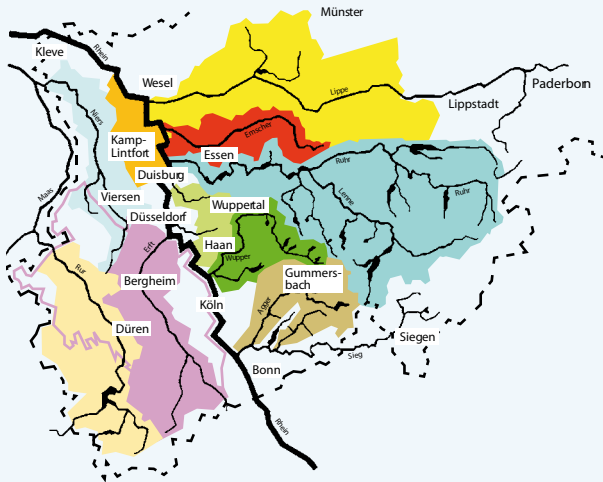


→ The Water Management Association in North-Rhine Westphalia

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→ Water District of North-Rhine Westphalia



	km ²	thousand inhabitants		km ²	thousand inhabitants
Ruhrverband	4.488	2.212	Ertverband: Verbandsgebiet	1.918	1.200
Emschergenossenschaft	865	2.400	Tätigkeitsbereich	4.216	2.700
Lippeverband	3.280	1.300	Aggerverband	1.092	338
Wupperverband	813	962	Bergisch-Rheinischer Wasserverband	551	680
LINEG	624	402	Wasserverband Eifel-Rur	2.100	1.050
Niersverband	1.348	742			

→ Facts and Figures (Informations as of: 2010)

Number of Employees:	approx. 5,200
Turnover:	approx. 1,100 million Euro p/a
Investments:	approx. 580 million Euro p/a
Sewage / wastewater treatment plant:	310
Extension capacity (sewage):	approx. 19 million PT
Dams:	29
Dam capacity:	approx. 1 billion m ³
Managed water courses:	17,700 km
Total no. of inhabitants in water districts:	approx. 11 million
Volume of drinking water:	704 million m ³
Area of water district:	17,072 km ²
Number of pumping stations:	1,115
Number of rainwater basins:	2,161
Capacity of rainwater basins (volume):	approx. 4 million m ³
Number of flood control basins:	213
Capacity of flood control basins (volume):	approx. 13 million m ³



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Water Management
→ publicly responsible!

→ Structure of Water Associations in North-Rhine Westphalia

As Water Management Associations, governed by public law, we are legally responsible for managing water resources within the water districts of North-Rhine Westphalia. Water Associations are public institutions which establish and manage a water infrastructure within the water district. We ensure a reliable water supply and effective distribution, as well as take care of natural water sources and courses within the region.

A holistic approach to managing water throughout the region and beyond municipal borders, so-called river basin management, is the philosophy underlying all of our operations. Our practice of managing water from its source to the estuary is completely in line with the EU Water Framework Directive.



Our holistic approach means we consider the entire water cycle and water management processes, their interaction and impact on each other.

Naturally, we consider economic and social aspects as part of the process. This enables local authorities and industry to plan effectively and assures the local community that we are responsibly taking care of their basic water needs.

→ Duties of the Associations

Purify Sewage and Wastewater:

- Collect and redirect wastewater
- Treat wastewater
- Manage waste disposal

Develop Water Courses:

- Maintain and conserve brooks and streams
- Manage water flow and drainage especially regulating high and low water
- Manage and cultivate groundwater in mining areas

Manage Reservoirs:

- Treat natural water to generate drinking water
- Prepare and supply drinking water
- Supply water for domestic and industrial use
- Operate and manage dam systems

Shape the future of Water:

- Promote a holistic approach to all projects
- Adapt water plants and operational concepts to suit the demands of an ever-changing environment (climate, demographic distribution and land usage)
- Involve water issues in regional development and planning
- Develop information systems for the general public e.g. geo- information systems
- Cooperate with partners on research and benchmarking
- Consider leisure usage and local recreation
- Create and promote the use of renewable energy source

→ Water Management Associations - guaranteeing democratic decisions

As Water Management Associations in NRW, we work within a public law framework. Our members range from stakeholders in the water management sector, local municipal authorities and water suppliers, to key players in trade and industry.

We are self-administrating, independent bodies.

We operate democratically and so ensure that the place of debate and solution represent different user interests.

We are a non-profit organisation: all member contributions are used to maintain and improve the development of water management in order to benefit the public, and not for generating profit.

Institutions subject to special laws*

Members
70 to 150 Delegates
(elected every 5 years)



Management Committee
15 Members
including 5 employees



Members of the Board/ Management



including operative levels

*The Bergisch-Rheinischer Wasserverband is not subject to special laws.