

TASKS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS



CLEAN WASTE WATER

- collecting and transporting waste water
- treating waste water
- handling residual materials
- recovering resources out of waste water



DEVELOP RIVERS AND STREAMS

- nature-based restoration of water bodies
- regulating water runoff, especially during high and low water levels
- managing groundwater in mining areas
- managing water resources



SECURING THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

- managing raw water resources
- supply drinking water
- provide industrial water
- operating reservoirs



ACTIVELY SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WATER

- taking a holistic view on projects
- adapt systems and operating concepts to a changing environment (climate, demographics, land use)
- integrating water into regional development and planning
- develop information systems for the public, e.g. flood forecasting
- co-operate with research institutions and work together in partnership
- evaluate recreational use and local recreation
- generate and utilise renewable energy



Arbeitsgemeinschaft der
Wasserwirtschaftsverbände
in Nordrhein-Westfalen



WATER MANAGEMENT in public responsibility

The agw is an association of eleven large water management associations in North Rhine-Westphalia and performs the following tasks, among others:

- shaping our water future with the strengths of our member organisations
- raise public awareness for water management topics and the importance of water as a resource
- inspiring people as possible employees in the water industry
- representing the interests of our members in political bodies and institutions
- coordinating joint tasks in a strong network

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RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT

WASTE WATER | RIVERS | DRINKING WATER

FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR WATER

Water is the most important basis of life for man and nature. Access to clean drinking water, the treatment of waste water and healthy river systems are part of the provision of public services. The water management associations in North Rhine–Westphalia make a significant contribution to this by securing water and using it sustainably. 11 million people in NRW benefit from the water boards in NRW.

CLEAN WATER FOR 11 MILLION PEOPLE

CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MUNICIPALITIES

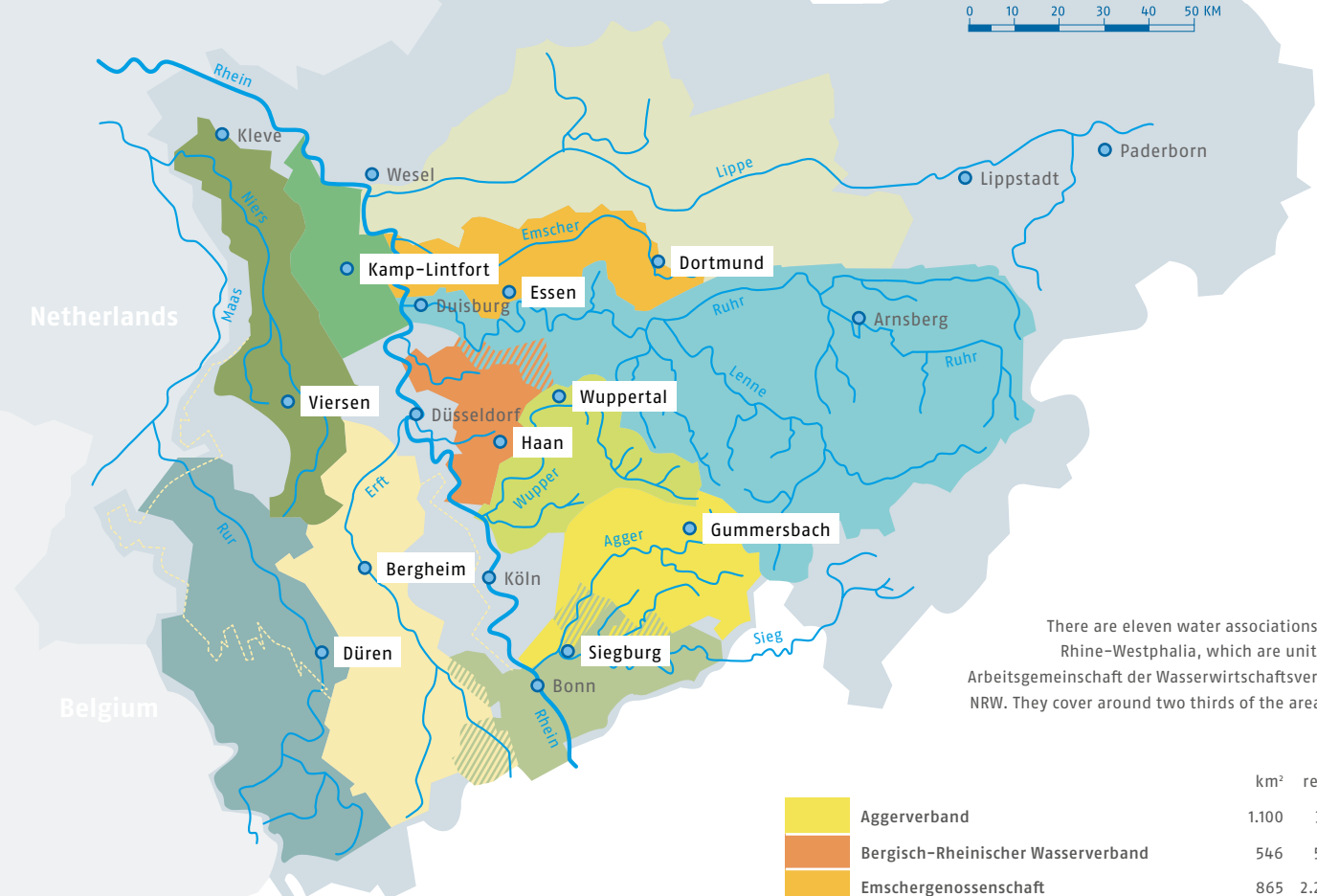
HOLISTICALLY

FOREST **WASTE** **AGRICULTURE** **INDUSTRY**
TREATMENT **WATER** **FLOOD** **CLIMATE**
PLANTS **PROTECTION** **ADAPTATION** **AND MITIGATION**
RESERVOIRS **SPECIAL LAW** **RIVERS** **RENEWABLE**
GROUND **RIVERS** **ENERGY**
WATER **RESTORATION**
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

HOLISTIC RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT

The activities of the water management associations in NRW enable holistic river basin management across municipal boundaries. The integral principles of water management in their catchment areas not only give municipalities and industry planning security, but also guarantee us all that water as the basis of our existence is being managed responsibly.

ASSOCIATION AREAS IN NRW



There are eleven water associations in North Rhine–Westphalia, which are united in the Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Wasserwirtschaftsverbände in NRW. They cover around two thirds of the area of NRW.

	km²	residents
Aggerverband	1.100	355.000
Bergisch–Rheinischer Wasserverband	546	599.500
Emschergenossenschaft	865	2.290.000
Erfstverband	1.918	1.200.000
groundwater management area		
LINEG	624	347.500
Lippeverband	3.280	1.390.000
Niersverband	1.353	740.000
Ruhrverband	4.478	2.050.000
Wahnachtalsperrenverband	970	800.000
Wasserverband Eifel–Rur	2.087	1.100.000
Wupperverband	813	900.000
Total sum of the agw association areas	18.034	11.772.000
Overlapping areas		
Association headquarters		

Status 2024, figures rounded

FOCUS ON PUBLIC INTEREST

The water boards in NRW are institutions with democratic legitimisation and work on a public-law basis for a solidary, sustainable and holistic water management in the interests of the general public. The majority of the associations are organised under a special legal status. As non-profit organisations, they are self-administrated and act to support the state.

FACTS AND FIGURES

6.000

EMPLOYEES

1.535 m./annum

SALES REVENUE 2022

703 m./annum

INVESTMENTS 2022

282

WASTE WATER TREATMENT
PLANTS (WWTP)

17.000.000

CAPACITY OF THE WWTP
(POPULATION EQUIVALENTS)

1.028 m. m³

RESERVOIR CAPACITY

85

RETENTION SOIL FILTER

227

FLOOD RETENTION BASIN

128 m. m³

RAW WATER PROVIDED

66 m. m³

DRINKING WATER PROVIDED

1.799

RAINWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

32

MANAGED RESERVOIRS

17.672 km

MONITORED WATERCOURSES
(WFD REPORTABLE REPORTING
AND NON-REPORTING)

99 m. m³

DRINKING WATER STORAGE VOLUME

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