

## WssTP – Membership Colleges

WssTP membership runs from 1st January to 31st December each year. New member applicants must submit an application form. The WssTP Director will then submit the application to the WssTP Board for membership approval.

### Membership Colleges

Membership is open to any legal entity whose activities are related to the water sector and is organized according to the following 5 membership colleges:

#### College A: “Multinational corporations”

“Multinational corporations” refers to large corporations that are registered in more than one country or that have operations in more than one country.

#### College B: “Research and technological developers” (Universities, research and technologies organisations or companies and their associations)

“Research and technological developers” refers to organisations whose main activity is dedicated to research or all sorts of higher education organisations, following the domestic law.

#### College C: “Utilities”

“Utilities” refers to public and private water utilities representing individual consumers and their trade associations.

#### College D: “Suppliers & SME’s” (manufacturers, consultants, and their trade associations)”

“Suppliers & SME’s” refers to private companies which develop and sell their products or services into the water sector.

#### College E: “End-users”

“End-users” refers to organizations that use water at large scale in their processes, including organizations that represent the use of water for irrigation.



## WssTP – How to Join?

Joining WssTP is a straight forward process. For the benefits you will experience as a member, please visit our “Why Join WssTP” page ([www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu)).

### How do I know if I am eligible?

To become a member of WssTP, your organization must be related to the water sector, having a significant interest in water related research development and innovation.

You will need to apply according to one of our 5 colleges representing the different water stakeholders: A, B, C,D and E. To get more information on this, and find out which college your organization belongs to; please view our “Membership Colleges” brochure.

### How do I submit an application?

1. Step one: download the application form from our website: [www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu) and fill it out. Afterwards, send it to [membership@wsstp.eu](mailto:membership@wsstp.eu)
2. Step two: once you have sent your application, you will receive a confirmation mail and your application will be submitted to the Board for approval. We will keep you informed throughout the whole process.
3. Step three: once your membership has been confirmed, you will receive a “Welcome Letter”. Afterwards, an invoice corresponding to your first annual membership fee will be sent to you.

### What if I need to know more?

To discuss further any aspect of membership, please do not hesitate to contact us, via e-mail at [membership@wsstp.eu](mailto:membership@wsstp.eu) or phone us on +32(0)27927552.



## WssTP – Why Join?

### What is WssTP?

The Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform (WssTP) was initiated by the European Commission in 2004 for Research and Technology Development in the water industry and became an independent legal entity funded by memberships in 2007.

Its aim is to provide key inputs on the important challenges related to the European water research, technology development and innovation, as well as to provide recommendations on the coordination of EU policies in the water cycle to improve water efficiency and integration of research results and so to boost the innovation cycle.

Working within a diverse and fragmented setting, the WssTP aims to develop an effective collaboration between the different communities working in the water sector. Currently WssTP is led by industry with collaboration with academia, research organizations and water users whose main goals are to improve efficiency, increase economic growth and increase the competitiveness of the EU water sector.

At 1st January 2017, WssTP was supported by over 165 members, 315 contributing organizations across 18 countries and our Working Groups are supported by 700 individual contributors.

### What are our Working Groups?

The new WssTP Working Groups (WGs) have different scopes (strategic, thematic, technological, etc.). WssTP strongly encourages its members to be engaged with these WssTP WGs or come up with initiatives to propose new topics for WGs so as to develop a strong network which will set up the basis for future partnerships as well as the creation of synergies to broaden and diversify their know-how and action fields.

Proposals for WssTP WGs need to be approved by Board of Directors and will be coordinated by a Steering Group, composed by the leaders of the different WGs. Participations to WssTP WGs will also remain open for non-members upon invitation.



## Which are the benefits of becoming a WssTP member?

WssTP members have access to a variety of beneficial services and tools that are supplied with the aim of both strengthening our members and their roles in the European water sector, and helping advance WssTP as part of a mutually beneficial relationship.

As WssTP is a key partner for the EU for the creation and support of the new water policies which define the course of action for the water sector within the upcoming years, our members are benefited by an exclusive access to a forum of discussion that allows collaboration and innovative development of the water sector.

WssTP works with individual members to ascertain exactly what and how we can offer a truly profitable membership. This tailored approach ensures that WssTP members get as much as possible out of their membership with us.

*“As a member, your organization will gain recognition as a key player in the progressing the competitiveness of the European water sector”*

## By joining WssTP your organization can:

- a. Be a key player in decisions for the water sector:** decide the WssTP strategy through the General Assembly
- b. Deliver strategic vision:** to the European Commission through evidence based reports on water research
- c. Be involved in active implementation:** by joining the different Working Groups already in progress or having your own initiative
- d. Benefit from collaboration:** with different stakeholders, working in the water sector
- e. Be involved in events, workshops and brokerage events**
- f. Gain exposure and visibility:** gain visibility through WssTP communication tools (Observatory, Website, etc.)
- g. Be part of a valuable information network:** get water research targeted information from our internal publications
- h. Advance your own organization:** with the tools, networks, information and resources that WssTP can offer exclusively to members
- i. Identify future research:** needs and challenges from Fundamental Research to Implementation Projects
- j. Deliver the results:** to European Research Programmes for the water sector

