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Educational standards

## **Taking stock on European standards – enabling professional mobility**

**DWA has initiated a EWA working group to establish coherent educational standards in the water sector**

**25. April 2017.** A new working group named „European Qualification Framework“, organised by the European Water Association (EWA) aims to establish coherence in existing European educational standards in the water sector. Initiated by the German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA), the working group was founded in March during the Wasser Berlin International 2017. The working group consists of 25 members from 17 different European countries such as Austria, Spain, Portugal, Finland, Norway, Hungary and the Netherlands.

The working group intends to compile existing educational regulations within the different countries and publish the findings into a final report. The overall goal is to be able to compare existing qualifications in order to facilitate labour mobility across the borders.

The group will meet annually to discuss findings and moreover, communicate by means of skype or mail. Chairman of the new working group is Rüdiger Heidebrecht, Head of Department *Training and International Cooperation* within the DWA. Interested parties on this topic are more than welcome to contribute. Please contact the EWA Secretariat for more information:

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In Europe, the DWA is the association with the largest number of members within this field and holds a unique position through its professional competence with regard to standardisation, professional training and public information. The approximately 14,000 members represent the specialists and executives from municipalities, universities, engineering offices, authorities and companies.

#### EWA

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non-governmental, non-profit making organization promoting the sustainable management of the total water cycle and hence the environment as a whole. It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water cycle, wastewater as well as drinking water and water and wastewater treatment related wastes. Today, EWA consists of 22 European leading professional organisations in their respective countries, each representing professionals and technicians for wastewater and water utilities.