



from sludge  
to resources

# biosolids management

solutions for  
local authorities

ready for the resource revolution



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## SUEZ AT A GLANCE

key facts & figures



## SUEZ VALUE PROPOSITION

integrated approach



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challenges and opportunities for the cities



## SUEZ'S EXPERTISE

define the optimal treatment solution for sludge reduction and recovery



## SUEZ'S REFERENCES

throughout the world





# SUEZ at a glance

key fact & figures

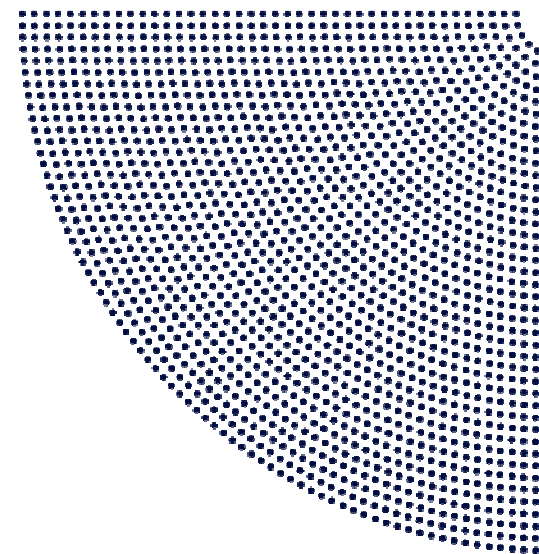


**CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

**leading the resource revolution  
to ensure sustainable growth**

## key figures

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# we help **cities and industries** optimize water management, recycling and waste recovery

figures for 2017

**7.3bn** cubic meters  
drinking water produced worldwide

**33m** people benefiting from  
waste collection services

**4.7bn** cubic meters  
drinking water distributed worldwide

**43m** tonnes  
of waste treated

**1.02bn** cubic meters  
wastewater recycled worldwide

**3.4m** tonnes  
of hazardous waste treated

**4.8bn** cubic meters wastewater depolluted  
worldwide

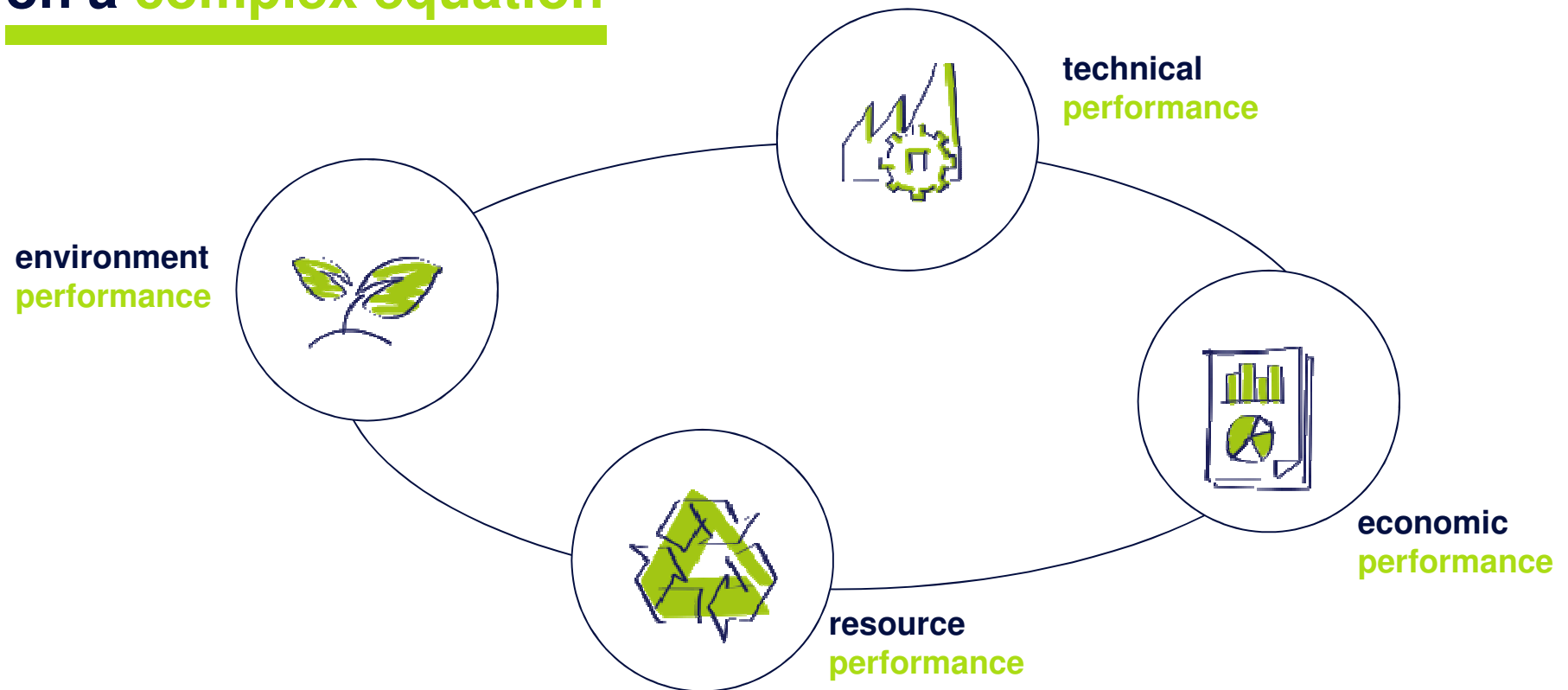
**10.2m** tonnes of recovered material  
from sorting centers

# SUEZ value proposition

integrated approach

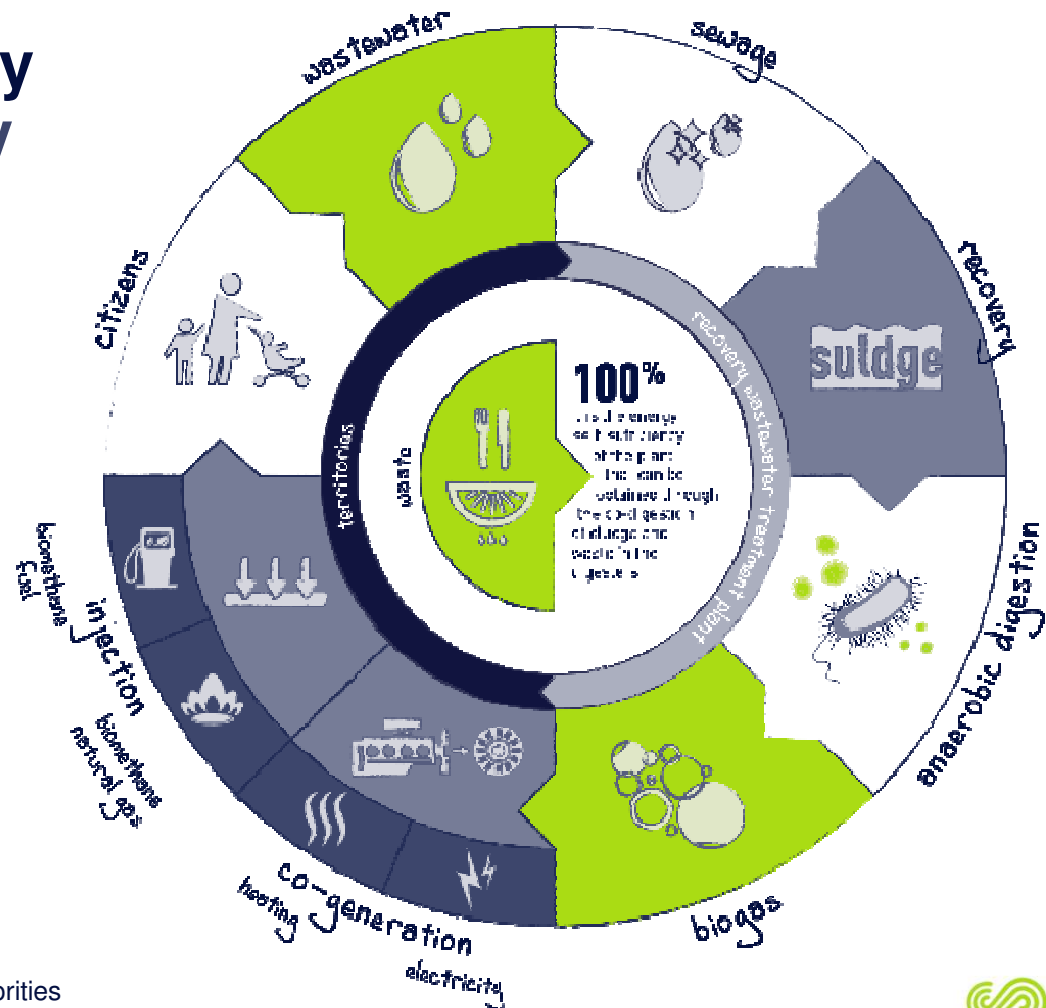


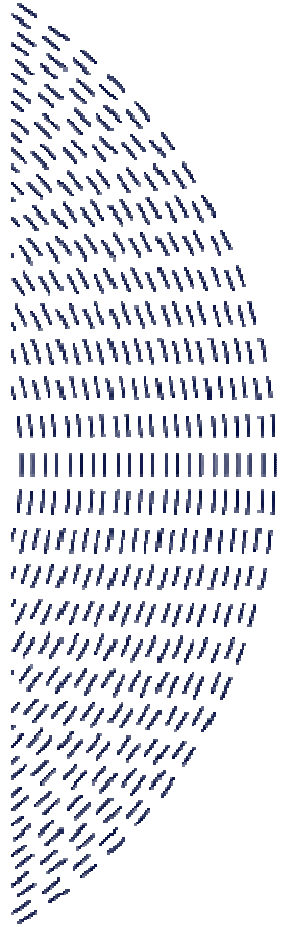
# performance over time depends on a **complex equation**



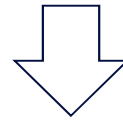


# from a linear economy to a circular economy





**don't buy a facility,**  
buy long-term performance  
for your sludge treatment



**procure DB and O&M  
in a single package**

# biosolids management

challenges and opportunities for the cities



## main concerns

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- **Cope with sludge production**
- **Reduce sludge volume to reduce associated costs** (transportation, disposal,..)
- **Reduce energy consumption of the plant**
- **Make biosolids a valuable product**
- **Increase the energy independence of territories**
- **Minimize environmental impact** (footprint reduction, odor management)

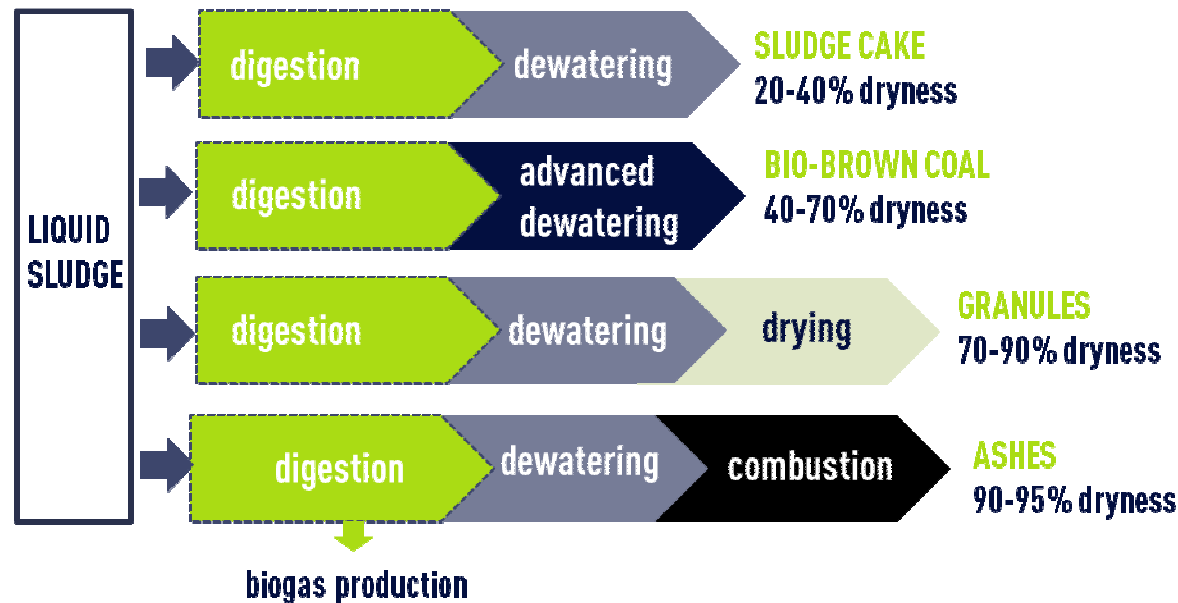
# SUEZ's expertise

define the optimal treatment solution  
for sludge reduction and recovery



# sludge treatment solutions

reduce sludge volume and recover resources



not mandatory

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## turning dried sludge into energy

- once dried, sewage sludge can be used as combustible (high calorific value)
- biogas production from sludge is an alternative to fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal) and its calorific value is comparable to wood

## recover for agricultural purpose

- enriching the soil without fossil fertilizers and reducing carbon footprint from fertilization
- soil enhancers

## ultimate sludge reduction

- eliminating the sludge produced by wastewater treatment, with help of thermal treatments

# SUEZ's expertise

## KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

for local authorities



## REDUCTION OF SLUDGE VOLUME

to reduce associated costs (transportation, disposal)



## RECOVER ENERGY

towards the energy independence of the territories



## RECOVER PRODUCTS

for agricultural reuse (compost, fertilizer, soil enhancer)



## PATHOGEN REDUCTION

produce high value product



## SUEZ'S SOLUTIONS FOR BIOSOLIDS

overview



## LEADING EDGE SOLUTIONS

to guarantee the future of our resources

# key success factors

for local authorities





# factors to be considered

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## ○ local context

- anticipation of the sludge production growth
- regulation and standards for use and disposal of sewage sludge on your territory
- environmental policy
- water tariff

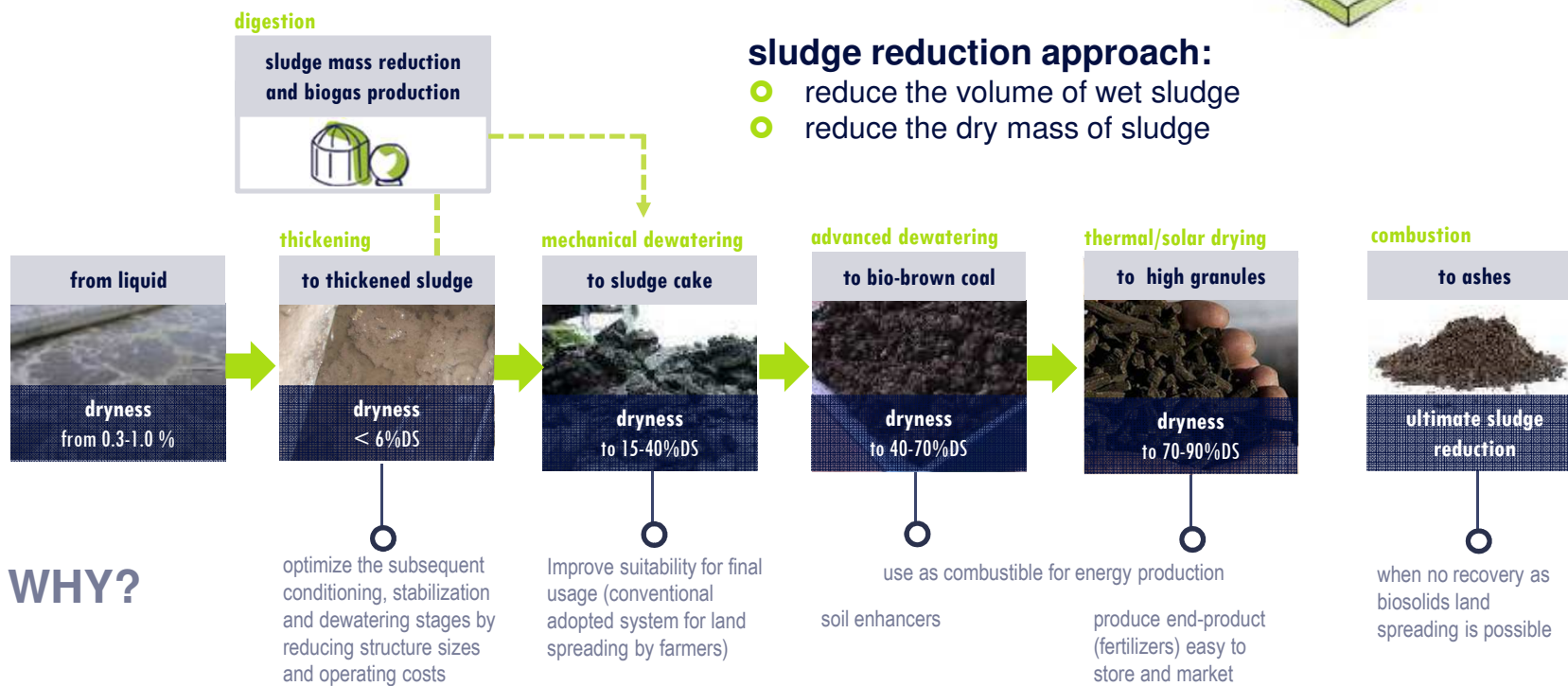
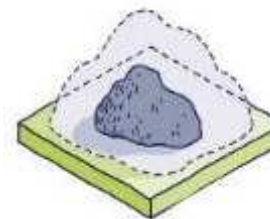
## ○ site specific aspects

- location (close to cement factory, landfill, ...)
- footprint availability
- existing process (digestion, CHP, ...)



**reduce** sludge  
volume

# sludge volume reduction alternatives

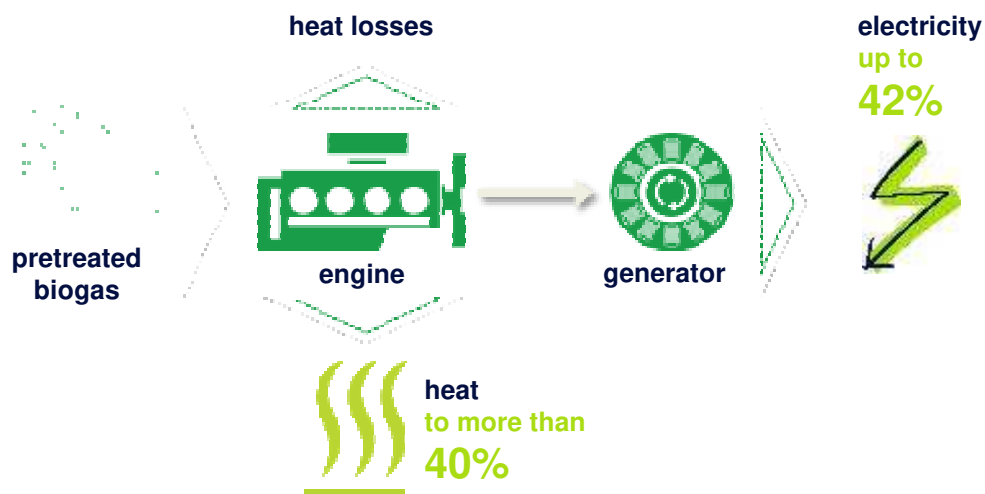


# sewage sludge as renewable energy

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# biogas to electricity and heat: cogeneration

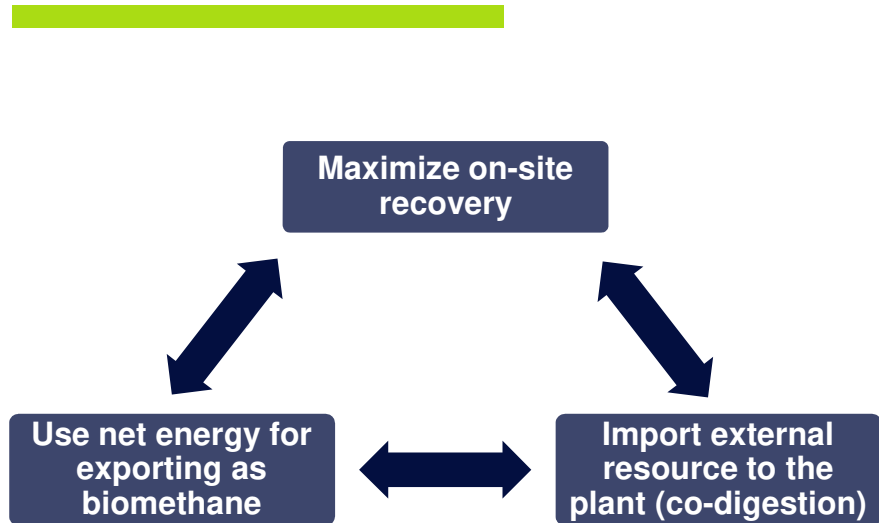


## Benefits

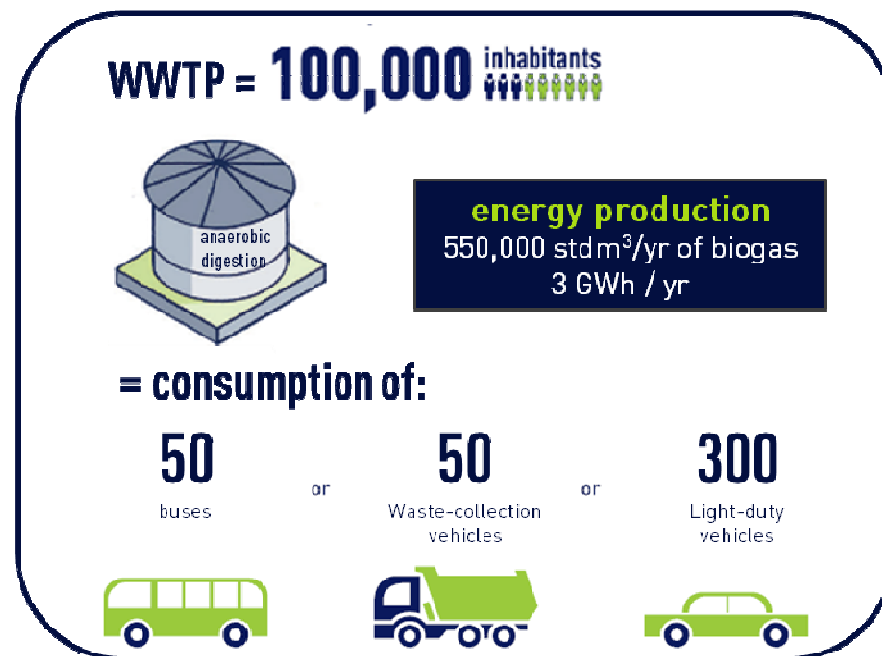
- On-site recovered energy and heat (self-sufficient)
  - recovered heat can be used for digester heating
- Production & sale of electricity
- Heat injection into the grid for urban and industrial heating
- Applicable on any plant size

global efficiency can reach more than 80%

# biogas to biomethane



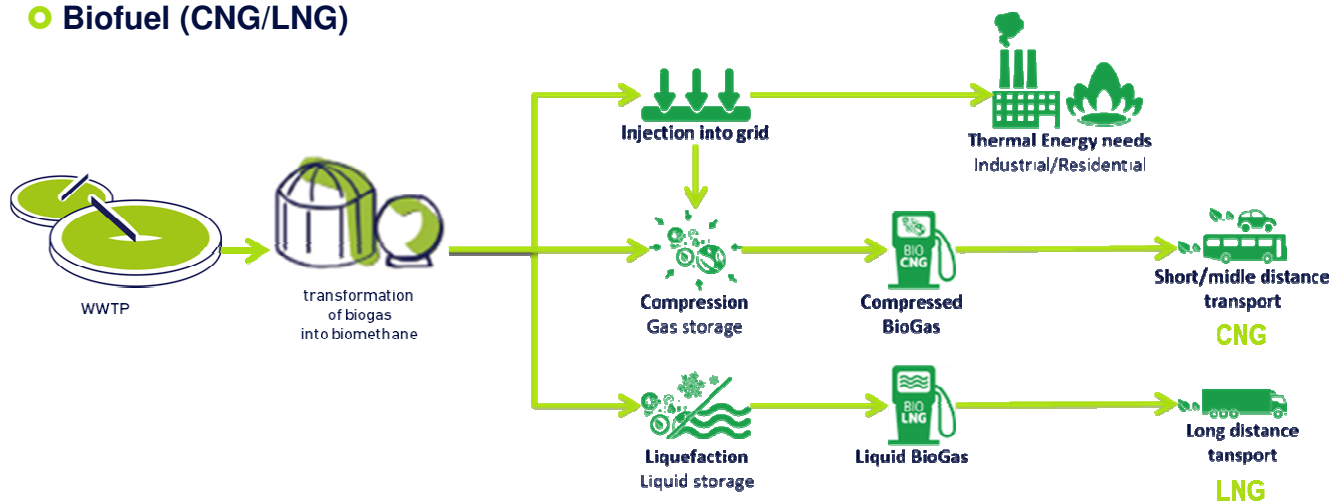
the best pivot for internal and external energy usages



# from wastewater to energy systems

## biomethane may have many applications:

- directly injected into the grid for Energy needs
- Biofuel (CNG/LNG)



## biomethane used as biofuel 2 forms, the same advantages

<p><b>climate change</b> carbon-free neutral carbon footprint <b>-80%</b> greenhouse gas emission</p>	<p><b>living environment</b> vehicles vibrations softening <b>-50%</b> noise emissions</p>
<p><b>energy independence</b> production of 3,000 MWh in fuel for a 100,000 inhabitant territory = <b>1.4 million</b> liters of gasoil saved</p>	<p><b>public health</b> no fine particles (classified as carcinogenic by WHO) <b>-80%</b> <b>NOx emission</b> (nitrogen oxide)</p>

# Recover end-products

nutrient, combustible, fertilizer, soil enhancer



# nutrients recovery

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an increase interest in alternative solutions for phosphorus recovery



## considering that:

- **20%** of current world demand of phosphorus could be covered by recovery from wastewater
- **80%** of phosphorus extracted from phosphate ores is intended for fertilizers

## the solution is:

**to convert phosphorus present in wastewater into valuable fertilizer** to help our clients take a step forward towards **sustainable development** and **circular economy**

## benefits:

- **better slow release fertilizing effect** compared to chemical fertilizer
- **lower the environmental footprint:** the struvite is an alternative to phosphate rock extracted from mines that has a high carbon footprint
- **reduce maintenance cost** with controlled struvite precipitation

# pathogen reduction

produce high value product



# pathogen reduction

take your sludge to an hygienized product (class A biosolids)

## treatment restrictions associated with end usage

The sanitation stage intends to reduce the presence of pathogenic agents to produce **a final product of high quality** that can be reuse for agricultural purposes.

The expectation regarding sludge sanitation depends on:

- **sludge end-usage**
- **and local regulations and standards**

This stage can be assured in a biological, chemical or physical ways.

processes  
to **further** reduce **pathogens**

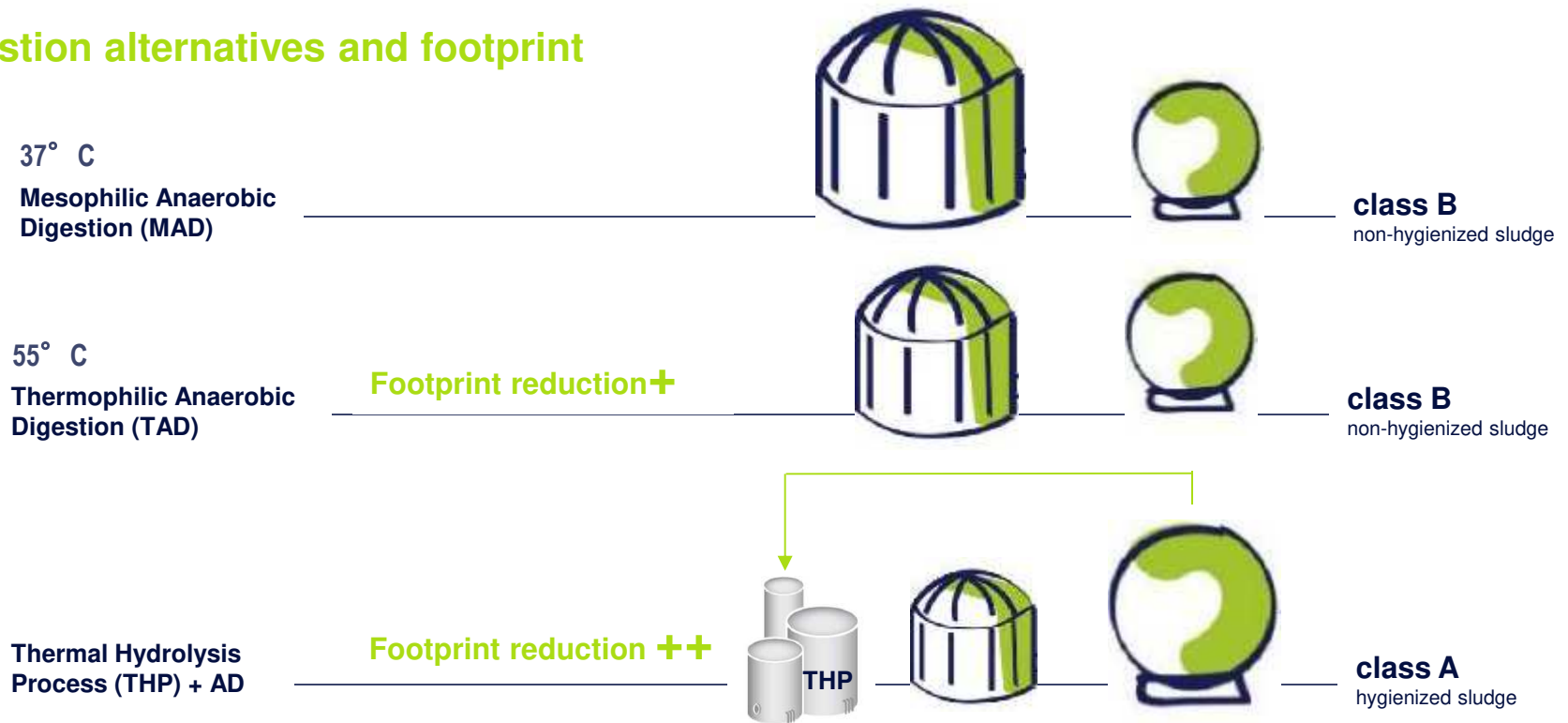
### **Class A Biosolids definition**


Sludge pasteurization as per *EPA\* 40 CFR 503*: “**Enhanced treated sludge will be free from *Salmonella* and will have been treated so as to ensure that 99.9999% pathogens have been destroyed (i.e. a 6 log reduction)**”

\* EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency

# technologies towards compactness and higher quality of treatment

## digestion alternatives and footprint





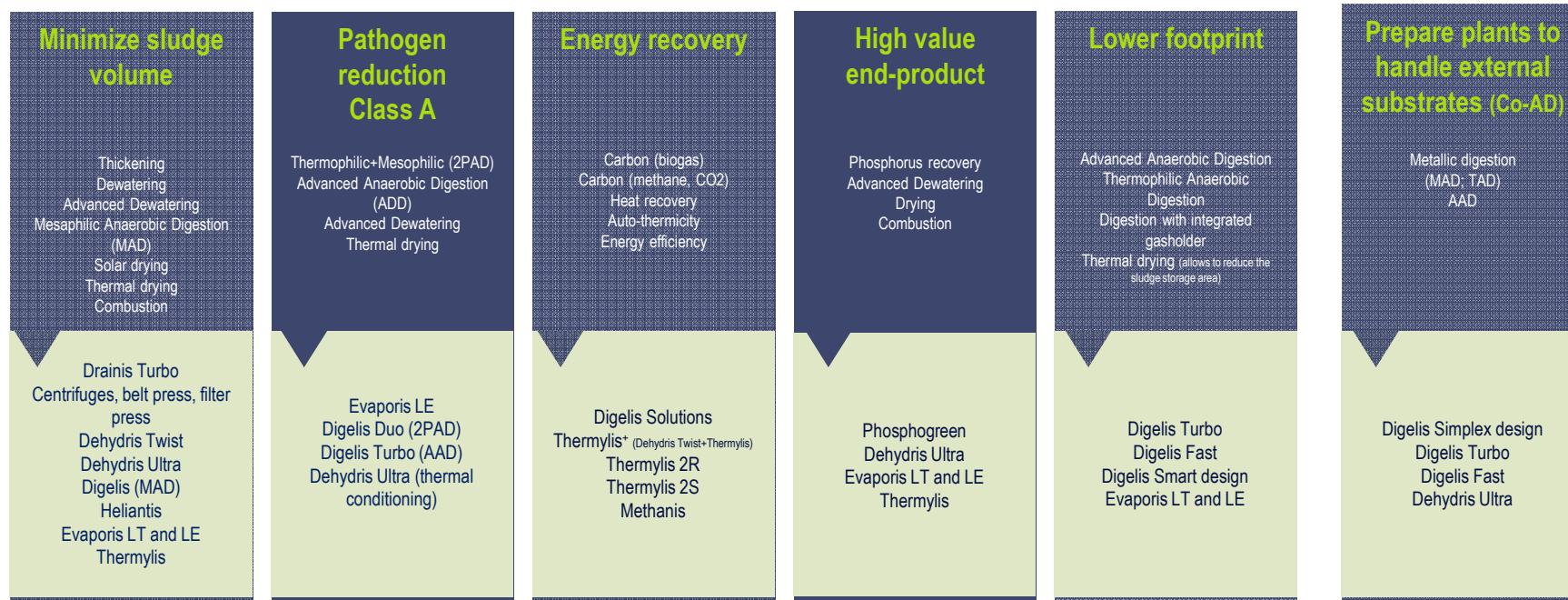
# SUEZ's solutions for biolosids

overview



# our technologies to bear on your business challenges

## for greenfield and brownfield





leading edge  
solutions

to guarantee the future of our resources



# SUEZ leading edge processes

## around biosolids

**THP+MAD**  
Thermal Hydrolysis  
– Mesophilic  
anaerobic digestion

**Digelis Turbo**

**Metallic digester**  
Anaerobic digestion  
and co-digestion

**Digelis Simplex**

**Biogas purification**  
Production of high  
biomethane quality

**Methanis**

**Phosphorus recovery**  
Fertilizer

**Phosphogreen**

**Advanced dewatering**  
Hydro thermal  
carbonization

**Dehydris Ultra**

**Enhanced dewatering**  
High dryness

**Dehydris Twist**

● for biosolids

● for gas



# our references



among our references

## enhanced dewatering

with **Dehydri<sup>TM</sup> Twist**  
(degremont® process)



### **MILAN SAN ROCCO** (Italy)

Municipal wastewater

**1,050,000 PE**

Start up date: 2004

Type of sludge: DIGESTED SLUDGE

- Sludge thickening (GDD)
- Boosted sludge dewatering using piston press technology (1 unit) **Dehydri<sup>TM</sup> Twist**
- Followed by Thermal drying to obtain 65% to 90% dryness

Max. dewatering: **28-32% DS**  
Sludge destination: CEMENT WORKS



### **WEYERSHEIM** (France)

Municipal wastewater

**30,000 PE**

Start up date: 2014

Type of sludge: DIGESTED SLUDGE

- Sludge thickening on GDE screen
- Anaerobic digestion on Digelis<sup>TM</sup> Smart (Simplex design) and biogas valorisation
- Cogeneration
- Boosted sludge dewatering using piston press technology (1 unit) **Dehydri<sup>TM</sup> Twist**

Max. dewatering: **30% DS**  
Sludge destination: INCINERATION



### **CHATEAUBOURG** (France)

Drinking Water Plant

**12,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d**

Start up date: 2013

Type of sludge: DRINKING WATER SLUDGE

As raw water had high level of organic matter and pesticides, the client sought an appropriate treated adapted for the final use of the sludge. The soil-spreading approach that was initially planned involved large sludge treatment and storage facilities. SUEZ therefore proposed a multi-use solution with boosted sludge dewatering using piston press technology (2 units) **Dehydri<sup>TM</sup> Twist**

Max. dewatering: **42% DS**  
Sludge destination: MULTI-USE

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# thermal drying

with Evaporis™ range  
(degremont® process)



**CORK** (Ireland)  
Municipal wastewater  
**448,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2004

Thin film evaporator & belt filter  
(2 units) → **Evaporis™ LE**

- Evaporation capacity: 3,600 kg/h
- Type of sludge: MIXED DIGESTED
- Type of drying: MIXED
- Energy: GAS

**Dry solids inlet: 27%**  
**Dry solids outlet: 90% (pellets)**



**MEITRATZHEIM** (France)  
First in France to recover conventional  
wastewater and agri-food  
wastewater (local sauerkraut  
industry) by methanization in order to  
produce electricity and heat  
**204,000 PE**  
(65,000 for urban wastewater)  
Start up date: 2012

Thin film evaporator & belt filter  
(1 unit) → **Evaporis™ LE**

- Evaporation capacity: 872 kg/h
- Type of sludge: MIXED DIGESTED
- Type of drying: MIXED
- Energy: NATURAL GAS

**Dry solids inlet: 23%**  
**Dry solids outlet: 90% (pellets)**



**SAINT MARCELLIN** (France)  
Municipal wastewater  
**45,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2012

Thermal drying on belt dryer  
(1 unit) → **Evaporis™ LT**

- Type of drying: DIRECT
- Energy: BIOGAS

**Dry solids inlet: 26%**  
**Dry solids outlet: 90% (pellets)**



**CHONGQING** (China)  
Municipal wastewater  
**640,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2009

Thin film evaporator and belt  
filter (3 units) → **Evaporis™ LE**

- Evaporation capacity: 5,910 kg/h
- Type of sludge: MIXED DIGESTED SLUDGE
- Type of drying: MIXED
- Energy: GAS (in the future biogas)

**Dry solids inlet: 26%**  
**Dry solids outlet: 90% (pellets)**

among our references

solar  
drying

with **Heliantis™**  
(degremont@process)



### DIGNE LES BAINS

(France)  
Municipal wastewater

**35,000 PE**

Start up date: 2010

- Thickening on draining tables
- Dewatering on centrifuge
- Solar drying under greenhouse **Heliantis™**
- 147 m<sup>2</sup> of photovoltaic panels

Sludge production:

**370** t DS/year

Dryness output: 70%

Total area: 1,440 m<sup>2</sup>

Sludge reuse: Agriculture



### FOLSCHVILLER

(France)  
Municipal wastewater

**29,000 PE**

Start up date: 2013

- Thickening of mixed sludge on GDD
- Metal compact digester LIPP of 600 m<sup>3</sup> with integrated gasometer Digelis Smart (Simplex design)
- Cogeneration of power of 28kW electric for biogas valorization
- Dewatering on press filter
- Solar drying under greenhouse **Heliantis™**

Sludge production:

**320** t DS/year

Dryness output: 70%

Total area: 1,334 m<sup>2</sup>

Sludge reuse: Agriculture



### PORTO SANTO

(Madeira, Portugal)  
Municipal wastewater

**20,000 PE**

Start up date: 2012

- Sludge dewatering on centrifuge
- Solar drying under greenhouse **Heliantis™**

Sludge production:

**800** t DS/year

Dryness output: 70%

Total area: 736 m<sup>2</sup>



### GRADO

(Spain)  
Municipal wastewater

**25,000 PE**

Start up date: 2008

- Sludge dewatering on centrifuge
- Solar drying under greenhouse **Heliantis™**

Sludge production:

**163** t DS/year

Dryness output: 70%

Total area: 1,032 m<sup>2</sup>

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## combustion

with **Thermylis™** range  
(degremont® process)

sludge  
transformation **into**  
a mineral product



**VALENCE**  
(France)  
Municipal wastewater

**150,000 PE**

Start up date: 2004

- Dewatered by 2 centrifuges, then storage in a silo of 120 m<sup>3</sup>
- Combustion by thermal oxidation on fluidized bed **Thermylis™**

Capacity:  
**500 kg/MS/h**

Reuse in a **cement plant**



**LE HAVRE Edelweiss**  
(France)

Municipal wastewater  
**415,000 PE**

Start up date: 2011

- Dewatered by 3 press filters and then removed by thermal oxidation on fluidized bed **Thermylis™**
- Type of sludge: SBR sludge + skinning

Capacity:  
**1,200 kg/DS/h per unit**  
(1 unit)



**LAKE VIEW**  
(Canada)

Municipal wastewater  
**446,616 m<sup>3</sup>/day**

Start up date: 2009

- Dewatered by centrifuges and combustion by thermal oxidation on fluidized bed **Thermylis™**
- Type of sludge: sewage sludge

Capacity:  
**4,173 kg DS/h per unit**  
(4 units)



**SHANGYANG**  
(Shenzhen city, China)

Municipal wastewater  
**3,000,000 PE**

Start up date: 2013

- Dewatered by centrifuges, pre-drying and combustion by thermal oxidation on fluidized bed **Thermylis™ 2S**
- Type of sludge: biological/fresh mixed sludge

Capacity:  
**800 t/day**

among our references

# biomethane

injection into the natural network



**STRASBOURG-LA-WANTZENEAU** (France)  
Municipal wastewater  
**1,000,000 PE**  
Start up date: Sept. 2015

- **400** Nm<sup>3</sup>/h biogas
- First WWTP in France to inject biomethane into the natural gas network
- Heating of 5,000 households



**CORNIGUEL** (Quimper, France)  
Municipal wastewater  
**250,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2017

- **210** Nm<sup>3</sup>/h biogas
- Biomethane injection into the natural gas network



**LES MUREAUX** (France)  
Municipal wastewater  
**120,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2018

- **100** Nm<sup>3</sup>/h biogas
- Biomethane injection into the natural gas network



**LA FARFANA** (Chile)  
Municipal wastewater  
**3,700,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2015

- **2,800** Nm<sup>3</sup>/h biogas
- Biomethane injection into the local gas network

among our references

biomethane  
biofuel production



**LA ROCHE SUR FORON**  
(France)

Municipal wastewater

**90,000 PE**

Start up date: February 2014

- Pilot: 50 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h biogas
- **BioCNG** filling station
- Operation of the facility



**GRENOBLE** (France)

Municipal wastewater

**400,000 PE**

Start up date: April 2016

- 500 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h biogas
- Biomethane injection into the natural gas network
- Utilisation as **BioCNG** for the 70 buses of the city
- Operations for 15 years facility

among our references

energy  
recovery

cogeneration



**AS SAMRA**  
(Jordan)  
Municipal wastewater  
**2,300,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2008

- Biogas production:  
4 gas holders  
(2 x 5,000 m<sup>3</sup> + 2 x 4,000 m<sup>3</sup>)
- Power production: more than **80%** of the plant's energy requirement are met using endogenous energy resources



**PANAMA City**  
(Panama)  
Municipal wastewater  
**1,000,000 PE**  
Start up date: 2013

- Biogas from the sludge provides **100%** of the electricity needed for the sludge zone (representing 18% of the plant's total energy needs)
- Reuse in cogeneration (700 kW)



**MAPOCHO-EL TREBAL**  
(Chile)  
Municipal wastewater  
**2,715,300 PE**  
Start up date: 2012

- Biological sludge is treated using the **Digelis™ Turbo** which produces an increased amount of biogas. The biogas produced is used for cogeneration, covering **60%** of plant electric needs and at term **100%** of the needs.
- From 2012 reduction of dewatered organic volume by 26%
- 4,600 tones of CO<sub>2</sub> saved



among our references

**nutrients  
recovery**

with **Phosphogreen™**  
(degremont@process)

**phosphorus** recovery



**ÅBY (Aarhus, Denmark)**  
Municipal wastewater  
**84,000 PE**

no primary treatment  
Start-up date: 2013

**inlet of the plant:**  
105 kg/d P<sub>tot</sub>  
450 kg/d N<sub>tot</sub>

**outlet:** 300 kg/d struvite  
(incl. 37 kg P/d)

**~ 35% of the phosphorus  
entering the plant is  
recovered**



**HENNING (Denmark)**  
Municipal wastewater  
**150,000 PE**

primary treatment  
Start-up date: 2015

**inlet of the plant:**  
240 kg/d P<sub>tot</sub>  
1200 kg/d N<sub>tot</sub>

**Outlet:** 290 kg/d struvite  
(incl. 36 kg P/d)

**~ 15% of the  
phosphorus entering the  
plant is recovered**



**MARSELISBORG (Denmark)**  
Municipal wastewater  
**200,000 PE**

primary treatment  
start-up date: 2018  
**outlet:** 828 kg/d struvite (incl. 103 kg P/d)  
**~ 45% of the phosphorus entering the  
plant is recovered**



**SAUSHEIM (Mulhouse, France)**  
Municipal wastewater  
**490,000 PE**

primary treatment  
start-up date: 2020  
**outlet:** 241 kg/d struvite (incl. 30 kg P/d)



**VILLIERS-ST-FREDERIC (France)**  
Municipal wastewater  
**40,000 PE**

primary treatment  
Start-up date: 2019  
**outlet:** 118 kg/d struvite (incl. 15 kg P/d)



**Q & A**