
AWS-EWS WATER STEWARDSHIP TRAINING: 21-23 March 2017, Brussels

Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) and its Founding Partner European Water Partnership (EWP) will deliver a comprehensive Water Stewardship training programme aimed at sustainability and water management professionals, specialist service providers and government officials dealing with water-related matters.

- March 21st: Module 1 – Foundations of Water Stewardship
- March 22nd: Module 2 – Advanced Training on the AWS Standard
- March 23rd: Module 3 – Specialist Training in AWS Accreditation

Successful completion of modules 1-3 fulfill the training requirements for [AWS accreditation](#).

WATER STEWARDSHIP IN EUROPE & GLOBALLY

Since 2011, the European Water Stewardship (EWS) Standard has been guiding European water users to assess, adopt, verify and communicate responsible Water Stewardship practices, helping them to address their water related risks. Furthermore, EWS is engaging business, cities and agricultural communities to address gaps implementing European water legislation to ensure long-term sustainable water management.

Recognising the need to advance water stewardship globally, European Water Partnership (EWP) was a Founding Partner of the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) and contributed to the development of a globally consistent water stewardship framework for water users to understand their water use and impacts, and work collaboratively and transparently for sustainability within a catchment context. In 2017, AWS and EWS have begun a review process aiming to achieve a single global Water Stewardship Standard system to ensure consistency for organizations operating in Europe and globally. Meanwhile, EWS Standard continues to be applied across the EU. In order to increase engagement from major water users with interests in multiple regions, the current training programme will focus on appropriate water stewardship actions in the European context within the framework International AWS Standard. It complements the trainings offered by EWP on application of the EWS Standard as well as trainings AWS offers in other regions of the world.

THE AWS-EWS TRAINING PROGRAM IN BRUSSELS

AWS and EWS will deliver this three-day training program to raise awareness on Water Stewardship and certification, build capacity of water users to implement Water Stewardship, and grow the network of Water Stewardship specialists.

Foundations of Water Stewardship will introduce the concept of Water Stewardship, the International (AWS) and European (EWS) Standards, EU legislation that provides the supporting framework for voluntary Water Stewardship, and opportunities to verify and communicate Water Stewardship performance via certification.

Advanced Training on the AWS Standard will look in detail at the steps and criteria of the AWS Standard, utilizing a case study that places water stewardship actions in the EU context.

Specialist Training for AWS Accreditation will detail the global Water Stewardship verification system and accreditation programme, and examine the value proposition and business case for Water Stewardship.

COST AND REGISTRATION

300€/day. 800€ for all 3 days. The training will take place at EWP Offices: Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64, Brussels
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March 21st - FOUNDATIONS OF WATER STEWARDSHIP

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Foundations of Water Stewardship program will enable participants to:

- Receive an overview of European water challenges and EU water legislation that provides the framework for voluntary Water Stewardship.
- Introduce the concept of Water Stewardship and understand the basics of the concept from; understanding water impacts; transforming shared risks into opportunities; mapping the water cycle and sphere of influence and elaborating a robust water management strategy.
- Understand how Water Stewardship can contribute to their organisation's goals;
- Gain a thorough overview of available tools to support the application of Water Stewardship;
- Grasp the core requirements and the required steps for Water Stewardship implementation.

Participants will receive an overview of the latest developments in European water legislation and the status of the Water Framework Directive implementation. The training delves into the trends surrounding Water Stewardship and insights into the tools available to improve on-site water management, in particular the benefits of the Water Stewardship Standard implementation. Participants are introduced to the globally applicable AWS International Water Stewardship Standard and the European Water Stewardship Standard (EWS). With that, participants achieve practical and technical knowledge to address Water Stewardship concretely in their sector and relevant region.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Foundations of Water Stewardship is relevant to a broad audience of sustainability professionals, water users, water and wastewater industry, catchment managers and water policy makers. This training provides participants from the public and private sector with profound knowledge on Water Stewardship: from the Water Stewardship concept and principles up to its implementation in every-day business.

PROGRAMME FORMAT

This full day training programme will use both written and electronic material. Participant engagement will be an important component of the program through small group exercises and breakout sessions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By participating in Foundations of Water Stewardship, delegates will deepen their understanding of:

- Water Stewardship situation within an overall suite of policy options for water management
- The key elements of Water Stewardship systems and how AWS and EWS systems address them
- The range of risk and conformity tools that participants may have been exposed to
- Water Stewardship application in Europe via various examples
- The process of becoming a water steward and verifying Water Stewardship performance
- How this introductory knowledge can be put into practice through a case study

PRE-REQUISITES

The program will be taught in English so participants are expected to have a satisfactory grasp of English.

MARCH 22ND-ADVANCED TRAINING ON THE AWS STANDARD

EWS and AWS are moving towards alignment of their Water Stewardship systems. In order to increase engagement from major water users with interests in multiple regions, this training will focus on appropriate context specific water stewardship actions within the globally consistent framework of the International AWS Standard, while drawing from the experiences and lessons learned from the EWS implementation in Europe.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Advanced Training will enable participants to:

- Achieve a deeper knowledge of the AWS Standard's criteria and indicators required for Water Stewardship certification and how they are applied at a site and catchment level
- Build confidence in the application of the criteria by working in group exercises to raise and resolve questions and ambiguities, drawing on Water Stewardship experiences in Europe
- Deepen understanding about the relationship between Water Stewardship and other water initiatives that are used at a site and catchment level.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Personnel employed at water using sites interested in certifying their Water Stewardship level
- People interested in providing services to water using sites: auditors, consultants or trainers
- Staff from water and natural resources management agencies interested in working with sites to implement good Water Stewardship
- Supply chains managers interested in working with their suppliers to manage water issues and risks.

PROGRAM FORMAT

Participants will be expected to contribute to small group discussions as the class works through the steps of Water Stewardship certification.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By participating in Advanced Training Program the training participants will deepen their understanding of:

- How a Water Stewardship standard can be applied in different contexts
- The criteria, indicators and intent of each step of certification
- How to navigate the guidance material available to water users on their Water Stewardship journey
- The link of Water Stewardship systems to other water management and sustainability initiatives

PRE-REQUISITES

The program will be taught in English so participants are expected to have a satisfactory grasp of English. Participants will also need to have completed either the AWS Foundation Training Program or the EWS General Training programme before undertaking this course. The Advanced Training for Water Stewardship Certification is a prerequisite to the next level of training, Specialist Training for AWS Accreditation.

MARCH 23RD-SPECIALIST TRAINING FOR AWS ACCREDITATION

EWS and AWS are moving towards alignment of their Water Stewardship systems. In order to increase engagement from major water users with interests in multiple regions, this training will focus on the globally consistent framework of the International AWS Standard.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The Specialist Training Program will:

- Equip specialist service providers with a deeper knowledge of the application of the Water Stewardship system to water using sites
- Provide potential specialist service providers with an understanding of the AWS verification system and its requirements
- Provide potential specialist service providers with an understanding of the AWS accreditation program and its requirements
- Support specialist service providers in developing a business case to market their services to business and organisations likely to engage with Water Stewardship.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Accredited auditors, consultants or trainers interested in providing AWS services to water using sites.

PROGRAM FORMAT

This one-day program will use printed and electronic material. Participants will be expected to contribute to small group discussion and complete a short test to ensure they have understood the material. Satisfactory completion of the test is a prerequisite for meeting the training requirements of the AWS accreditation program.

FORMAT

The course builds on the case study used during Advanced Training, examining it from the perspective of conformity assessment. The course then looks more closely at the requirements of the AWS verification system; requirements for accreditation and for auditors. The course concludes by looking at the value proposition for business to engage in the Water Stewardship and some key issues around marketing Water Stewardship to clients by drawing on experiences with the EWS application in Europe.

PREREQUISITES

The program will be taught in English so participants will be expected to have a satisfactory grasp of English. Before undertaking this course participants need to complete the Advanced Training Program.

RECOGNITION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All training modules are based on the information from the EWS Standard, a standard owned by EWP and the AWS International Water Stewardship Standard, owned by the AWS, which are currently undergoing an alignment process. This course is recognised globally as meeting the requirements for professionals seeking global Water Stewardship accreditation as an auditor, consultant or trainer.

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EWP Offices:
Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64
1040, Brussels
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Registration Form

I would like to register for the following training modules (tick as appropriate)

Date	Module	Tick as appropriate
Tuesday March 21st	Foundations of Water Stewardship	
Wednesday March 22nd	Advanced Training the AWS Standard	
Thursday March 23rd	Specialist Training for AWS Accreditation	

Organisation	
Participant name(s)	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
VAT Number	
Invoice address	

Signed

Please sign return this signed registration form to: c.brabyn@ewp.eu