

Sydvatten AB (SE)



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Southern Sweden Water Supply, Sydvatten AB, is a bulk drinking water company located in southern Sweden. Sydvatten AB is the only bulk drinking water company participating in this years' benchmark. We asked Fedja Rustempasic about Sydvatten AB, why they joined the EBC programme and how they experienced the EBC benchmarking exercise.

"Sydvatten AB is located in southern Sweden and is owned by 16 municipalities. The company was founded in 1966 and is the second largest water producer in the country, supplying drinking water to approximately 900.000 inhabitants. The company is subject to both municipal laws and the law of public water services, which means that Sydvatten AB is a non-profit company. In 2010 Sydvatten AB founded a research and development department, which has close ties with the Lund University, to gain long-term knowledge about water within urban society development.

The CEO of Sydvatten first heard about EBC during a visit to the Association of Dutch Water Companies (Vewin). Sydvatten AB has been involved in several national benchmarking exercises which are initiated by the Swedish trade organisation and only look at few specific areas (i.e. the usage of electricity within the water utilities).

Sydvatten AB wanted to get involved in international benchmarking, hence the EBC. This in order to widen the awareness of the company in existing drinking water related issues and trying to identify potential for improvement. Sydvatten AB is hoping to identify improvement potential in order to rationalize its utilities for water production and distribution, hence continuing to be one of the leading water production companies.

We would like to express our gratitude to the workshop host (Canal de Isabel II Gestión) for their kind hospitality. The overall impression of the benchmarking workshop was good, but we could identify a large obstacle when it comes to comparison with other utilities concerning the distribution process. This of course is due to the fact that we are a bulk company. It would be beneficial to us if there were other bulk companies participating in next year's EBC workshop."