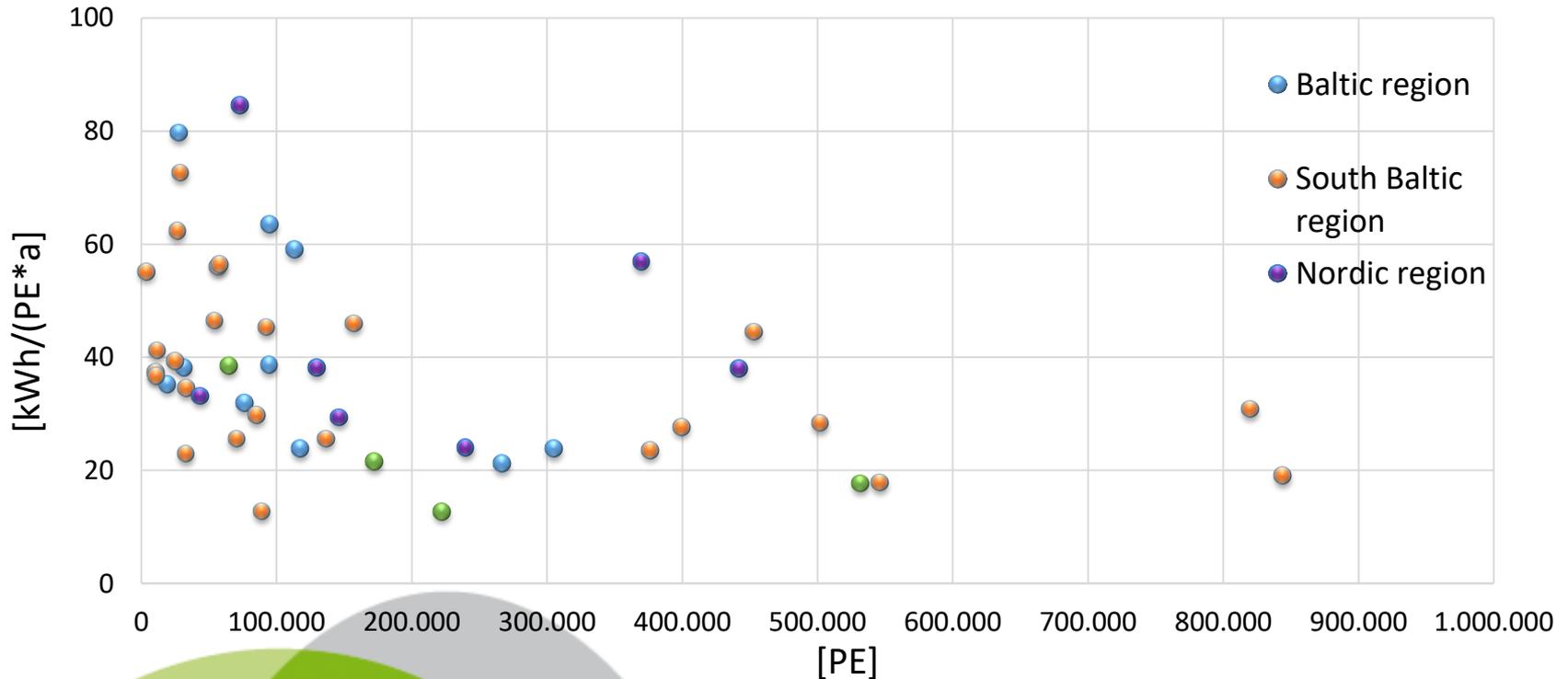
- Finite nature of fossil resources
- Climate change
 - Increase of CO₂-Emissions
- Saving of operational costs



Addressing energy potentials in water management

- **Collection and evaluation of key figure data**
 - Output: Key figure data for energy benchmark
- **Development and testing of an audit concept for smart energy management**
 - Output: Audit concept for smart energy management
 - Better knowledge and practical improvement
 - Lower nutrient impact lower energy demand
- **Piloting several new technologies for energy optimization**
- **Communications aims**
 - Changing behavior
 - Increasing knowledge
 - Raising awareness

Spotlight: specific energy consumption



Summary

- **Continuous task: Reducing nutrient loads to the Baltic Sea**
- **Challenges ahead require well trained, skillful staff**
- **Additional task: Establish capacity development/lifelong learning**

- **Project IWAMA addresses both technological improvements and capacity development**