# TOGETHER FOR SUSTAINABLE IRRIGATION

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## WHO WE ARE?

Quality Irrigation Water Savings EUROPEAN IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION

- The European Irrigation Association (EIA), registered in Brussels, is a non-profitmaking organization, active since 1996, which represents irrigation professionals throughout Europe from the Agricultural and Landscape sectors. Our members are manufacturers, installers, contractors and distributors of irrigation equipment as well as researchers, designers and consultants.
- The EIA aim is to act as the leading voice of the Irrigation industry at the EU institutions and committees, promoting best-practices and the transfer of knowhow in all matters relating to irrigation water management.

### WHAT WE DO?

- Promote a Sustainable Irrigation through the alignment to Taxonomy outlining advanced water saving technologies, innovation in irrigation efficiency and best water conservation practices.
- Advocate sustainable industry standards and water management policies that will result in a stable legal environment for irrigation professionals.
- Legitimize the voice of the irrigation industry in the EU's discussions on water and influence the European decision-makers by creating partnerships and alliances with other stakeholders, thus promoting our mutual interests.

# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT MOSHI BERENSTEIN



Global warming is increasing seasonal variability and uncertainty about water availability. In parallel, the growing population, food demand, agriculture, expanding cities and industrialization are exerting increasing pressure on water, and raising the need for sustainable water solution.

The European Irrigation Association joins forces to fight water scarcity by promoting the voice of resilient, sustainable and efficient irrigation solutions. With the dedication

of EIA's volunteering members together with internal and external specialties in water management - we create an impact for the future of our sector.

During the last 2 years we've welcomed many new members who joined us and today we are proud to represent 87 companies, manufacturers, distributors, installers, research institutions and individuals of all fields of irrigations who actively contribute to our common goal to advance sustainable irrigation in Europe.

The EIA creates its impact through the work of 6 Working Groups. A special activity this year 2023 led by our "sustainability WG" was the launch of an ambitious project called "Sustainable Irrigation & the EU Taxonomy ". This project addresses the most crucial challenges of water, bringing together irrigation activities and sustainable financing in Europe. We believe that the project will change that way irrigation is perceived, open new opportunities of green investments for our members and will take irrigation to the next level as an active part of the European sustainable economy.

We invite you to learn more about our activities and to join us in building the future of sustainable Irrigation!

# **JOIN US!**

- Exert an influence by participating in the different activities of the 6 Working Groups.
- Interact with like-minded individuals and enhance your professional network with direct access to the industry's key players.
- Access to information: EU legislation, directives and regulations; standardization; project opportunities, policy issues and market changes; news about the irrigation industry; main European exhibitions and events.
- Contribute to the elaboration of European Taxonomy to define irrigation sector to sustainability.
- Participate in EIA events: Online Irrigation Forums, annual General Assembly and Gathering.
- Make your company VISIBLE on website, social medias, publications.



# THE EIA CREATES AN IMPACT THROUGH ITS WORKING GROUPS

#### WG1 – SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRICULTURE LEADER: GIULIA GIUFFRE, IRRITEC



 This WG is involved in topics that relate to the promotion and implementation of projects that pursue the goals of sustainable development, with a focus on irrigation in

agriculture: encouraging correct water management; furthering the use of high-performance recycling equipment and defining a standard model for calculating savings on water, energy and fertilizers while increasing yield.



#### SUB WG 1 – PLASTIC RECYCLING LEADER: IDO RAANAN, NETAFIM

 The mission of this group is to advance the responsible use of plastic in irrigation in the EU market.

#### SUB WG1 – TAXONOMY LEADER: GIUSY INFERRERA, IRRITEC



 This project aimed at promoting a greater representation of the irrigation industry in the European Taxonomy, which is the first international classification system established by

the European Commission. Our effort is to include irrigation as a legitimate sustainable activity.

#### WG2 – URBAN LANDSCAPE LEADER: SANTIAGO CASANELLA ROCA, HUNTER INDUSTRIES



 This WG focuses on the promotion of smart irrigation solutions in urban areas, in order to improve the quality of life of habitants and mitigate urban heat islands.

#### WG3 – STANDARDIZATION LEADER: MICHEL HISTEL, SPECIALIST NORMS

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 The EIA encourages its members to collaborate with the national organizations involved in standardization and to

support the establishment of comprehensive and quality-orientated international norms and standards.

#### WG4 – TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER LEADER: DAMIR CIZMEK, IN-AQUA



 This group intends to promote advanced irrigation know-how, providing an educational value for the participants, with a practical applicability

that falls outside the product range of any specific manufacturer.

#### WG5 – WASTEWATER REUSE LEADER: BRUNO MOLLE, INRAe



 The group's objective is to identify the constraints involved in the development of Wastewater Reuse projects (technology, risk mitigation), which are very different from those of a standard

irrigation project.

#### WG6 – COMMUNICATION LEADER: FLEUR MARTIN, IRRIGAZETTE



 The group is working on the implementation of the EIA Communication strategy, improving and managing the EIA communication tools
(Website, social medias,

brochures), organizing the EIA events and online forums.

