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Let's Train Local Practitioners Better

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Description / Abstract

Water has proven to be a knowledge intense sector. Water professionals, practitioners have to stay up to date with their knowledge, knowhow and skills. Life-long learning describes the learning history of a professional during his working life. The length of the life-long learning exceeds three times the duration of the initial education. This length added to the fast changing technologies and ICT underline the importance of life time development.

Worldwide a scream for well-educated and/or well-trained water practitioners can be heard, especially for technical matters. Water training centers focus on the applied knowledge in the water sector and mainly on a vocational level. World Water Academy is the leading training institute for water management in the Netherlands and abroad. Established in 1993 by the Dutch water sector to provide practical knowledge and to improve the quality of work of their operating staff.

Wateropleidingen / World Water Academy has developed an innovative and sustainable method of training practitioners: The concept 'for and by professionals'.

Passionate experienced water professionals share their know how, knowledge and skills to train and to inspire their peers. Key issue is the combination of water content and didactics. A good professional is not a good trainer per se. A water professional needs didactical skills and tools to become a professional trainer, who trains and shares his knowledge and experiences to his colleagues adequately. Didactical experts design the interaction with the participants to secure the exchange of know-how and expertise.

This concept is executed in international context and proved to inspire the operators all over. The local capacity can be strengthening by the local practitioners themselves, however by well trained professionals and in an inspiring learning environment.

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