



Fit4DW and Kevla Trust Ecosystem Launch Trusted Document Environment for the Drinking Water Products Sector

NEW DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONNECTS VERIFIED EVIDENCE ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN | EFFICIENT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENTS UNDER THE EUROPEAN DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE

Apeldoorn/The Netherlands, Berlin/Germany, October 15th, 2026 – Fit4DW and Kevla Trust Ecosystem today announced the launch of the Trusted Document Environment, a jointly provided capability that enables the secure management, exchange, and use of compliance information across the drinking water products sector.

The Trusted Document Environment is part of the Fit4DW digital infrastructure for the drinking water products sector. While Fit4DW provides the shared environment connecting manufacturers, suppliers, raw material providers, laboratories, and conformity assessment bodies, Kevla Trust Ecosystem delivers the trusted layer for managing, maintaining, and sharing the underlying documentation and evidence.

Supporting Efficient Conformity Assessment Under the European Drinking Water Directive

The launch comes at a time when the implementation of the European Drinking Water Directive (DWD) is increasing the need for reliable, accessible, and verified evidence across the industry. Today, critical information is often scattered across organizations, creating administrative burden, repeated audits, duplicated information requests, and limited visibility across the supply chain. Fit4DW was established to address these challenges by providing a digital infrastructure built around a single source of truth for trusted information.

“The industry needs a shared infrastructure that enables trusted collaboration and efficient reuse of verified information across the supply chain. The Trusted Document Environment is an important step towards a more connected and scalable model for conformity assessment.”

Mark Stecken, Business Manager, Fit4DW

By connecting verified evidence directly to the Fit4DW infrastructure, stakeholders gain more efficient access to relevant information while reducing the need for repeated exchanges and duplicate requests. At the same time, suppliers and raw material providers retain control over proprietary formulations and other sensitive data through secure access mechanisms.

The result is a more connected approach to conformity assessment that benefits all participants in the ecosystem, from raw material providers and suppliers to manufacturers, laboratories, and certification bodies.

“The quality of drinking water depends on the quality and trustworthiness of the data behind it. Manufacturers, suppliers, and raw material providers all need confidence that relevant evidence is verified, reliable, up to date, and available when needed, while protecting sensitive know-how and intellectual property. Together with Fit4DW, we are creating that trusted environment that ultimately contributes to safeguarding drinking water quality across Europe.”

Sebastian Britz, CEO, Kevla GmbH

Fit4DW and Kevla Invite Industry Stakeholders to Launch Webinars

To mark the launch of the Trusted Document Environment, Fit4DW and Kevla will host a demonstration webinar. On **3 November 2026**, suppliers and raw material providers can explore how verified evidence can be shared securely while protecting sensitive know-how and intellectual property. For registration, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y4d4fjxb>

As there is also strong interest from the conformity assessment community, a dedicated webinar will be held for notified bodies and other assessment organizations, allowing the session to focus on their specific needs and practical use cases. Both webinars will provide a practical introduction to the new digital infrastructure and its application across the drinking water products sector.

About Fit4DW

Fit4DW is a digital infrastructure for the drinking water materials sector that helps suppliers, raw material providers, manufacturers, laboratories, and conformity assessment bodies manage and reuse trusted compliance information more efficiently. By creating a single trusted reference point, Fit4DW reduces fragmentation, supports the reuse of verified information, protects sensitive intellectual property, and helps streamline conformity assessment processes under the European Drinking Water Directive (DWD). Built on the expertise of Kiwa and DVGW-CERT, Fit4DW provides a secure foundation for reliable compliance information across the sector. For more information, visit fit4dw.com.

About Kevla

Kevla Trust Ecosystem connects companies, suppliers, service providers, and testing, inspection, and certification organizations in a network of trust. As a trust infrastructure, it serves as the cross-organizational single source of truth for reliable evidence across complex value chains.

Evidence is maintained and kept up to date at its source and shared with authorized partners and systems in a controlled manner. This makes evidence verifiable, reusable, and available across functions such as supplier quality, product compliance, ESG, and cybersecurity.

All participants reduce the effort and cost of evidence management, mitigate risk, and create the foundation for informed decisions, efficient audits, and more resilient business processes. In doing so, Kevla Trust Ecosystem makes trust scalable across complex value chains.

Kevla GmbH was founded in 2024 by adesso and Kiwa, together with the passive minority investor PwC Germany. More information at kevla.io.

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