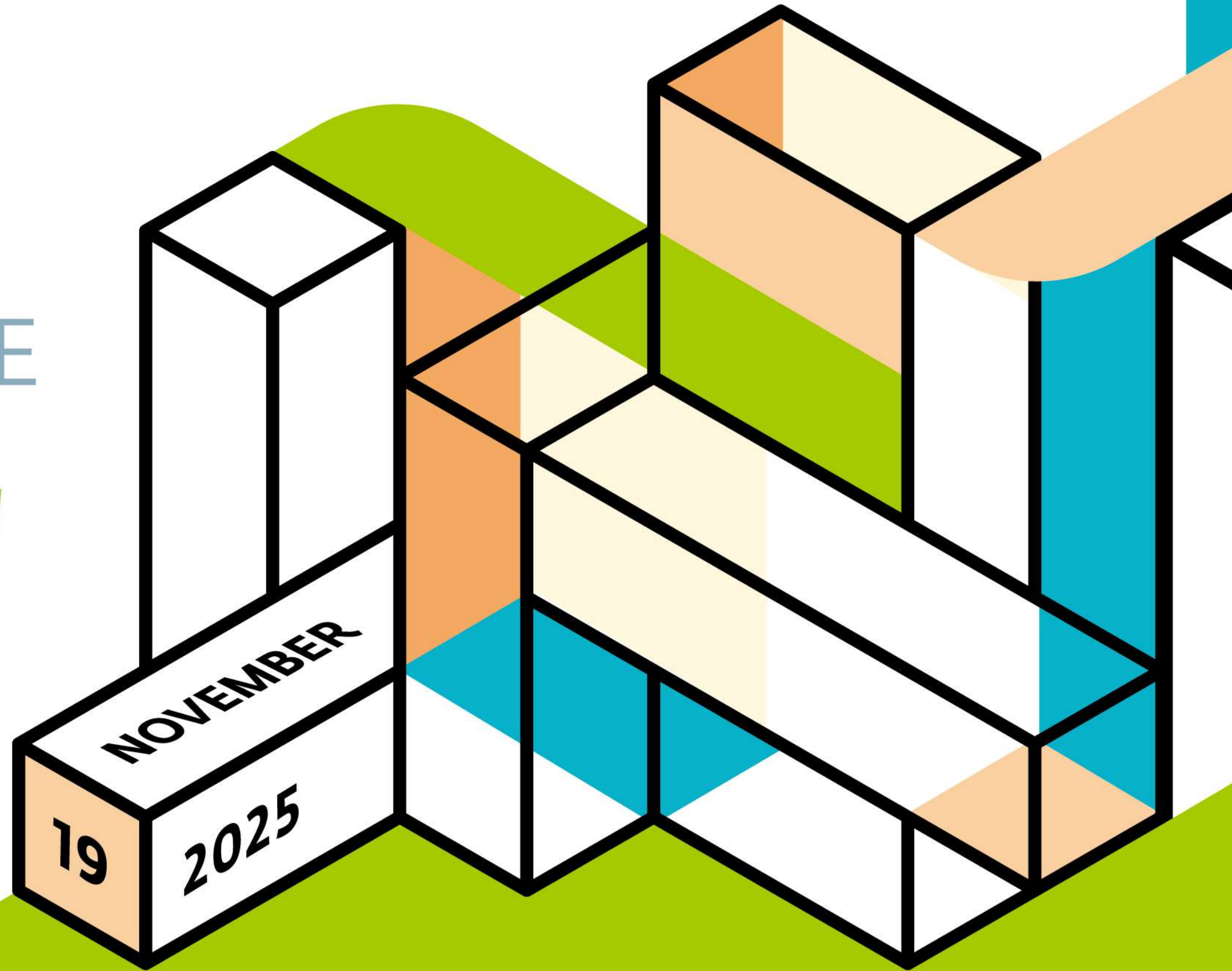


THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE

*Can Europe secure essential
raw materials for its
housing needs?*

DoubleTree by Hilton Brussels City



Event materials



**Welcome
words**





Christoph Dorn

Eurogypsum President

The housing crisis in the EU

Context

Figures

- House prices have risen by 24% since 2015 (inflation-adjusted).
- Rents in major cities have risen by 45% on average, with the highest increase being 125%, between 2014 and 2023.
- 39% of mayors report that housing costs are unaffordable.
- 17% of EU population living in overcrowded homes.
- 85% of buildings in the EU were built before 2000 and 75% have poor energy performance.
- 1 in 10 EU citizens spends over 40% of income on housing.

The housing crisis in the EU

Context

Drivers

- Demand concentration in cities and coastal areas
- Financialisation of the real estate market
- High land prices – up to 60% of the total housing cost
- Shrinking social housing stock
- Stagnation in the construction sector
- Only 1.57 million completed residential dwellings in 2024 (15% drop from 2022)
- Building permits significantly decreasing (-14.6% by floor area / -19.6% by number of dwellings in 2023)
- Rising construction costs – driven by higher material, energy & labour costs
- Example: construction producer prices increased by 12.2% (2022) vs. 1.5% (2009-2019)

The housing crisis in the EU

Context

The needs

- Construction of new dwellings
- Renovation & extension of existing buildings
- Repurposing of non-residential buildings
- Example in Germany: 200,000 new housing units completed in 2025 and 2026 (est.) vs. 320,000 needed!

The housing crisis in the EU

Context

Levers of action

- Building and renovating **faster** – innovation, prefabrication...
- Securing **cheaper** energy, labour costs...
- But also ensuring **safe, stable access to raw materials** necessary for construction

Unlocking Raw Materials



Unlocking Raw Materials



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Quarries give
back





**2024 Biodiversity Awards winner:
Beuda's gypsum quarry (Spain)**

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Przemysław Ogiński

*European Commission
DG Environment*



Thomas Sebrechts

*BirdLife Europe
& Central Asia*



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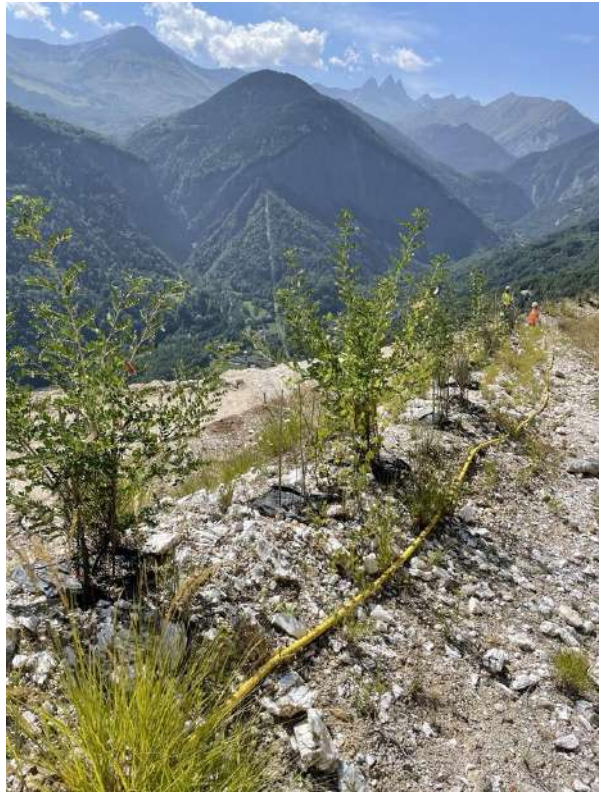
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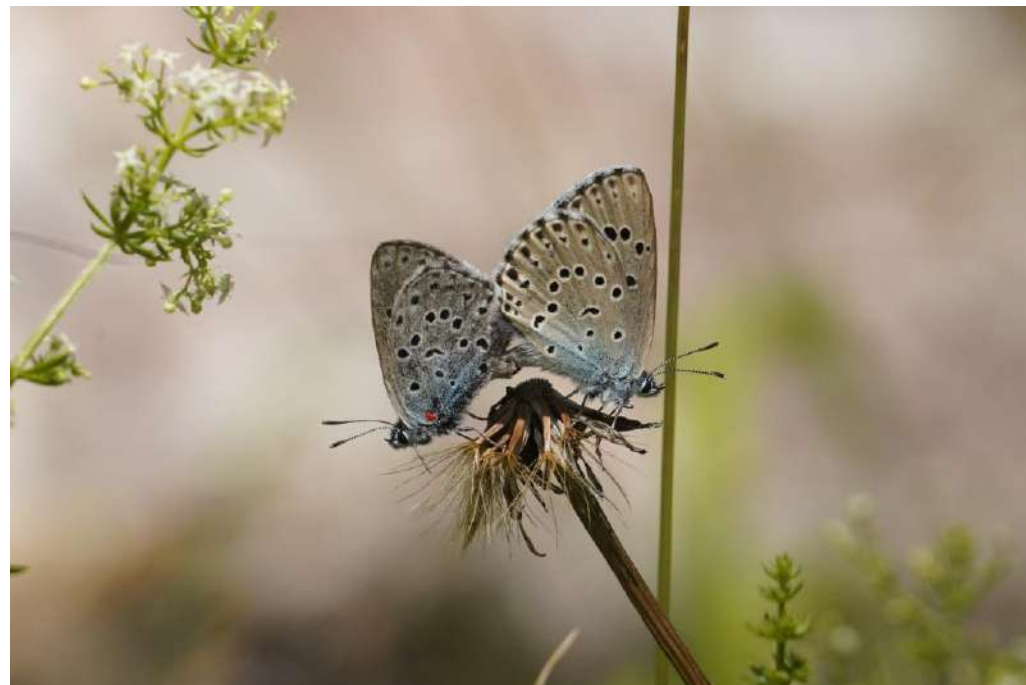
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Fauna





And the winner is...

Andreas Nolte

Ührde quarry

Osterode am Harz

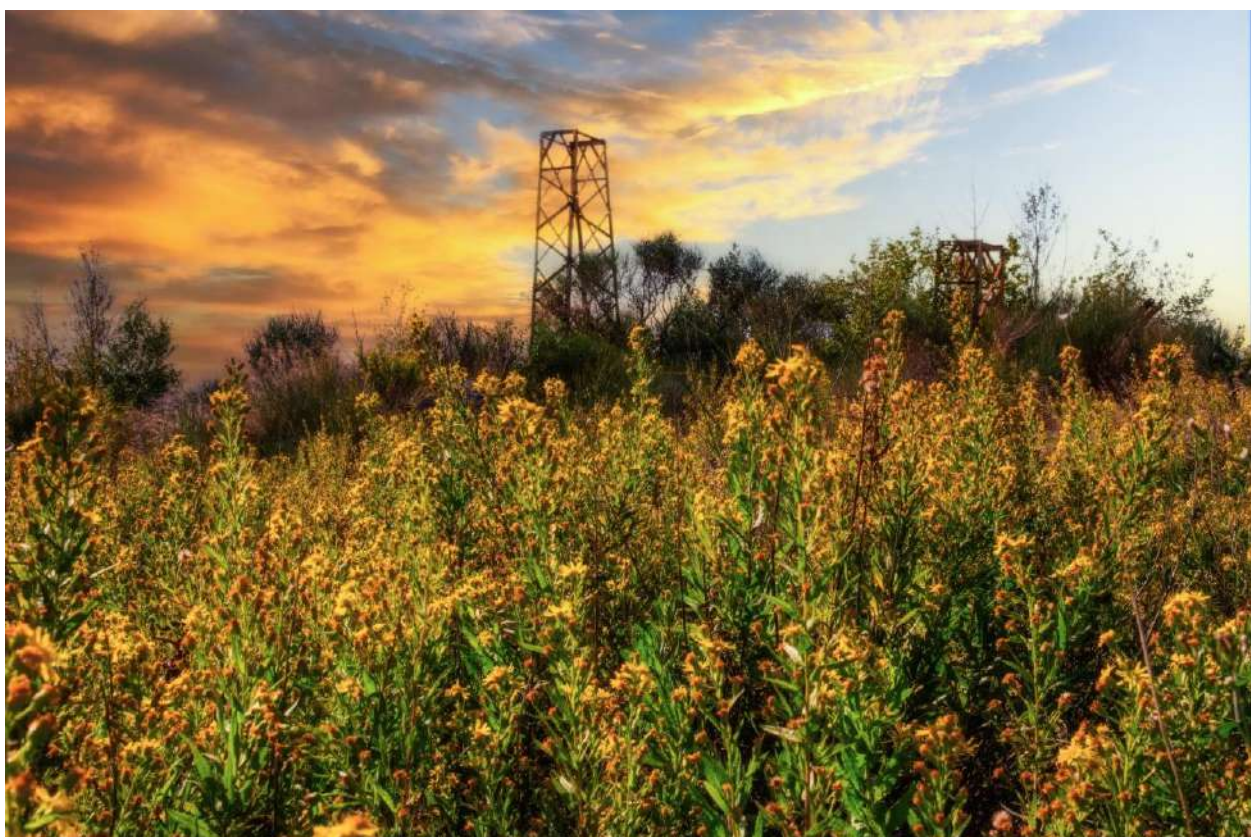
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Flora





And the winners are...

Davide Bertini

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And the winners are...

Debora Lazzerini

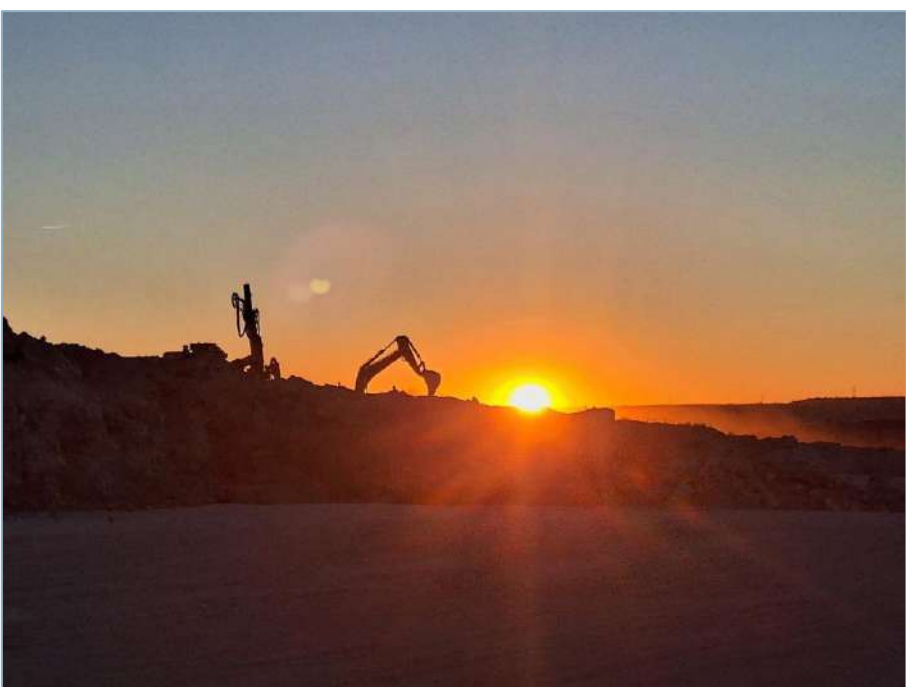
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Landscape





And the winner is...

Davide Bertini

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People's Vote

**Now it is your time
to choose!**

Which one is your favourite?

1



2



3



4



5



Vote here

And the winner is...

Andreas Nolte

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Osterode am Harz

(Germany)



Coffee break



From extraction to restoration



From extraction to restoration: different voices for a shared goal



Przemysław Ogiński

*European Commission
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Felice Tirabasso

Fibran / Gessi Roccastrada



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Responsible use of water

Annita Papa
Eurogypsum



Eurogypsum's Water Roadmap

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Towards Water Resilience with Gypsum

The European gypsum
industry's journey
towards reducing its
water footprint



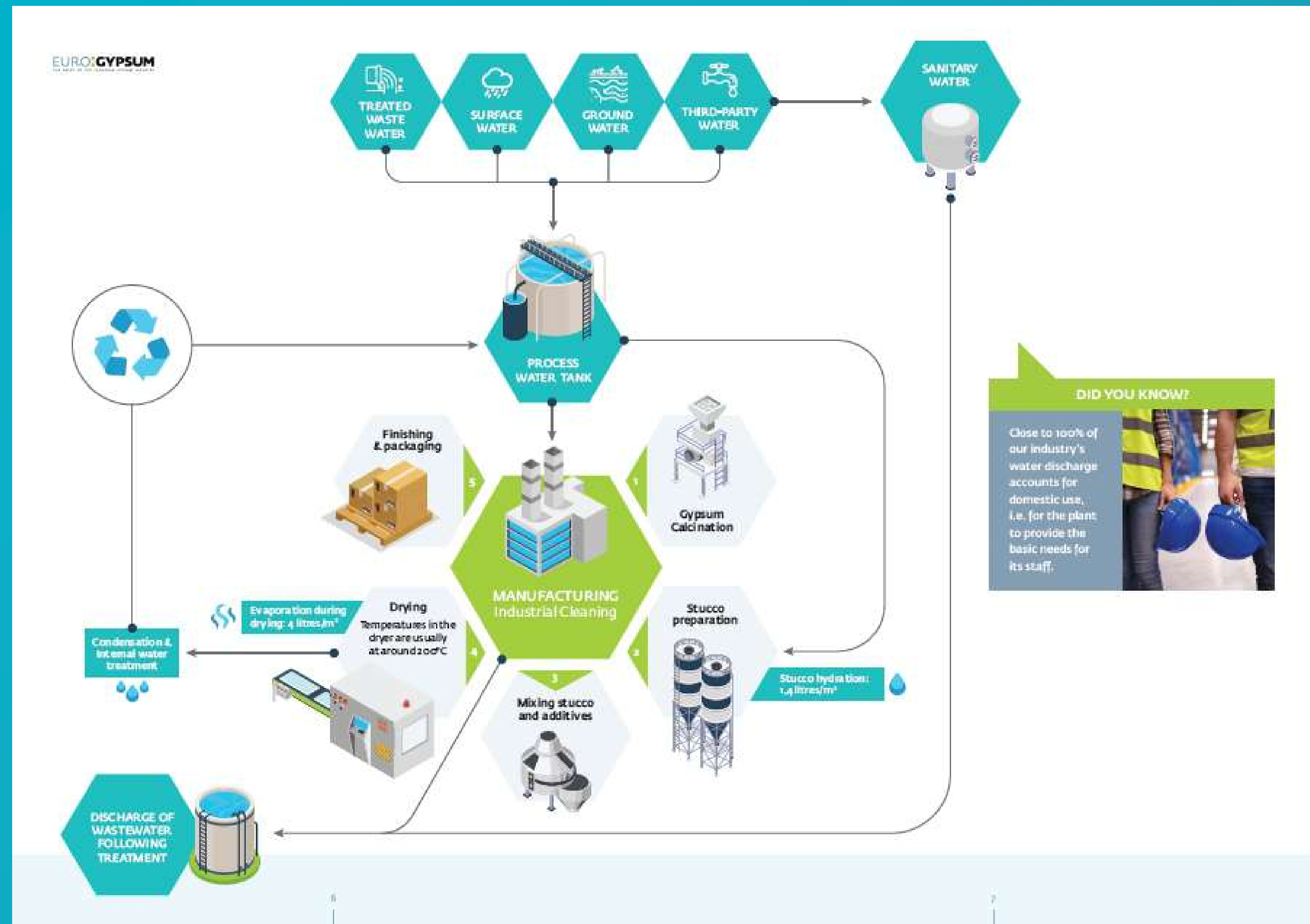
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The gypsum industry's journey to improving its water footprint



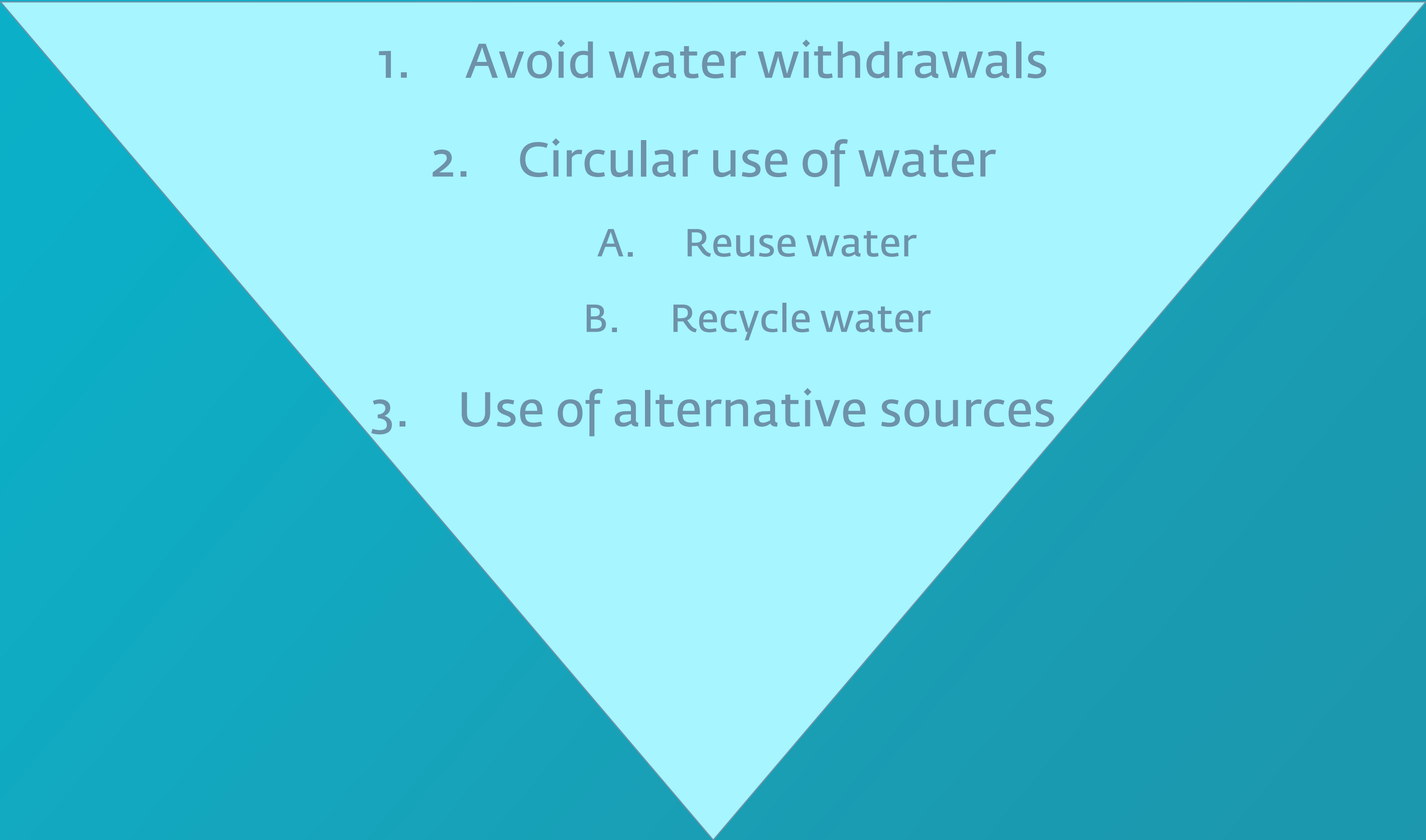
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Mapping our industrial needs



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Providing value
to society

- 
1. Avoid water withdrawals
 2. Circular use of water
 - A. Reuse water
 - B. Recycle water
 3. Use of alternative sources

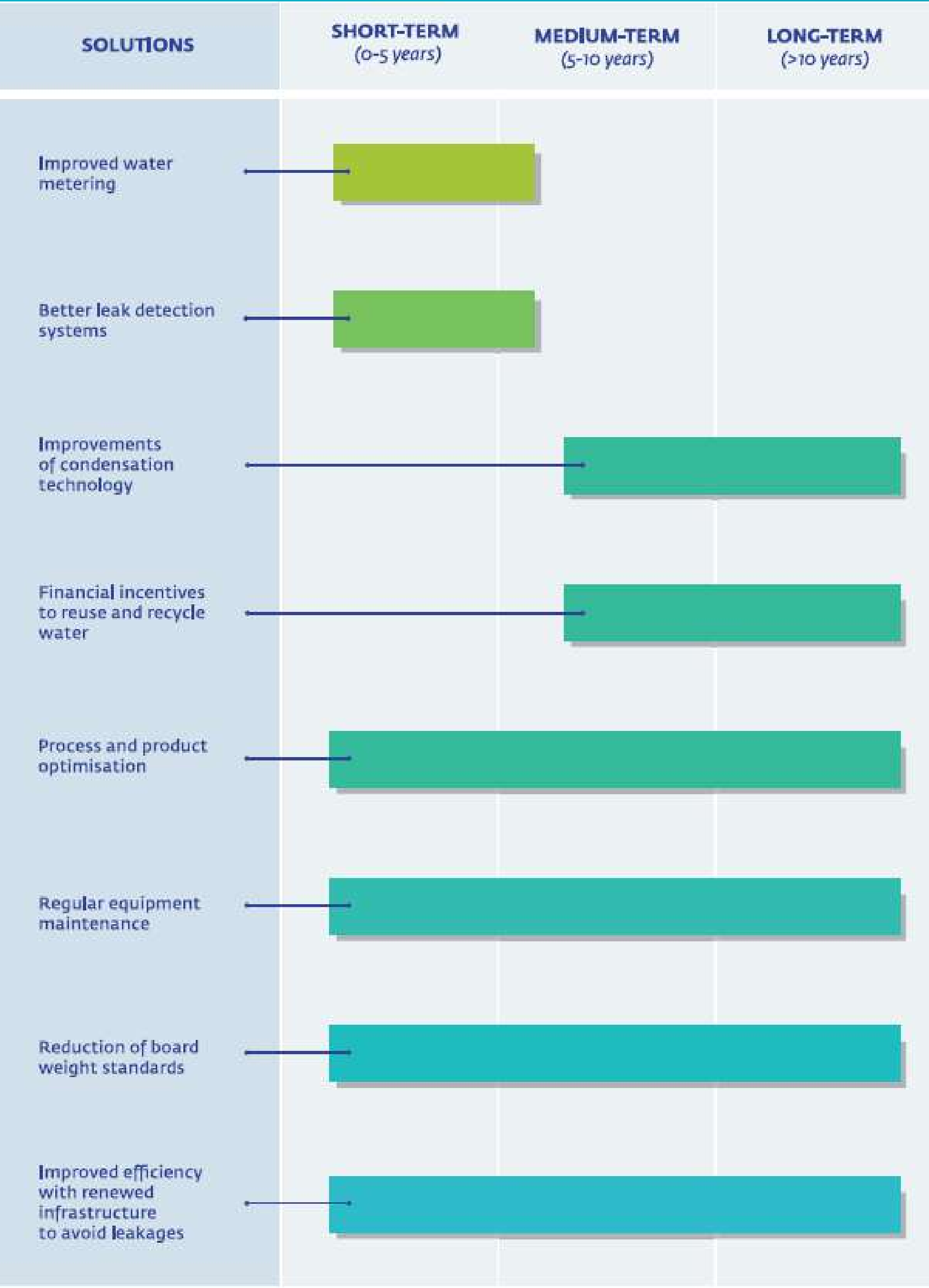
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Case study of France:
application of best
practices



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Our solutions to efficient water management



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Our policy asks

Lowering plasterboard weight standards

Dedicated funding to water infrastructure

Creation of and access to non-potable water networks

Innovation in technologies

Facilitation of industrial symbiosis

Higher priority to water efficiency

Towards Water Resilience with Gypsum

Q&A

Thank you!



Lunch break

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