

# ERASMUS+ Water Harmony: experience of engagement with non-academic sector in Europe, Sri Lanka and China

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3 universities from Europe: Norway, Germany, Poland 3 from Ukraine, 2 from Sri-Lanka and 2 from China







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# Gaps in Engagement with Non-Academic Sector and Project Expectations

#### **Problems**

- Weak links with the industry in some countries
- NGO and water sector are not engaged into water related education

#### **Expectations**

- •Link the water sector, education and society
- Mechanisms to initiate or improve collaboration with enterprises

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## How we achieved the targets

Participation in as many professional events as possible: international conferences, exhibitions, workshops:

- joint workshops with WaterNet NGO in Ukraine
- water-related conference in Sri Lanka
- Wasser Berlin International Trade Fair and Congress for Water Management

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## Results Achieved by the Project

- ✓ Chinese universities signed more than 10 agreements with enterprises and NGOs: Shandong society of environmental science, Shandong environmental protection industry association, China society of environmental science, Water Resource Research Centre;
- ✓ Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute in Ukraine has initiated and maintaining collaboration with NGOs WaterNET, MAMA-86 and Water Information Centre;
- √ The RO plant received is being used for student research-based education in Sri Lanka Water Harmony

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## **Unexpected outcomes**

- ✓ Jointly organized NATO Advanced Research Workshop, creating interest in new topic "Cyber security in water" https://www.natoarwcyberwater.net/;
- ✓ Jointly organized by Ukrainian partners waterdedicated workshops in cooperation with NGO WaterNet;
- ✓ Small communities in Sri Lanka got additional benefits: the RO plant received is being used for student research-based education while it is supplying water to the community through an agreement.



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# Sustainability of Project Results

- ✓ Our graduates work at senior positions
- ✓ KPI-UA students are winners of scientific works competition
- ✓ Project partners organize joint professional events with the participation of students and employers
- ✓ The Ukrainian Association of Chemists collaborates with the KPI-UA to develop professional standards

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That is what we did thanks to the WaterH Project!



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