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# Introduction to Cost Analysis tool for DWTP operators

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# Topics and activities

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# The aim of the CA tool

The aim of the cost analysis is to provide a helpful step in order to make a reasonable choice between technology in use and technology developed during LIFE Alchemia.

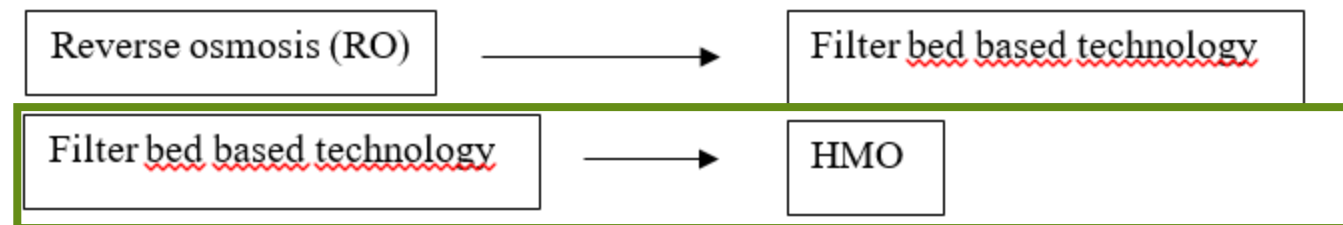
What is reasonable?

Appropriate decision in order to lower costs and reduce NORM.

# The basis of CA

The CA is developed and conducted on the grounds of following aspects:

- can be done independently;
- does not include benefit separately – reducing costs are the benefit side;
- 30 year's prospect
- Only economic aspects. In the final phase, social and other related aspects should also be considered if they prove to be important from the viewpoint of environmental, radiation protection etc.



# The basis of CA (2)

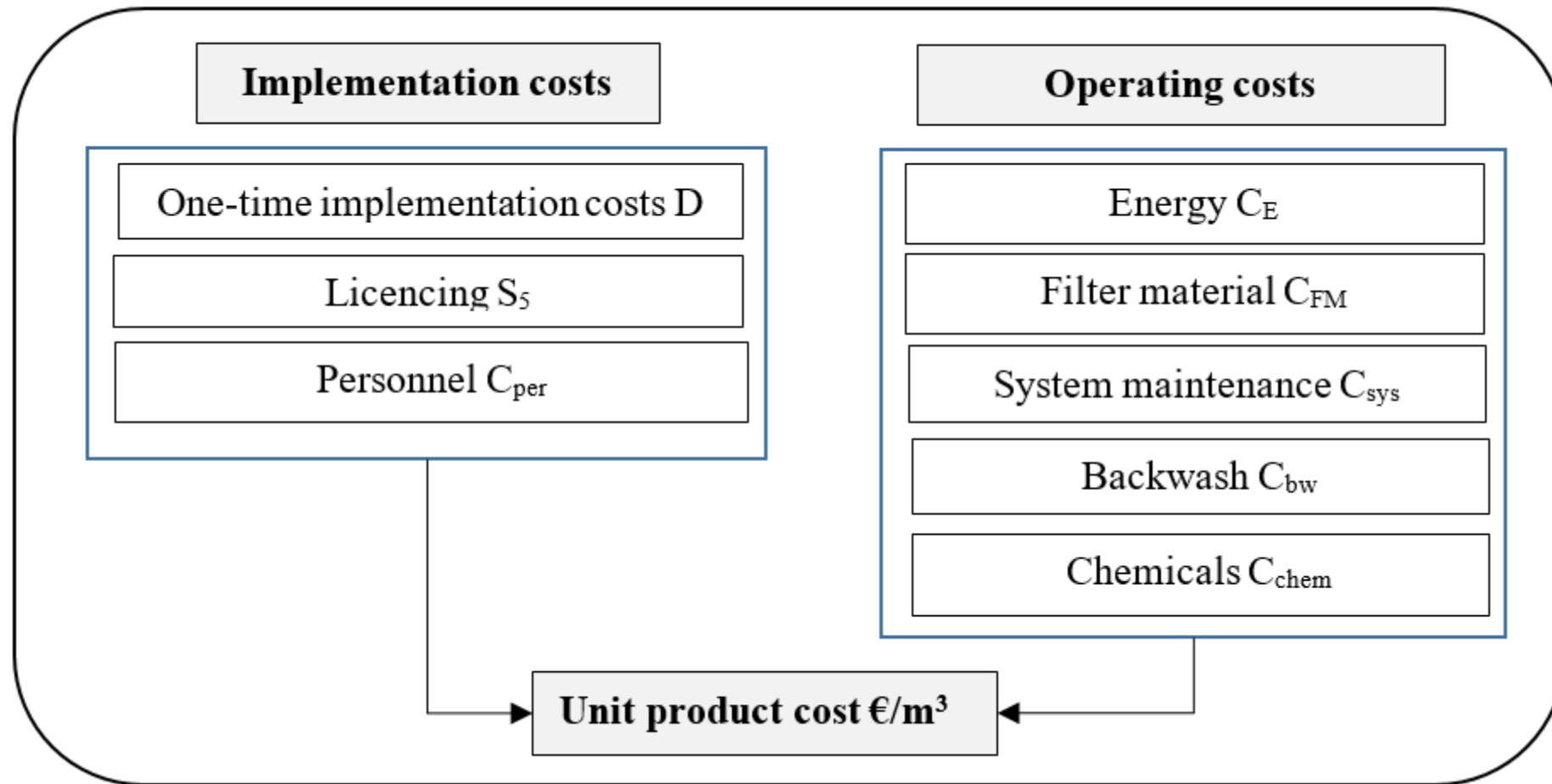
## PARAMETERS:

- Local conditions – information about the WTP
- Selected criteria – acquired during the project and from initial feedback

When describing the parameters, the unit production cost in €/m<sup>3</sup> is used.

## COSTS:

- Implementation costs – directly related to application of new technology
- Operating costs – continuous costs



# Gathering background information

Background situation should be known/described: legislative situation, national strategy for waste management etc

- What are the regulatory requirements on drinking water?
- What types of waste are generated in consideration of radiation protection?
- What is the local framework on waste generated in WTP-s - exemption and clearance levels, guidelines and strategies provided by the regulatory body?
- Is there any other important information necessary for making a rational choice?
- Additional: sampling?

# Cost elements: Operation

## Energy consumption

$$C_E = \frac{E_y}{V_y}$$

$E_y$  annual electricity cost as of conducting the analysis [€/yr]

$V_y$  annual water production capacity i.e. water produced in the WTP (not to be confused with water delivered to the consumer) [m<sup>3</sup>/yr]

Input: annual energy consumption, price of electricity



# Cost elements: Operation (2)

## Filter material

$$C_{FM} = \frac{(F * m_1 + N * m_2)}{V_y * k}$$

$F$	purchasing cost for filter material [€/t]
$m_1$	volume of the new filter material [t]
$N$	waste management costs of the old filter material [€/t]
$m_2$	volume of the old filter material [t]
$V_y$	annual water production capacity i.e. water produced in the WTP (not to be confused with water delivered to the consumer) [m <sup>3</sup> /yr]
$k$	usage time of the filter material [y]

Input: quotes from providers, WTP information

# Cost elements: Operation (3)

System maintenance

Input: averaged yearly maintenance costs, exchanging apparatus etc

However, for selected criteria, one can use the value of 2% of implementation costs (D).

# Cost elements: Operation (4)

## Backwash

$$C_{bw} = C_1 * p$$

$C_1$	cost of producing 1 m <sup>3</sup> of water [€/m <sup>3</sup> ]
$p$	% of water used for backwash

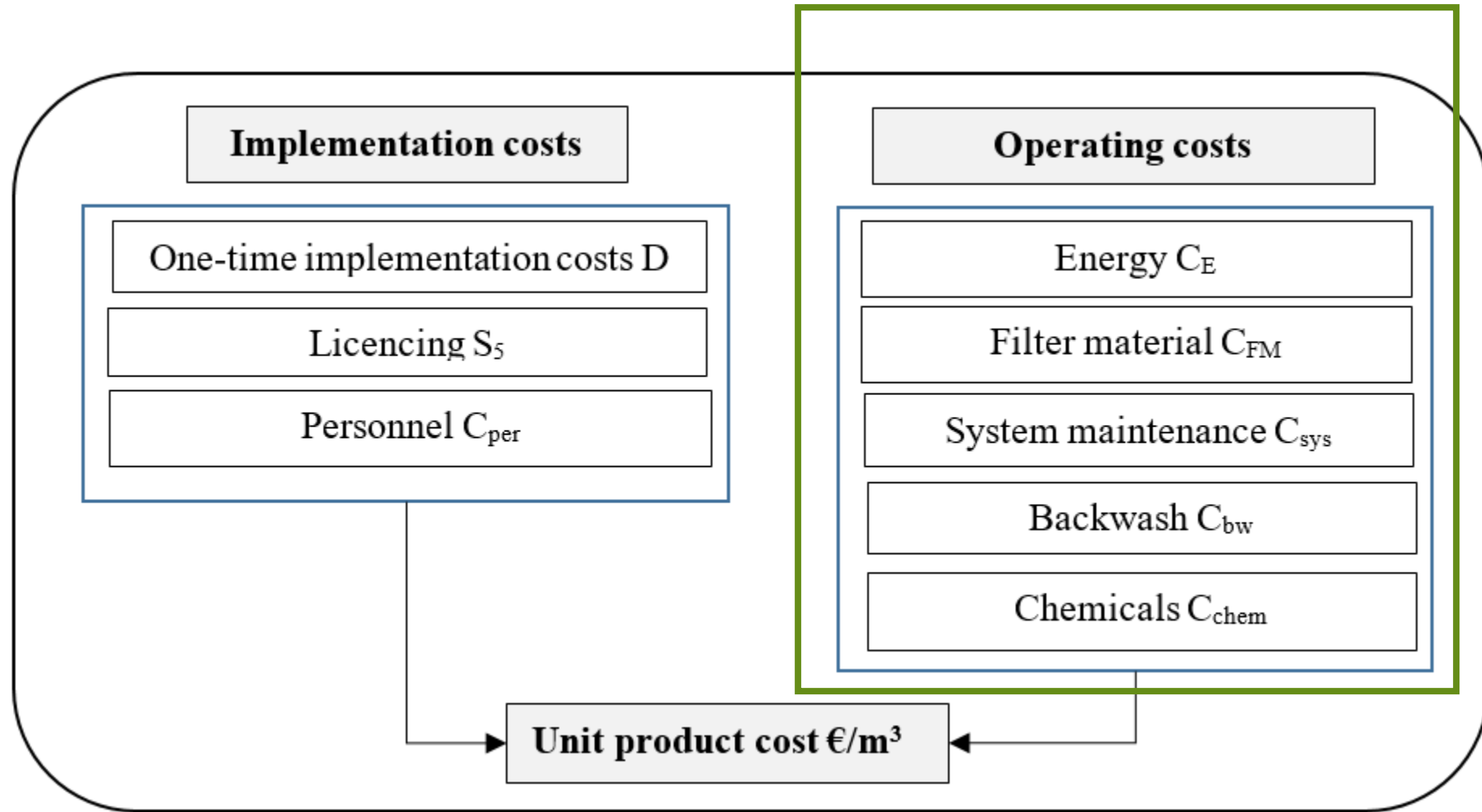
Input: According to the practice of Viimsi Vesi Ltd., backwash makes around 2% of overall production. Same value with pilot plant. However, some feedback showed higher values.

# Cost elements: Operation (5)

## Chemicals

For HMO,  $\text{MnSO}_4$ ,  $\text{NaOH}$ ,  $\text{KMnO}_4$  are needed.

Input: quotes from providers. Default values from pilot are provided.



# Cost elements: implementation

One-time costs include physical parts (equipment, pumps, mixers) and costs regarding filter material **if there** is a need to replace it.

Also additional personnel costs may occur – need for training.

# Output

The tool is only a helpful part, final decision may be affected from many other aspects.

Unit cost factors	Local condition cost factors	HMO cost factors [€/m3]	Difference [€/m3]
C_p	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
C_E	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
C_FM	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
C_sys	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
C_bw	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
C_chem	0	0	0
$\Sigma \Delta C$			#DIV/0!

If  $\Sigma \Delta c_n > 0$ , then it is reasonable to implement a new technology and  
when  $\Sigma \Delta c_n < 0$ , then it is not reasonable to implement a new technology.

# Progress

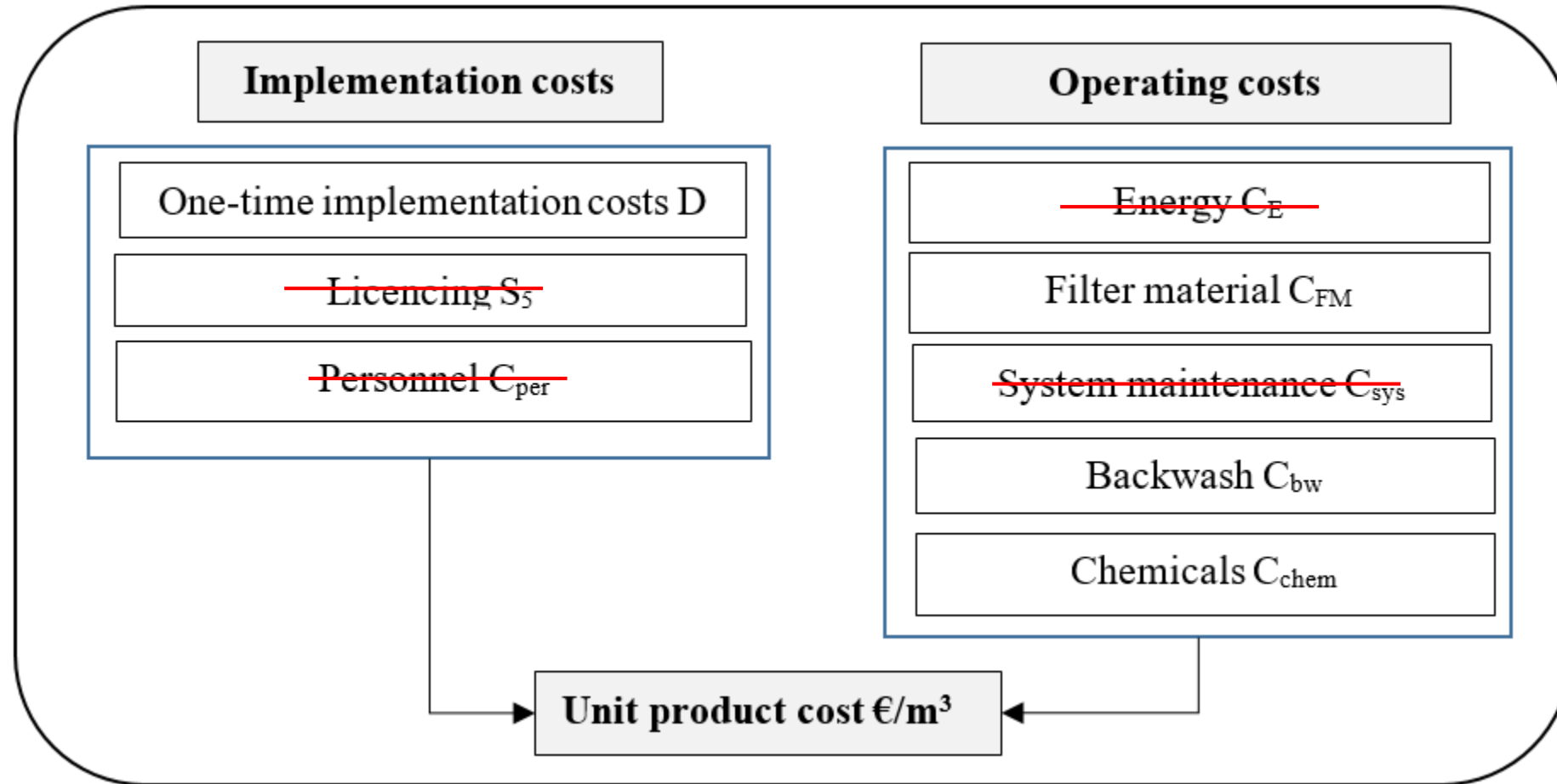
First feedback sent out and received:

- Hard to grasp, too detailed, unreasonable;
- Other unforeseen costs may be included when implementing a new technology;
- E.g. personnel

**Summary:** only to assess cost elements directly available from R&D i.e. pilot plant and also from practice from other operating WTPs.



# Cost elements v2.0



LEGEND:			
Insert input			
LOCAL CONDITION COST FACTORS			
lifetime in years	L	30	y
capacity in a year	V_y		m <sup>3</sup> /yr
capacity in a lifetime	V_L	0	m <sup>3</sup>
Personnel	C_p	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
annual personnel cost	P_y		€/y
Energy consumption	C_E	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
annual energy consumption of the WTP	E		kWh/y
price of the electricity	E_€		€/kWh
annual cost for energy consumption	E_y	0	€/y
Filter material	C_FM	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
purchasing cost for filter material	F		€/t
volume of the new filter material	m_1		t
volume of the old filter material	m_2		t
waste management costs	N		€/t
usage time of the filter material	k		y
annual filter material related costs	FM_y	#DIV/0!	€/y
System maintenance	C_sys	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
annual maintenance costs	Sys_y		€/y
Backwash	C_bw	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
% of water used for backwash	p_1		%
cost of producing 1 m <sup>3</sup> of water	C_1		€/m <sup>3</sup>
water used for backwash	V_bw	0	m <sup>3</sup> /y
annual cost of backwash	BW_y	0	€/y

Cost element to be used when local cost factors NOT available			
Waste management costs N if classified as NORM	120	€/t	
Waste management costs N if not classified as NORM	76.2	€/t	
% of water used for backwash	2	%	
Chemical prices			
MnSO4	0.01425	€/m <sup>3</sup>	
NaOH	0.00095	€/m <sup>3</sup>	
KMnO4	0.00324	€/m <sup>3</sup>	

SELECTED CRITERIA			
FILTER BED BASED WTP-S (HMO implementation)			
Implementation costs	D	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
HMO dosage system:	D_1	0	€
Containers for the solution	S_1		€
dosage pumps	S_2		€
mixers	S_3		€
Removal of the filter material			
volume of the filter material	m_3		t
waste management costs	N		€/t
other significant costs related to the removal	s		€
total costs for removal of the filter material	S_4	0	€
Licencing	S_5		€
Total costs for new technology implementation	ΣS_j	0	€
Implementation costs for one year	(ΣS_j)/L	0	€/y
Personnel	D_p	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
one time training costs	P_train1	0	€
one time training costs per capita	P_t		€/people
number of personnel needed to be trained	P_c		people
one time training cost for WTP lifetime	P_train	0	€/y
annual personnel costs	P_y		€/y
total personnel costs	P_L	0	€/y
Operation costs	C		€/m <sup>3</sup>
Energy consumption	D_E	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
annual energy consumption	E		kWh/y
price of the electricity	E_€		€/kWh
total cost for electricity per year	E_y	0	€/y
Filter material	D_FM	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
purchasing cost for filter material	F		€/t
volume of the new filter material	m_1		t
volume of the old filter material	m_2		t
waste management costs	N		€/t
usage time of the filter material	k		y
annual costs related to filter material	FM_y	#DIV/0!	€/y
System maintenance	D_sys	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
annual cost for system maintenance	Sys_y	#DIV/0!	€/y
proportion of maintenance costs from implementing costs	p_2	2	%/y
Backwash	D_bw	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>
% of water used for backwash	p		%
cost of producing 1 m <sup>3</sup> of water	C_1		€/m <sup>3</sup>
water volume used for backwash	V_bw	0	m <sup>3</sup> /y
annual cost for backwash	BW_y	0	€/y
Chemicals	D_kem	0	€/m <sup>3</sup>
MnSO4	C_Mn		€/m <sup>3</sup>
NaOH	C_Na		€/m <sup>3</sup>
KMnO4	C_K		€/m <sup>3</sup>

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C_sys	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
C_bw	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
C_chem	0	0	0
ΣΔC			#DIV/0!

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LOCAL CONDITION COST FACTORS						SELECTED CRITERIA						$C_{FM} = \frac{(F * m_1 + N * m_2)}{V_y * k}$ <p><i>F</i> purchasing cost for filter material [€/t] <i>m<sub>1</sub></i> volume of the new filter material [t] <i>N</i> waste management costs of the old filter material [€/t] <i>m<sub>2</sub></i> volume of the old filter material [t] <i>V<sub>y</sub></i> annual water production capacity i.e. water produced in the WTP (not to be confused with water delivered to the consumer) [m<sup>3</sup>/yr] <i>k</i> usage time of the filter material [y]</p>		
Filter material	C_FM	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>	Filter material	D_FM	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>							
purchasing cost for filter material	F		€/t	purchasing cost for filter material	F		€/t							
volume of the new filter material	m_1		t	volume of the new filter material	m_1		t							
volume of the old filter material	m_2		t	volume of the old filter material	m_2		t							
waste management costs	N		€/t	waste management costs	N		€/t							
usage time of the filter material	k		y	usage time of the filter material	k		y							
annual filter material related costs	FM_y	#DIV/0!	€/y	annual costs related to filter material	FM_y	#DIV/0!	€/y							
Backwash	C_bw	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>	Backwash	C_bw	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>	$C_{bw} = C_1 * p$ <p><i>C<sub>1</sub></i> cost of producing 1 m3 of water [€/m<sup>3</sup>] <i>p</i> % of water used for backwash</p>						
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cost of producing 1 m <sup>3</sup> of water	C_1		€/m <sup>3</sup>	cost of producing 1 m <sup>3</sup> of water	C_1		€/m <sup>3</sup>							
water used for backwash	V_bw	0	m <sup>3</sup> /y	water used for backwash	V_bw	0	m <sup>3</sup> /y							
annual cost of backwash	BW_y	0	€/y	annual cost of backwash	BW_y	0	€/y							
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				KMnO4	C_K		€/m <sup>3</sup>							
Cost element to be used when local cost factors NOT available				Implementation costs				D	#DIV/0!	€/m <sup>3</sup>	Local conditions filter material is needed to be exchanged any way, default value Selected criteria same as the last one, but we need the accumulation rate from R HMO new technology requires new filter material			
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				other significant costs related to the removal				s		€				
				total costs for removal of the filter material				S_4	0	€				
				total costs for new technology implementation				ΣS_i	0	€				
				implementation costs for the lifetime				(ΣS_i)/L	0	€/y				

# CASE STUDIES

# What are we gonna do today?

- **Case 1:** small plant
  - 1000 m<sup>3</sup>/d
  - 35 tons of filter material
- **Case 2:** big plant
  - 4500 m<sup>3</sup>/d
  - 160 tons of filter material
- **Additional:** input from you on the basis of handouts

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