

## If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water. [Loren Eiseley, anthropologist]

2022 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

#### MAIN PURPOSES AND CHALLENGES WE ADDRESS WITH SOLUTIONS



### Environmental

- Adaptation to the climate emergency and water stress
- Protecting biodiversity
- Access to renewable energies



### Social

- Water accessibility for vulnerable individuals and families
- Social awareness regarding the care and quality of water



### Economic

• Optimising water cycle management, water quality and availability to ensure the development and quality of life of millions of people



#### DID YOU KNOW?

The United Nations reports that more than one in six people in the world are affected by water stress, i.e. they have no access to safe drinking water.

## Creating value







Investment in social actions in communities (social action investment and awareness raising)





Supply networks 51,295 km 45,399 km in 2021 (13% chg)

DWTPs 259239 in 2021 (8% chg)

Industrial capital managed

Customer management

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SWTPs 2828 in 2021 (0% chg)

Drinking water pumping stations 1,5071.194 in 2021 (26% chg)



1,284,945 e-invoice customers

336,110 customers using the Virtual Office

0.71%complaint rate through efficient customer relationship channels



Drinking water tanks 2,0922,867 in 2021 (8% chq)

Treatment plants 867 866 in 2021 (0% chg)

Human capital

Technological capital

Share capital

Good governance



Implementation of good governance as a result of the Compliance Model

At companies owned by Aqualia



In investee companies at the international level



# Caring for nature

We believe in an end-to-end and circular water cycle, capable of turning cities into respectful spaces and balancing the relationship between the environment and people.

As experts, we want to transmit our feeling of responsibility, bringing knowledge about water management to citizens so that they are informed and become aware of the vitality of the service and environmental problems.

#### TAKING ACTION TO REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION

Aqualia has developed its own digitalisation programmes for smart metering in 2022. One of these programmes is Aqualia Water Analytics (AWA), the analytical platform for smart water cycle management integrated into Aqualia Live, was conceived at this headquarters. By applying artificial intelligence and machine learning, the company achieves the necessary information for the pre-location of leaks and rapid detection in facilities with the aim of reducing the volume of non-revenue water (NRW) out of the total injected into the distribution network to less than or equal to 27% by 2023.

#### **OPTIMISING ENERGY USE TO REDUCE EMISSIONS**

- We calculate the individual carbon footprint per country.
- We are in the fourth phase of the plans to install photovoltaic energy in the water treatment and water purification plants in which we operate.
- We completed a power purchase agreement (PPA) and the closing of rates in the fixed and futures markets.
- We have commissioned 15 photovoltaic power plants in Spain.
- We are in the process of installing a further 17 plants with a planned annual production of 25.8 GWh.

#### PROTECTING AND RECOVERING ECOSYSTEMS

- We adhere to the Spanish Business and Biodiversity Initiative (IEEB) and the Pact for Biodiversity.
- In 2022, we identified 7 new protected spaces to develop projects that will allow us to recover ecosystems.

#### RAISING AWARENESS IN THE CIVILIAN SECTOR

• We carry out numerous local and global awareness-raising initiatives to convey our firm commitment to responsible management, bringing knowledge about the end-to-end water cycle closer to citizens so that they are informed and aware of how vital this service is for their well-being and development, as well as for the protection of the environment.

#### INNOVATING AND BRINGING TECHNOLOGICAL TO PRODUCTION

 European policies for the transition to a decarbonised economy mark our roadmap in the development of innovative circular economy and eco-efficiency solutions and smart management tools for water resource efficiency.



Reduction in the volume of non-revenue water planned for 2023 27%



Emission reductions in 2022 15.846 t



+6,200 h training through the Children's Digital Drawing Contest

new protected

areas



The total R&D investment figure for 2022 was 5,266,738 €

# We are committed to end-to-end and smart management





# We are people committed to citizens

We are people who work for the well-being of others. Our mission as professionals drives us to train to seek new horizons. We demonstrate our great vocation for public service every day by facing the challenges of the present and the future of water.

For this reason, we are there when they need us, we solve and generate trust. We are talent committed to the health of people and the planet.

#### COMMITTED TO A DIVERSE, EQUAL-OPPORTUNITY WORKING POPULATION

- We are a full member of the Global Compact and take responsibility for upholding the identity, dignity and equality of people, both inside and outside the company.
- We also renewed our participation in the Diversity Charter and maintained our membership of the #CEOPorLaDiversidad alliance.
- Throughout 2022, we implemented the commitments made in the 3rd Equality Plan, which we signed for the period 2021–2025.



Women in executive and middle management positions

22.04%

#### PROMOTING EMPLOYABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Training hours Health, safety and well-being 55,838

Languages **32,639** 

Technical training **26,373**  +100

professionals participated in face-to-face training Cultural transformation towards sustainability at Aqualia



860 new hires 132 internships Permanent contracts in Spain 93%

87% in 2021

ENGAGING OUR STAFF

• During 2022, we sent 334 internal communications in various formats and languages and launched Aqualia Global News, a company-wide newsletter.



#### WITH HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

- We approved the 2nd Edition of the Strategic Plan for Health and Well-being for 2022–2024, whose basic pillars are:
  Putting papels at the centre
  - > Putting people at the centre.
  - > Achieving an increasingly healthy working environment.
  - > Improving health and well-being.

9.84



Accident frequency index in 2022

# Our sustainable and transparent governance

We are private managers of a public asset. We owe it to the citizens and that is why we operate under the highest standards of integrity, ethics and business transparency.

The company works to maintain relationships of respect, trust and equal opportunities with each of our collaborators and different publics.

#### TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

- We work on the implementation of our Compliance Model in all companies over which we have operational control.
- We have approved the appointment of local Compliance Officers to ensure its successful international expansion.
- We share tips on ethical culture through Compliance Tips.



4,281 employees informed about Aqualia's policies and procedures on corruption



2,610 employees were trained on the Code of Ethics and Conduct

#### **RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY CHAIN AND DUE DILIGENCE**

• The 2021-2023 Strategic Sustainability Plan aims to transfer Aqualia's culture, ethical values and compliance to the supply chain.



15,288 suppliers (local: 14,940)



40.4% approved suppliers in Spain



Assessments by type of supplier\*

In 2022, we assessed the

100%

processes related

to corruption risks

5% global suppliers

95% local suppliers

\*Supplier criteria for approval:

- Suppliers whose turnover exceeds €50,000 (2022).

- Suppliers selected on the basis of the classification of materials considered risky by compliance with turnover > €10,000. - Suppliers from the list of hazardous activities with invoicing in 2022.

This brings the list of suppliers eligible for approval to 911 (2022).



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