



European Technology Platform – Sustainable Mineral Resources

***Mineral Industry needs an initiative of research on
water & energy
integrated management:***

Eco-efficient Management of Water in the Mineral Industry “ECOWAMI”

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Roots

Mineral exploitation consumes water & energy in different ways at all stages:

- Exploration and resource estimation**
- Mining & mineral processing (+ metal processing)**
- After the mine closure**



Facts

Water consumption

- Aggregates in Europe: 1.3 to 15 Billion m³ water per year
- Metal mining: 1.21 m³ per tonne of saleable product

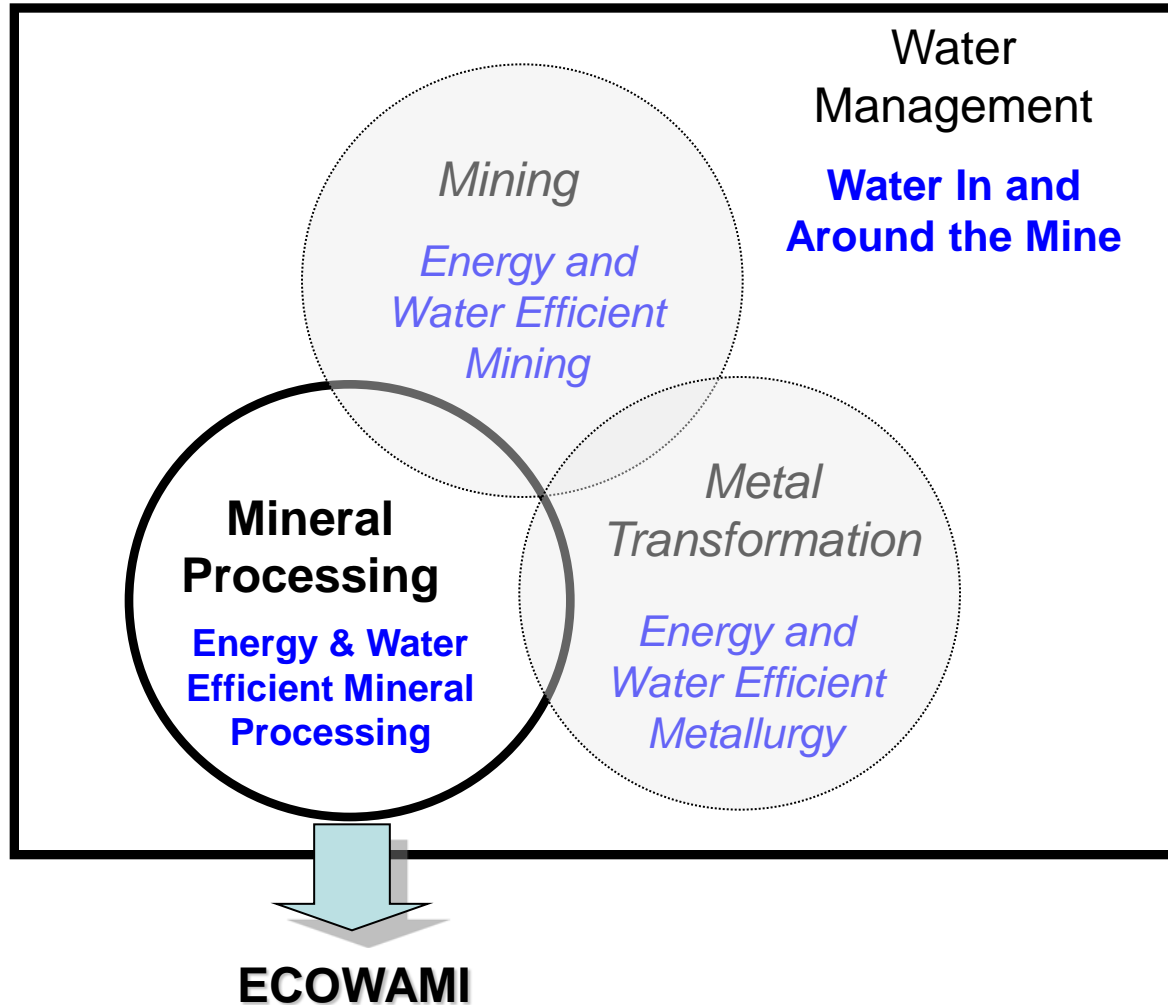
Energy consumption

- Metal and mineral industry = 286,000 GWh = ca 10% total energy consumed in Europe

- **On a time scale, the impact is beyond these figures**
- **Minerals exploitation will grow to fulfil demand**
- **Governance on environmental issues in Europe and outside is on a positive trend for a reduction of the impacts**



Concept of the initiative

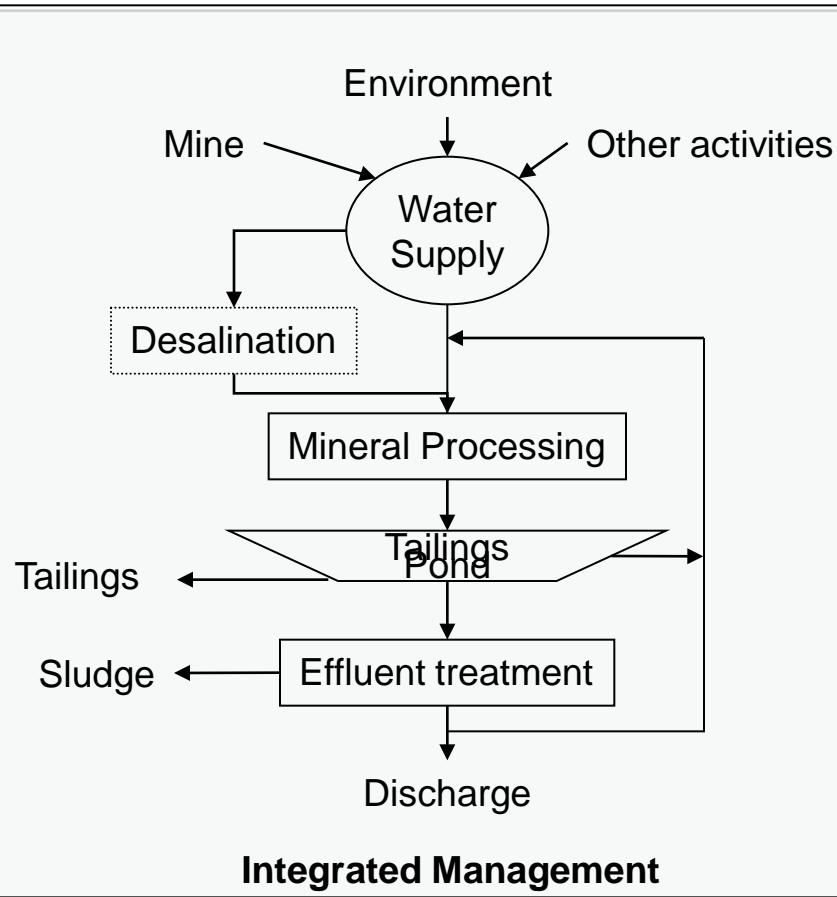




Aims and scope of “Eco-Efficient Management of Water in the Mineral Industry” ECOWAMI

Block diagram with main focuses

AIMS



To diversify water resources and to reduce the uptake from the environment

Sustainability Improvement

Best available technologies

To reduce water & energy consumptions

Water management tools

To increase water recycling and to reduce foot print

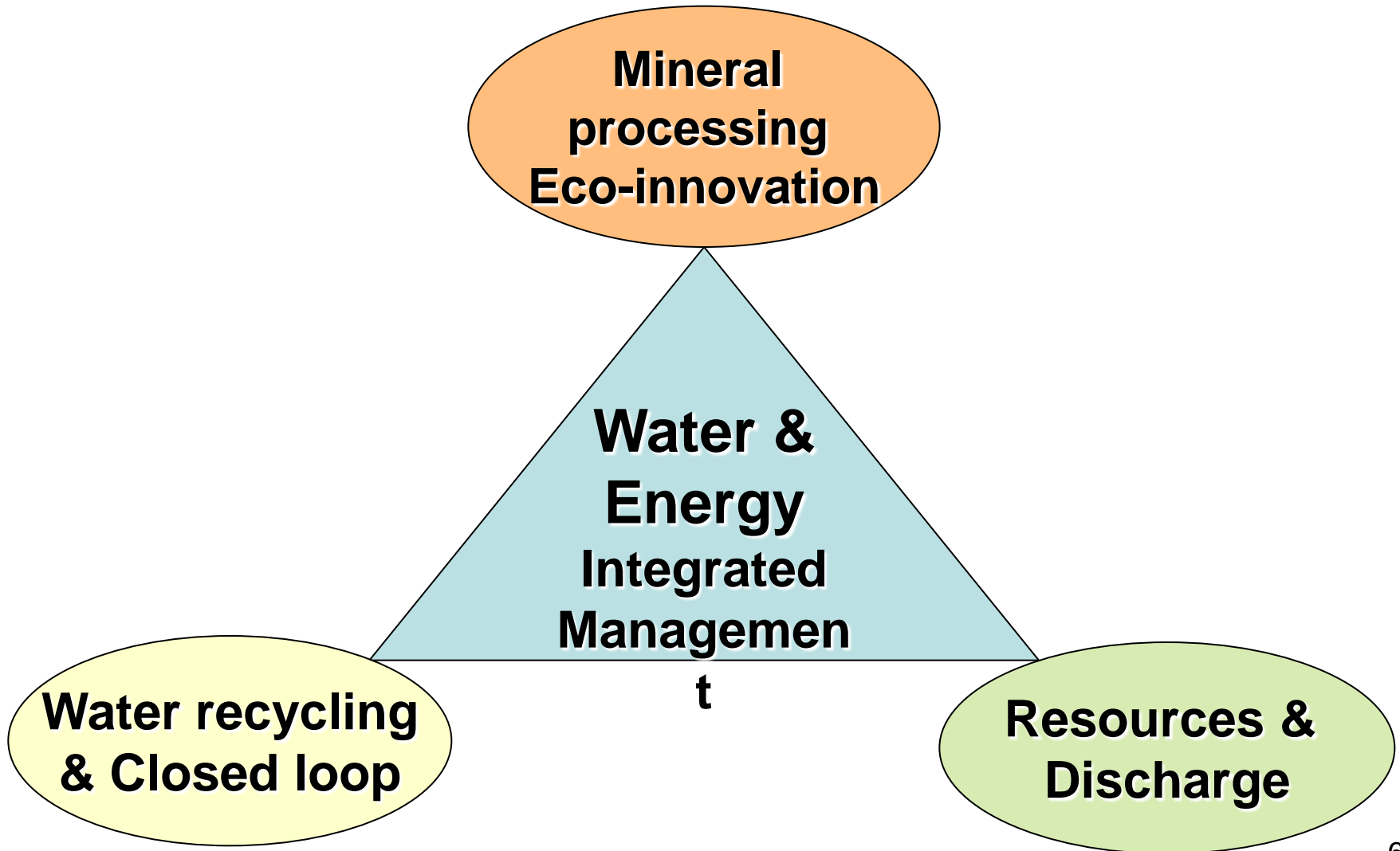
To reduce cost and to improve efficiency

Guidelines for assisting policy-making

To improve sustainability



ECOWAMI Work Programme Pillars





A multi-disciplinary and consistent consortium





Preparation update

- Final call to be opened in July
- First short proposal to be applied at the end of October
- Second full detailed application in February
- Integrated collaborative project – 3 to 5 years long
- Budget about 20 M€
- 25 partners max
- About 75% potential partners already committed to contribute to the proposal
- Jointly supported by the SMR – ETP and the Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform (collaborative agreement to be finalized)