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Global Expert Network

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### Founding a Global Expert Network

The sewerage research institute IKT – Institute for Underground Infrastructure is establishing the WSO worldwide peer to peer network, together with its collaborating sewer owners.

We invite you to join us, for the following reasons:

- As urban areas around the world expand, provision of sewer and urban drainage infrastructure is becoming ever more critical.
- The public, businesses and regulators are becoming more demanding.
- There are challenges of ageing infrastructure, climate change and environmental protection to address.
- Sewer network owners must keep on top of all of these and select from a myriad of technical developments coming their way.

To deal with these challenges, it is high time to build a worldwide peer to peer network of sewer owners to address their needs by sharing their experiences and solutions with each other.



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## What is WSO?

- We are a strong community of city and regional public and private sewer network owners around the world
- We support each other by sharing our experience and solutions
- We are an independent and not for profit collaboration
- We are open to all network owners willing to co-operate on a peer-to-peer basis

## Fields of interest

- Asset inspection, management and maintenance
- Construction, rehabilitation and replacement
- Operation and compliance
- Climate change adaptation and sustainability
- Reliability and resilience

## **Mutual benefits**

- We collaborate to help each other address our pressing issues by exchanging technical, operational and management experience and know how
- We identify and share solutions that minimise risk, provide greater certainty of success and avoid us 're-inventing the wheel'
- We save ourselves time, effort and money

## **How we work**

- Membership is only available to network owners
- We engage peer to peer at CEO, senior management and expert level
- Our programmes and the activities within them are member led, confidential as needed and free from commercial interest
- We share knowledge and experience to address actual needs

## **WSO facilitation team**

- Facilitation is undertaken by the neutral, independent and not for profit IKT – Institute for Underground Infrastructure gGmbH,
- Using experienced engineers and managers based in Germany, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom,
- Who provide the catalyst and support for members to address their pressing needs,
- Sourcing rapid answers leading to identification and implementation of approaches, ways of working and technology choices that provide solutions.

## **How to join us**

- Participation is open to sewer network owners
- We invite anyone who wants to be a part of the network and is prepared to share their experiences and solutions with their peers around the world to join.

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