

PRESS RELEASE 12/2021 – WATER-MINING project

Title: The WATER-MINING Consortium prioritises the privacy of information and adopts the QUODARI social network for internal communication

Subtitle: The WATER-MINING Consortium - led by TU Delft professor Patricia Osseweijer – has collaborated with QUODARI since October 2021 for the project’s internal communication, and will use the platform to link the project’s 38 partner organisations in the 12 participating countries.

Text: QUODARI - founded in the Netherlands - is the first European social platform in which the privacy of information stored is the main focus. The WATER-MINING Consortium intends for this tool to allow the free exchange of knowledge and research results with all Consortium partners in a secure environment, with the information kept in a safe storage system within the European boundaries. As the project coordinator, professor Osseweijer confirms: “Since the start of the project in September 2020, we have been searching for a suitable tool to collaborate with our partners in a safe way. An important criterion



for the chosen tool was that all data are kept within Europe, and preferably in The Netherlands. Therefore, many of the Big Tech solutions did not qualify. We also wanted the chosen platform to be user-friendly, and encourage online collaboration between the teams, which is so important nowadays, especially with the COVID-19 restrictions! From our point of view, the QUODARI platform offers exactly this. QUODARI has an inclusive view on privacy that matches our values. Our Consortium partners have responded well to the platform, especially because of its ease of use and intuitive handling”.

Patricia Osseweijer from TU Delft. Coordinator of the WATER-MINING project (photo credits: REVOLVE)

From their side, Paul Pennarts, CEO of QUODARI adds: “The force of QUODARI is a combination of file sharing and the functions of a social network. The different working groups can use the platform not only to share research results, progress reports, and meeting minutes, but also to exchange news and scientific background information in an easy, fast, and comfortable way. The click between QUODARI and WATER-MINING was there from the beginning, as we are both keen to improve the world in our own way. WATER-MINING focuses on the demonstration of sustainable use and recycling of wastewater, whilst QUODARI aims to develop an honest platform in which privacy is key. Our collaboration shows that the academic world does not have to depend on large platforms. Data sovereignty is our focus.”



Paul Pennarts, co-founder and CEO of QUODARI (source: QUODARI)

QUODARI and WATER-MINING began collaborating in October 2021 and will do so for the remainder of WATER-MINING project in September 2024. As a progressive organisation aiming at social impact, WATER-MINING has also chosen for 'digital sustainability': privacy, respect and health. This is in line with the societal evolution with regard to privacy. As part of the collaboration, WATER-MINING will work with QUODARI to innovate in a co-creation mode. Based on feedback and suggestions, the platform will be further extended.

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ABOUT WATER-MINING

WATER-MINING is an EU-funded multidisciplinary research project that creates water management solutions using a circular economy approach. The project's consortium consists of 38 public and private partners and four linked third parties from 12 countries and is led by the Delft University of Technology (TU Delft, the Netherlands). WATERMINING works with pilot sites in Cyprus, Spain, Portugal, Italy and the Netherlands to demonstrate new and efficient ways to reclaim nutrients, minerals, biopolymers, energy and freshwater from desalination, and industrial and urban wastewater. To successfully integrate these value-added products into resource supply chains, the project produces science-based, market-oriented policy recommendations, designs circular business models, and engages stakeholders, leading to sustainable management of water resources.

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ABOUT QUODARI

QUODARI is the first private social platform for sharing news, information and knowledge. A platform without advertisements, trackers and algorithms. Both for private and business use. One can choose QUODARI to save and share, in a simple construction without concerns on data privacy. In addition, QUODARI is an honest channel for communication with colleagues in industry, organizations and societies. QUODARI is a Dutch company with the ambition to become a global player in privacy friendly web-based solutions. Data sovereignty for consumers and organizations is the purpose with our motto: privacy first.

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