

Target

INCOVER solutions can be applied in **farms, industries or municipalities** of up to approximately **100,000 Population-Equivalent**.

Municipalities

From wastewater and wastewater sludge to bio-methane, fertilizer and reclaimed water.

Agriculture

From agricultural wastewater, crop residues and manure to bio-methane, fertilizer and irrigation water.

Industries

From industrial wastewater, F&B waste or organic waste to bio-plastics, organic acids, activated coal/carbon black and reclaimed water.

The combination of all INCOVER technologies will provide **complementary cost-efficient** or **alternative solutions to conventional wastewater treatment**.

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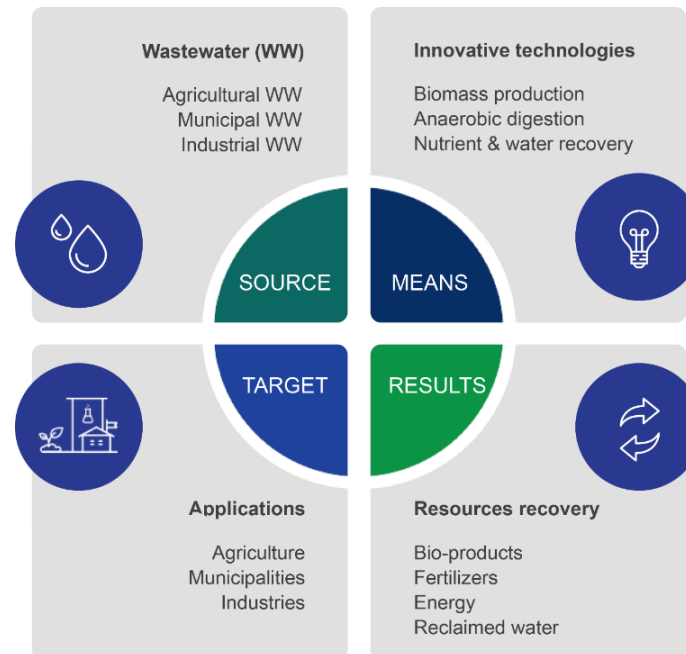
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Taking into account the current global water scarcity and the high cost of wastewater treatment, INCOVER proposes a concept designed to **transform wastewater from a waste stream into a source of new added-value bio-products**, contributing to **circular economy**.



Main objective

Reduce the overall operation and maintenance costs of conventional wastewater treatment by 50% and alleviate water scarcity.



Means

The project develops **innovative and sustainable added-value technologies** for a resource recovery-based treatment of wastewater.

Three added-value wastewater treatment plants are operated, assessed and optimised with **innovative monitoring techniques**, to ensure bio-production efficiency.

These three case studies are implemented in Spain and Germany and **treat wastewater from municipalities, farms and food and beverage (F&B) industries**.

Results

INCOVER added-value solutions will generate these valuable resources from wastewater :

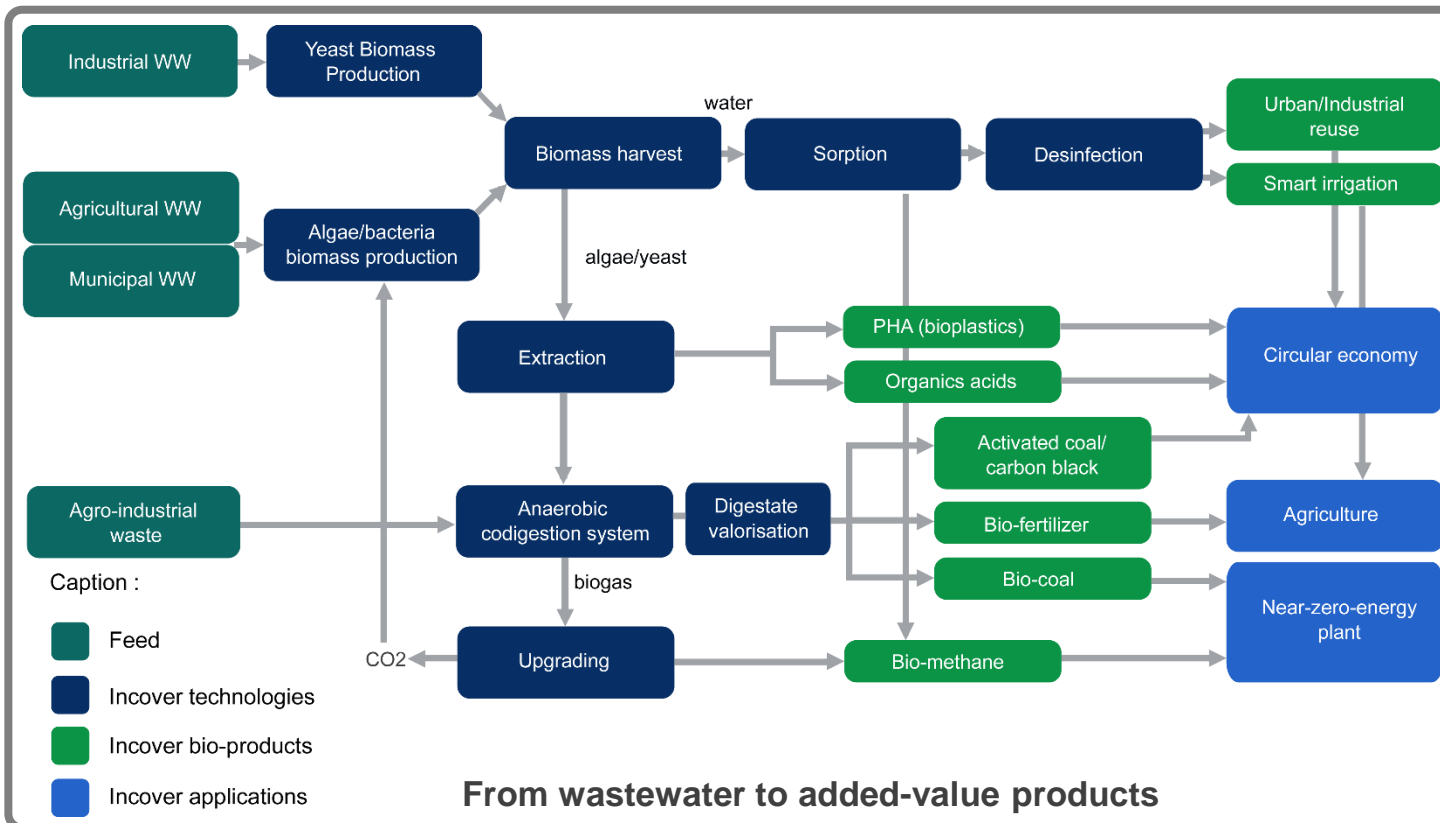
- **raw materials** (bio-plastics, organic acids, etc.)
- **energy** (bio-methane)
- **agricultural inputs** (reclaimed water, fertilizer).

A **Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment** will be done, based on environmental, economic and social aspects. A **Decision Support System** will be developed based on this assessment. It will provide **assistance** to water authorities at choosing the optimal investments.

Impacts



High Rate Algae pond systems in Chiclana wastewater treatment plant, operated by AQUALIA in Spain, for bio-plastics production, © AQUALIA



Main impacts of INCOVER project :

- ✓ **Reduction of energy demand** (at least of 50%) of wastewater management
- ✓ **Reduction of GHG emissions** up to 80% using CO₂ sequestration processes
- ✓ **Resources recovery** without increase in energy requirements
- ✓ Provision of **cost-effective water reuse methodology** in countries facing water scarcity
- ✓ **Cost reduction** of municipal and industrial wastewater management
- ✓ Increased awareness on **the benefits of reused water** and bio-products