

## Handbook

### Poseidon – A tool to Promote and Assess Water Reuse



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# 1. Introduction

Poseidon has been developed in the frame of the EU-project Coroado<sup>1</sup>, which aims to develop and diffuse technologies for water recycling and reuse in Latin America by means of assessments, decision tools and implementable strategies. Coroado aimed at developing new concepts and adapting existing ones for water reuse. It produced a web-based toolbox for reuse and recycling technologies in the context of integrated water-resources management. The challenge of reuse and recycling technologies projects is not the lack of treatment techniques and technologies but rather lies in how such schemes may be implemented in the local context.

Poseidon itself is a user-oriented, simple, and efficient Excel-Tool, which aims to compare different wastewater treatment techniques based on their removal efficiencies, their costs, and additional assessment criteria. Furthermore, the background of the different technologies related to water reuse and the underlying theory are explained. Poseidon can be applied prior to a more detailed feasibility study in order to assess possible water-reuse options and can show decision makers and other stakeholders that implementable solutions are available to comply with local requirements, as shown in Figure 2.

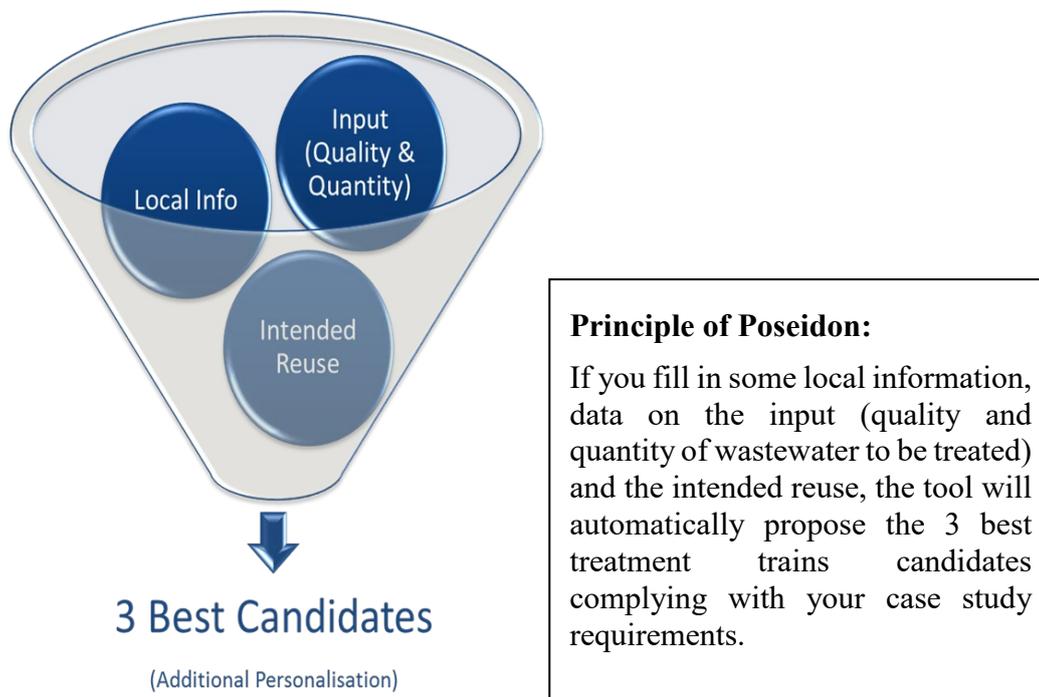


Figure 1: Principle of Poseidon.

<sup>1</sup> [www.coroado-project.eu](http://www.coroado-project.eu) This project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Programme for research, technological development and demonstration under grant agreement No 2830.

## 2. Basic mode

**Typical users:** Users not used to this tool and non-experts of wastewater treatment technologies and their assessment and comparison.

**Typical use:** The typical intended use of this basic mode is to learn about water-reuse treatment technologies and to analyze which treatment trains would comply with your own situation, as shown in Figure 3.

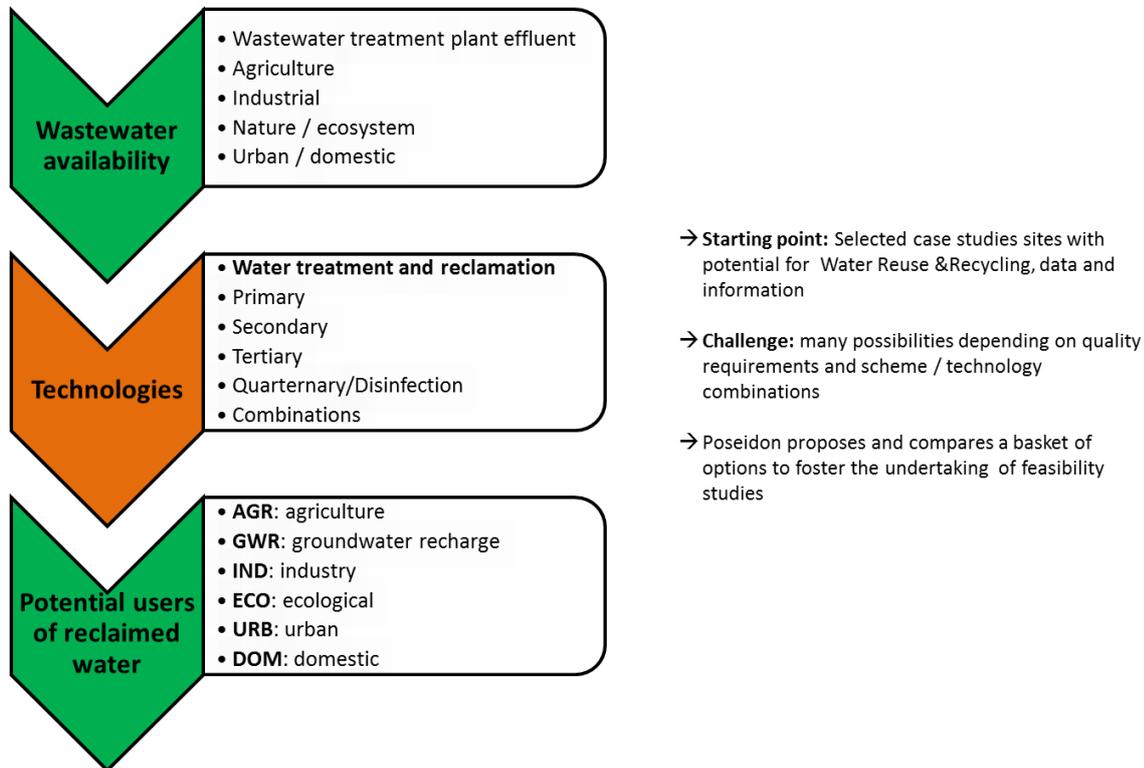


Figure 2: Main objectives.

### 2.1. Learn

Learn about Poseidon by clicking on the button "1. Learn." There are possibilities to learn more about the tool, the individual unit processes or treatment trains, and the water quality classes and the limitations of Poseidon (see also Chapter 4).

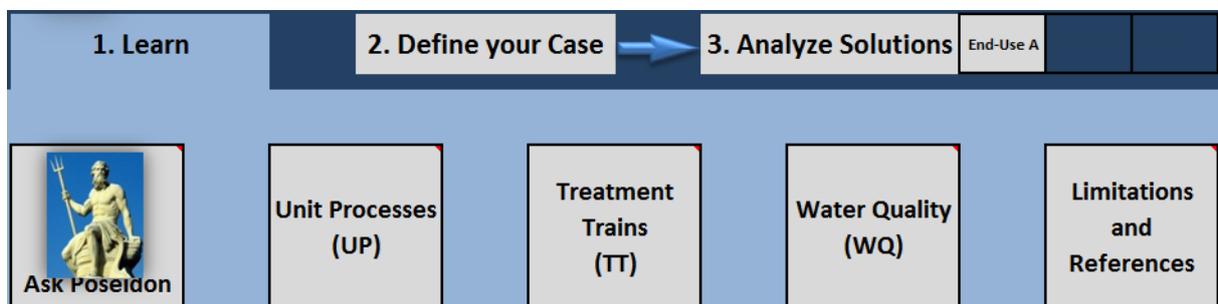


Figure 3: Learn.

### 2.2. Ask Poseidon

You will find a selection of different questions about the tool and some abbreviations you might not be familiar with. By selecting one of the questions, the tool will automatically give you the answer in form of a picture or chart, together with a short description.

Ask Poseidon here: **What about the wastewater constituents of concern for WR&R?**

End-uses of reclaimed water - Maximum Allowable pollutant concentration								
End-use:	Turb	TSS	BOD	COD	TN	TP	FC	TC
	NTU	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	Nr/100ml
1- Irrigation	5	10	10	70	15	2	10	0.1
2- Industrial	10	10	10	70	10	0.2	10000	0.1
3- Groundwater recharge	10	10	20	70	10	0.2	200	0.1
4- Environmental and recreational	10	10	20	70	10	0.2	0	0.1
5- Urban	2	10	10	70	15	2	0	0
6- Potable	10	10	20	70	10	0.2	200	0.1

Pollutant data								
End-use:	Turb	TSS	BOD	COD	TN	TP	FC	TC
	NTU	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	Nr/100ml
1- Raw WasteWater	225	250	220	600	55	9	1000000	800
2- Primary effluent	160	175	80	495	52	8	500000	30
3- Secondary effluent	20	10	20	50	10	1	20000	1

In order to decide on the level of treatment required to clean wastewater of a sufficient quality for specific reuse, it is important to identify constituents of concern and their concentration. In untreated wastewater a range of constituents (Table 1) can be found which can negatively affect public health, the environment and infrastructure (e.g., corrosion). According to EPA, 2012, all reuse systems should at least have secondary treatment, which addresses suspended solids, most dissolved organic matter, some nutrients and other inorganics. The specific reuse will determine, whether secondary treatment is sufficient or if more stringent cleaning of the wastewater is necessary. This section provides an overview of the most commonly found wastewater constituents. Table 1 also provides an overview of measured parameters with a focus on those included in this technology catalogue.

Figure 4: Ask Poseidon.

### 2.3. Unit Processes

The descriptions of the unit processes, which are involved in this tool, can be found in the tool. If you are new to the topic or if you are not sure anymore what a given unit process stands for, go to the Unit Processes tab, and there you will find all the descriptions of every single unit process, along with some illustrating graphics.

Select the technology here: **Bar screen**

Bar screens are typically at the entrance of a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and used to remove large objects such as rags, plastics bottles, diverse floatables and solids from the waste stream entering the treatment plant. They have openings of 1 to 6 cm (Hammer & Hammer, 2012) and collected solids can be removed by a traveling rake (Figure 5). Typically bar screens fall under two classification, mechanical bar screens and manual bar screens (trash racks can either be manually cleaned or mechanically cleaned). There are various types of bar screens available for installation, they include but not limited to chain bar screens, reciprocating rake bar screens, catenary bar screens, and continuous belt bar screens (e.g. Infobarscreens, 2013).

Mechanically cleaned bar screen with traveling rake (Hammer and Hammer 2012)

Figure 5: Unit processes.

### 2.4. Treatment Trains

Information on the catalogue of treatment trains included in the tool is presented here. Each treatment train has information on the list of unit processes, some description, and sometimes an example scenario (i.e., a “case study”). Those exemplary cases are facilities which are already realized and in operation. You will also find links to the references where the given treatment trains come from.

Select the treatment train Title 22: Benchmark Technology

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Unit processes	
UP 1	Bar screen
UP 2	Grit Chamber
UP 3	Sedimentation with coagulant
UP 4	Activated sludge
UP 5	P-Precipitation
UP 6	Denitrification
UP 7	Dual media filter
UP 8	Chlorine gas
UP 9	0
UP 10	0

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**Case studies**

This treatment train has been applied in the case study described here. This concept exists as standard in the USA (Graaf, 2005). Follow the link to access to the project.

Conventional wastewater treatment, including P and N removal, followed by dual media filtration and disinfection by UV or chlorine. The reuse varies from urban applications, green landscaping to industrial usage. Several examples of agricultural and environmental water re-use after treatment with variations of the Title 22 treatment train exist in Europe and Australia.

Figure 6: Treatment trains.

## 2.5. Water Quality

You will find all the details about different water quality classes included in Poseidon. There is a short description and references as well. Water quality regulations, recommendations and requirements are a very broad topic and sometimes remain undefined. In addition, compliance with requirements is a separate topic. For this reason, the tool proposes a catalogue of quality classes from several references (USEPA, WHO, national regulations, etc.) as an indication, and the user can either select one of those classes or adapt it to its own local conditions. Some references propose a range of values for selected parameters, and this section allows the user to see what is used for the calculation and where those numbers come from, along with some additional information.

Indicative	Quality (select)	Dairy	Dairy Industry- Mixed processing	For your information, you can select a quality on the left and see what can be typical parameters Note: The value "-1" means "no limit specified" or "no data found"										
	Quality	Turbidity <i>NTU</i>	TSS <i>mg/L</i>	BOD <i>mg/L</i>	COD <i>mg/L</i>	TN <i>mg/L</i>	TP <i>mg/L</i>	FC <i>NC/100ml</i>	TC <i>NC/100ml</i>	TDS <i>mg/L</i>	Nitrate <i>mg/L</i>	TOC <i>mg/L</i>	Virus <i>PFU/100ml</i>	
	More info (RANGE)		0/ 12500 (Val.		-9200/ 82		25051							
	<b>Description</b>						<b>Reference</b>							
	Ranges or mean values reported from 2 mixed dairy industry examples						Demirel, et al. (2005)							

Figure 7: Water quality.

## 2.6. Required Data Input - Basic Mode

The Excel tool is versatile and can be used either in basic or personalization mode (Section 3). In basic mode, the only required data are as follows (see Figure 9):

The screenshot displays the data input interface for the Excel tool in basic mode. It is organized into three main stages: 1. Learn, 2. Define your Case, and 3. Analyze Solutions.   
 - **1. Learn:** Under '1. Community information', 'Standard USD' is selected.   
 - **2. Define your Case:** Under '2. Input Quality and Quantity', 'Wastewater' is selected, and 'Typical untreated domestic wastewater' is chosen. Under '3. Model Personalization', '1' is selected for 'N° of end-uses to be considered', and 'No' is selected for 'Options'.   
 - **3. Analyze Solutions:** Under '4. End-Use A', 'USEPA' is selected, and 'EPA: Agricultural Reuse-Food Crops' is chosen. Under '5. Tariff for end-user A', '0' is selected. Under '6. Distribution', 'Distribution & Storage needs' is selected.   
 - **Define Quantity:** 'Serviced Population' is selected, with 'Amount' set to '10,000' and 'Unit' set to 'people'.

Figure 8: Data input in simple mode.

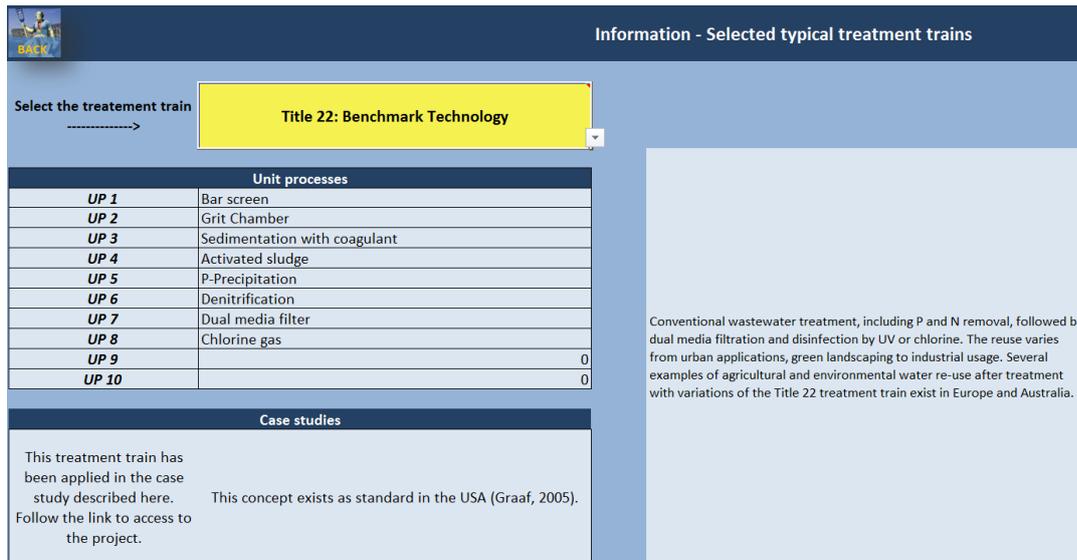
1. **Community information:** What is the currency in the region you would like to apply the tool, and what are labor, electricity and land costs in this context?
2. **Input quality:** What is the quality of the water or wastewater you would like to reuse? You can either choose from a list of pre-defined quality classes or specify up to 12 quality parameters yourself.
3. **Input quantity:** What is the quantity of water or wastewater you intend to reuse?
4. **End-use quality:** What is the quality requirement for your intended end-use of the water after treatment? You can either choose from a list of pre-defined quality classes or specify up to 12 quality parameters yourself.
5. **Tariff for end-user:** Specify the cost the reused water can be sold to the intended end-user.
6. **Distribution & storage needs:** Specify the length of the pipes required and the elevation to calculate the pumping costs. You can also specify whether you need a water or wastewater storage facility.

Based on those input data, the Excel tool will calculate the performance, cost, and other assessment criteria for all the treatment trains included in the system and propose to you the best candidates according to a varied selection and assessment methods as explained in Sections 2.7 and 2.8.

## 2.7. Calculation and Assessment Algorithm (Informative)

In order to understand the results, the user should have a basic understanding on how the tool performs the calculations before being able to analyze the results (All those calculations are performed automatically, and the user does not see the details while using the tool).

Poseidon contains a catalogue of unit processes (technologies) assembled into a catalogue of treatment trains (i.e., a combination a series of technologies). The treatment trains are based on case studies and contain main benchmarks treatment trains and several additional examples worldwide. One example of treatment train is shown in Figure 10. In simple mode, Poseidon contains around 40 unit processes and around 50 treatment trains. There is also the possibility to add unit processes and to create additional treatment trains, leading to an almost unlimited amount of combinations. Those personalization possibilities are described in Section 3



Information - Selected typical treatment trains

Select the treatment train  
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Figure 9: Title 22 benchmark technology: example of a treatment train composed of 8 unit processes.

Each unit process, and therefore each treatment train, contains following information:

1. general description of unit process, treatment trains that can be found in the "learn" section of the tool;
2. pollutant removal percentage for each water quality parameter under minimum, average, and maximum performance;
3. quantitative lifecycle costs information in order to calculate the important cost components for each case;
4. additional assessment criteria for the technical assessment, requirements, impacts, cost, and resources, where the values are between 0 and 3 (0 = nil, 1 = low, 2 = medium and 3 = high); and
5. a normalized and aggregated single treatment train score that is calculated based on the weights defined by the user (Figure 11). The values are between 0 (*worst*) and 3 (*best*).

1. Learn
2. Define your Case
3. Analyze Solutions

Define here your "Evaluation Profile" by assigning weights. You can select only one parameter or all of them. Be careful not to include twice the same parameter (e.g. for cost of treatment)

1. Select a weighting profile:

Manual entry

Reset the weights:
 

1	A	E
2		

Technical evaluation		Requirements and impacts		Costs and resources	
Reliability	Not important (not considered)	Power demand	Very important	Annualised Capital Costs	Not important (not considered)
Ease to upgrade	Not important (not considered)	Chemical demand	Not important (not considered)	Land Cost	Not important (not considered)
Adaptability to varying flow	Not important (not considered)	Odor generation	Not very important	Energy cost	Not important (not considered)
Adaptability to varying quality	Not important (not considered)	Impact on ground water	Not important (not considered)	Labour	Not important (not considered)
Ease of O & M	Important	Land requirement	Not important (not considered)	O&M Others	Not important (not considered)
Ease of construction	Not important (not considered)	Cost of treatment	Not important (not considered)	Total Annualised costs	Important
Ease of demonstration	Not important (not considered)	Quantity of sludge production	Not important (not considered)		

Figure 10: Weight the relative importance of different parameters in order to calculate an overall treatment train score.

## 2.8. Elimination, Ranking and Assessment Process

As described in the previous section, each parameter is calculated for each treatment train included in Poseidon. Those parameters can be divided into three categories:

1. **Technical:** This is the calculation of the pollutant-removal performance for the considered quality parameters. If a given treatment train complies with all the water quality parameters specified for a given end-use, the treatment train is considered compliant.<sup>2</sup>
2. **Economic:** These are the lifecycle treatment costs calculated quantitatively in the selected currency per cubic meter. Such a cost is calculated for each treatment train.
3. **Assessment criteria:** These are all the additional assessment criteria that are normalized, and their values are between 0 and 3 (0 = nil, 1 = low, 2 = medium, and 3 = high). Out of those assessment criteria, another aggregated score is calculated for every treatment train based on the assigned weights by the user, as explained in the previous section.

<sup>2</sup> Note that for each parameter, three performances are calculated (minimum, average and maximum performance), depending on the operation conditions and external factors. In the selection process, the maximum performance is considered and the user should be aware that under less well-operating treatment trains, the quality might not comply with the water quality required for the end-use.

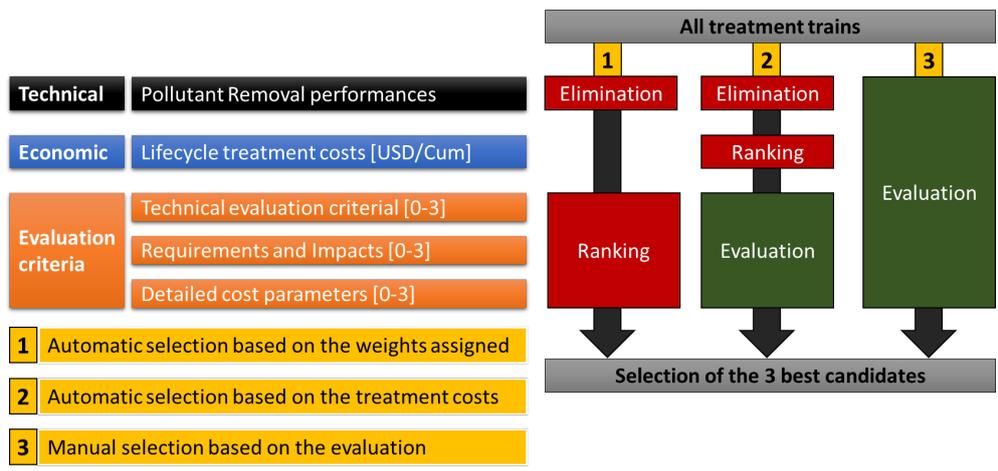


Figure 11: Assessment algorithm proposed by the stage II assessment.

Based on those three categories of parameters (technical, economic, and assessment criteria), the user can proceed to three main elimination, ranking, and assessment selections, as represented in Figure 12 and Figure 13.

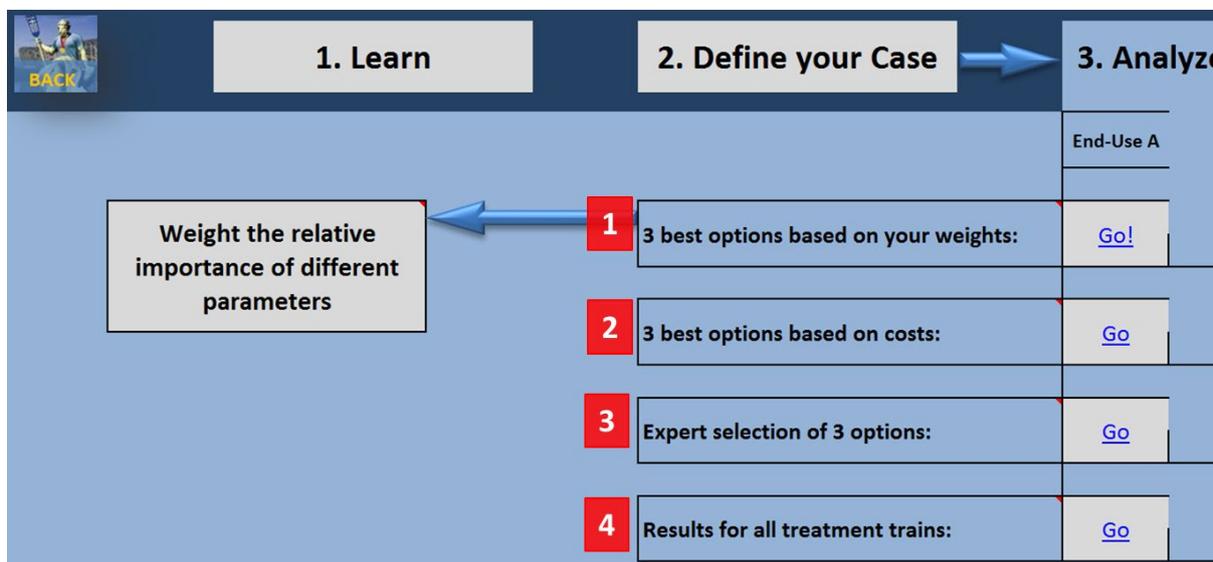


Figure 12: Analyze solution screenshot.

- 1. Automatic selection based on the weights assigned:** In this mode, all treatment trains not complying with the water quality required are eliminated (under maximum performance). The treatment trains complying with the quality required by the foreseen end-use are ranked according to the aggregated treatment trains' single score, based on the weights assigned by the user. The best three candidates are presented automatically.
- 2. Automatic selection based on the treatment costs:** In this mode, all treatment trains not complying with the water quality required are eliminated (under maximum performance). The treatment trains complying with the quality required by the foreseen end-use are ranked according to the lifecycle treatment costs, and the three best treatment trains are presented. In addition, the assessment criteria are displayed but do not affect the ranking.
- 3. Manual selection based on the assessment:** In this mode, the user can choose any treatment train included in Poseidon and see the results (technical, economic, and assessment criteria). Non-compliant treatment trains can also be selected, and this mode allows total freedom for comparison.

- Results for all treatment trains (no selection):** This mode does not have any selection but provides a table with all calculated results and allows expert analysis of every calculated parameter.

## 2.9. Understanding the Results

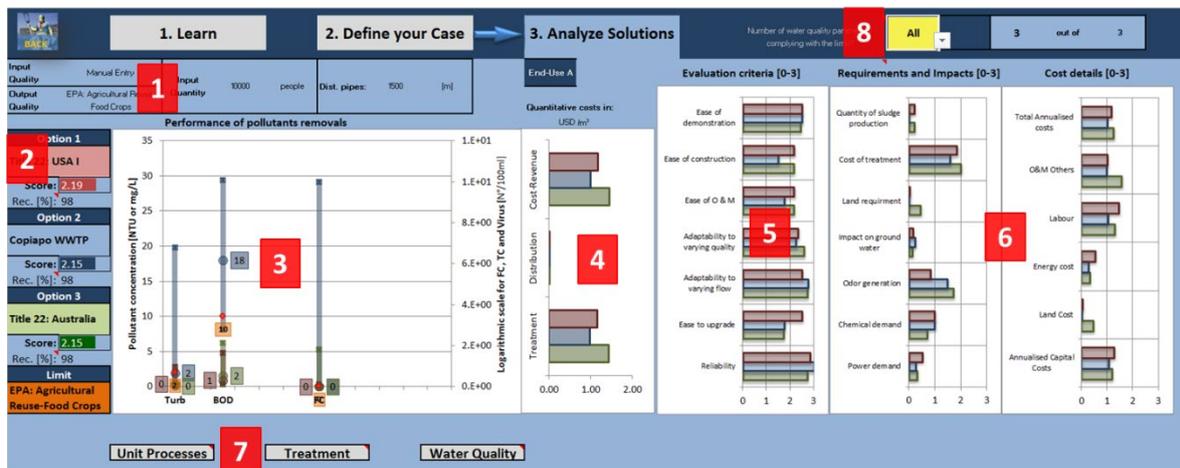


Figure 13: Example results sheet.

When looking at the results, most likely the user will start to analyze the graphic shown in Figure 14. On this sheet, a range of information is displayed and can be classified into eight points (highlighted in red):

- The data input are recapitulated (input quality and quantity, output quality, and distribution).
- The three best options are displayed in three colors (red, blue, green). For each option, the name of the treatment train is displayed with the overall treatment train score based on the assigned weights and the recovery percentage. The limit chosen for the output quality required is indicated in orange.
- The chart displays the pollutant removal performances under minimum, average, and maximal performance. The limit is indicated in orange. The user can see how well the three options perform, and the user should be aware that depending on the performance of the treatment train, the treatment might not comply with the required quality. There are two scales, one on the right for the highest quality parameters in [NTU] (turbidity) or [mg/l], and with a logarithmic scale for FC, TC and virus, in [n°/100 ml].
- The quantitative costs are presented in the selected currency per cubic meter. Cost-revenue is the cost of treatment and distribution minus the foreseen selling cost to the end-user. If this value is negative, the option would generate money. The quantitative costs are calculated with the lifecycle cost methodology and include everything (OPEX, CAPEX, interest rate, electricity cost, useful life, etc.).
- The independent assessment criteria results are displayed. The values are between 0 and 3: (0 = nil, 1 = low, 2 = medium and 3 = high). For the assessment criteria, a high value is considered positive for the calculation of the overall treatment train score based on the weights (displayed under the option name, point 2).
- The results for requirements, impacts, and costs and are displayed. The values are between 0 and 3 (0 = nil, 1 = low, 2 = medium and 3 = high). For those criteria, a high value is considered negative for the calculation of the overall treatment train score based on the weights (displayed under the option name, point 2).



1. **Personalize community information:** You can define in details different cost components, the interest and discount rates, and so on.
2. **Define your water quality classes A–E:** Here you can define quality classes A–E by specifying the different quality parameters for each class. The defined quality class can then be selected as input data if you choose the quality category "*User Classes*."
3. **Personalize water quality:** You can personalize the water quality for each parameter.
4. **Create your own treatment trains:** It is possible to create your own three treatment trains by assembling up to 10 unit processes from the database included in the Excel tool. The created treatment trains will be considered for the analysis.
5. **Add up to 8 unit processes:** You can add up to 8 additional unit processes (e.g. UASB) to the database. Note that this is an intensive process, as for each new unit process, a large amount of data is required (pollutant removal performances, costs, assessment criteria, etc.).
6. **Distribution and storage needs:** It is possible to change the pipe design criteria by changing the average flow velocity.
7. **End-uses B and C:** You can specify quality and distribution data for two additional end uses and therefore compare up to three different types of intended reuse for an input.

### **3.2. Procedure to Define Community Information Profiles**

This option allows the specification of community information mainly related to costs. The user can specify currencies with the exchange rate set to USD2006 (as a basis for the calculation). Apply following procedure to add new community information:

- Select "Define your case."
- Choose from point 1 "Community information" the option "Personalized." A new field, "Personalize," appears.
- Clicking on this new box redirects the user to a new sheet, where all the fields in yellow can be updated.
- The last row, with the title "Personalized," can be completed with custom currency information.
- Go back to the page "Define your case" by selecting the box "Back to community selection."

Standard USD	Currency (CUR)	Exchange rate to USD 2006 (CUR/USD 2006)	Land cost (CUR/ha)	Electricity cost (CUR/kWh)	Personal cost (CUR/person-hour)	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Standard Community based on USD 2006.	USD	1	10000	0.05	20	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Argentina - A-Peso	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Argentina - A-Peso	ARS	3.07	48,008.55	0.15	61.34	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Argentina - USD	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Argentina - USD	USD	1.00	15,000.00	0.05	20.00	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Chile - C-PESO	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Chile - C-PESO	CLP	525.51	5,255,052.85	76.20	10,510.11	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Chile - USD	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Chile - USD	USD	1.00	10,000.00	0.15	20.00	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Brazil - REALS	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Brazil - REALS	BRL	2.41	28,888.88	0.29	48.13	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Brazil - USD	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Brazil - USD	USD	1.00	12,004.00	0.12	20.00	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Mexico - M-PESO	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Mexico - M-PESO	MXN	10.76625793	107662.5793	1.356548499	215.3259586	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Mexico - USD	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Mexico - USD	USD	1.00	10,000.00	0.13	20.00	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%
Personalised	Currency	Exchange rate to USD 2006	Land cost	Electricity cost	Personal cost	Discount rate	Piping	Controls & Instrumentation	Site electrical	Site development	Site works	Engineering	Contingency
Peru	Soles												

Figure 16: Community information – specify the different parameters.

### 3.3. Define Your Water Quality Classes A–E

Data entry - Create your own water quality classes (A-E)													
Quality (select)	Argentina		ARG - Water for agricultural Irrigation(non-food crops)		For your information, you can select a quality on the left and see what can be typical parameters Note: The value "-1" means "no limit specified" or "no data found"								
	Turb NTU	TSS mg/L	BOD mg/L	COD mg/L	TN mg/L	TP mg/L	FC No/100ml	TC No/100ml	TDS mg/L	Nitrate mg N/L	TOC mg/L	Virus PFU/100ml	
<b>Class A</b> Water quality <b>very low</b> (it cannot be reused for any purpose neither discharged and needs treatment).	500	500	440	1200	110	18	2000000	1600	1600	150	30	200	
<b>Class B</b> Water quality is <b>low</b> (it cannot be reused for any purpose but can be discharged according to the national regulations).	10	100	100	200	-1	-1	-1	25	-1	-1	-1	-1	
<b>Class C</b> Water quality is <b>medium</b> (it could be reused for restricted agricultural - food crops not consumed uncooked - and/or industrial purposes).	10	30	30	-1	10	-1	200	23	-1	-1	-1	-1	
<b>Class D</b> Water quality is <b>good</b> (it could be reused for agriculture and other non-potable uses in industry or in the urban network).	-1	20	20	150	-1	-1	-1	1000	30	50	-1	-1	
<b>Class E</b>	Turb	TSS	BOD	COD	TN	TP	FC	TC	TDS	Nitrate	TOC	Virus	

Figure 17: Water quality classes A–E.

### 3.4. Procedure to Personalize Water Quality

It is possible to define the exact parameter values of your influent water instead of choosing a category of wastewater with defined values.

Quality (enter data here if you selected "Manual Entry")	Turb NTU	TSS mg/L	BOD mg/L	COD mg/L	TN mg/L	TP mg/L	FC No/100ml	TC No/100ml	TDS mg/L	Nitrate mg N/L	TOC mg/L	Virus PFU/100ml

Figure 18: Define your own water quality classes.

The following procedure has to be undergone:

1. Select “Define your case.”
2. Choose from point 2, “Input Quality and Quantity,” the option “Manual Entry.” A new field, “Personalize,” appears.
3. Clicking on this field opens a new sheet in which the influent wastewater parameters can be entered. Pay attention to match the given units.
4. If one parameter is not defined, enter the value “-1.”
5. Go back to the “Define your case” page by selecting the box "Back to define your case study.”

If you selected "Manual entry" for the water quality, please enter the values to consider here below.

Quality (enter data here if you selected "Manual Entry")	Turb NTU	TSS mg/L	BOD mg/L	COD mg/L	TN mg/L	TP mg/L	FC No/100ml	TC No/100ml	TDS mg/L	Nitrate mg N/L	TOC mg/L	Virus PFU/100ml
	200	200	245				1000	5000				

**Back to "Define your case Study"**

**Reminder:**  
Verify that "Manual entry", at the top of the list has been selected for the influent quality.

Figure 19: Own water quality class – data input.

### 3.5. Procedure to Create Treatment Trains

Poseidon proposes a catalogue of treatment trains, composed of combinations of single unit processes representing a typical WWTP. It is nevertheless possible to combine the different unit processes in a new, more case-specific treatment train.

	Own Treatment Train 1	Own Treatment Train 2	Own Treatment Train 3
Name of your Treatment Train	Name of your Treatment Train	Name of your Treatment Train	Name of your Treatment Train
Edit the name of your Treatment train below	Edit the name of your Treatment train below	Edit the name of your Treatment train below	Edit your own TT, here: only bar screen
Unit Process 1	NONE	NONE	NONE
Unit Process 2	NONE	NONE	NONE
Unit Process 3	NONE	NONE	NONE

Figure 20: Create your own treatment trains.

Select the Excel-sheet 2.3.

1. Change the name of the treatment train in the first yellow box (*Edit your own treatment train*).
2. Describe your own treatment train by selecting the correspondent unit processes beginning on top with “Unit Process 1.” To do so, select the yellow box to the right of the unit process. A shortlist can now be opened. Select the appropriate unit process from this list, and continue with the following step in your treatment train as described.
3. Enter up to 10 unit processes. If not all possibilities are used, leave the last unit process as "NONE." The “Number of Unit Processes” allows a control: The number of entered unit processes should match the number given in the light grey field below your treatment train. Never insert "NONE" between two unit processes.

- To describe the newly created treatment train, use the yellow box "Description of own treatment train 1."

It is possible to create up to three treatment trains in this way that to be considered in the assessment and ranking processes.

### 3.6. Procedure to Create Additional Unit Processes

Up to eight additional unit processes can be created and used for the creation of your own treatment trains. To add personalized unit processes, follow the procedure below (see Figure 22).

Own Unit Process 1			Name:	test 1						Description:							Recovery [%]	90	
Turb			TSS			BOD			COD			TN			TP				
min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max		
FC			TC			Conductivity			Nitrate			TOC			Virus				
min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max	min	% av.	max		

Figure 21: Create additional unit process.

- Select the Excel-sheet 2.5.
- Change the name of the unit process in the yellow field *test 1*.
- Add a short description of the unit process in the yellow field right to the denomination.
- Specify the overall pollutant-removal efficiency. Provide information about the different parameters such as turbidity, TSS, and so on, as well as their range (minimum, average, maximum).  
*Note: If not all data are available, it is important to indicate the value for pollutant removal performance at least for the maximum performance, as this value is used in the calculation.*
- Enter values on the assessment indicators and on the costs (the entered value has to be sensible relative to the assessment criteria of the other unit processes included in the catalogue).
- Enter information related to costs for at least two different flows.

It is possible to create up to eight unit processes in this way. Each of these can be either used as a standalone wastewater treatment or integrated in a treatment train, as described in Section 3.5.

### 3.7. Procedure to Define Distribution and Storage Needs

Wastewater has to be collected, treated, and stored and, in the end, redistributed. The distribution and storage costs are not to be underestimated. To take them into consideration, follow the procedure below.

Distribution 1	Storage	Distribution 2
Type:	Type:	Type:
Grassland (Select)	NONE (Select)	NONE (Select)
Length of pipe	Storage Volume	Length of pipe
1000 m	10000 m <sup>3</sup>	500 m
Elevation (+uphill, -downhill)		Elevation (+uphill, -downhill)
-500 m		0 m
<b>Optional design function:</b>		
Flow velocity (default 1 m/s)	Optional design function:	Flow velocity (default 1 m/s)
1 m/s	Yes	1 m/s
Calculated pipe inside diameter		Calculated pipe inside diameter
172 mm		172 mm
Calculated pumping costs		Calculated pumping costs
0.00 USD /m <sup>3</sup>		0.00 USD /m <sup>3</sup>
Calculated piping costs		Calculated piping costs
0.01 USD /m <sup>3</sup>		0.00 USD /m <sup>3</sup>

Figure 22: Define distribution and storage needs.

### 3.8. Procedure to Consider More End Uses

If the treated wastewater could be used in more than one application field, it is possible to consider up to three different end-uses. This function is useful if a potential wastewater could be reused exemplarily for agriculture and industrial reuse. The tool can propose adapted treatment trains for both options considering the same influent. To do so, follow the procedure below.

Figure 23: N° of end-uses.

1. Select “Define your case.”
2. Choose from point 3, “Model Personalization” the option 2 or 3 according to the desired number of end-uses for the wastewater.
3. More fields are added according to the chosen number of end-uses. The end-uses are differentiated in A, B, or C (if three end-uses have been selected).
4. As the tariff and the distribution can vary from one end-use to another, enter the relevant values in the corresponding fields.

## 4. Typical Examples

### 4.1. Example 1: Two Potential Water Reuse Scenarios for the Untreated Wastewater from a City

A village in Europe with typical domestic untreated wastewater from 5,000 inhabitants is considered. You would like to analyze how to treat this water for two scenarios and find the best 3 options based on costs of treatment.

Scenario 1: Reuse for aquaculture.

Scenario 2: Reuse for industrial cooling in an industry.

The foreseen WWTP will be at an altitude of 1,000 m above sea level. The foreseen agriculture area is 1 km away in a rural area and has an altitude of 500 m above sea level. The industry is 100 m away from the foreseen WWTP.

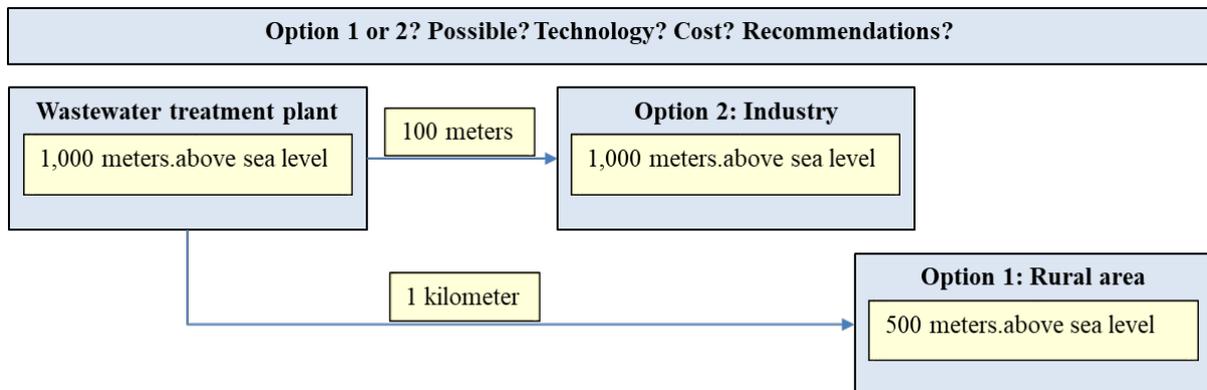


Figure 24: Visualization example task

Answer the following questions:

- Are there suitable treatment trains for reuses 1 or 2, or both?
- Which are the best three options based on the costs?
- What are the costs of treatment for those options?
- What are the costs of distribution for option 1?

#### 4.2. Suggested Procedure

Figure 26 shows how the tool looks at the beginning of an assessment.

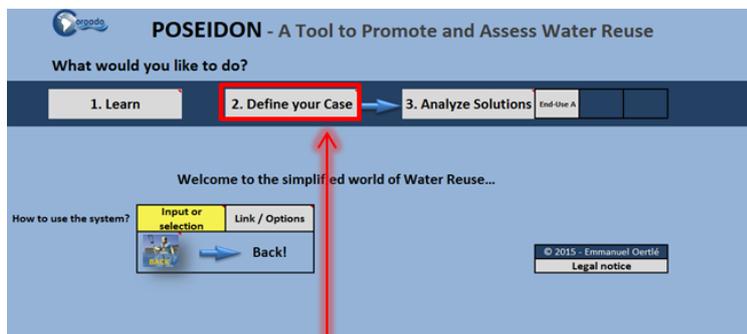


Figure 25: Starting point.

First click on the button "Define your Case"

**Let's start to fill in information**

The screenshot shows a software interface with five main sections, each with a numbered red box indicating a step:

- 1. Community information:** A dropdown menu is set to "Standard USD".
- 2. Input Quality and Quantity:** A dropdown menu is set to "Wastewater", and another dropdown below it is set to "Typical untreated domestic wastewater".
- 3. Model Personalization:** A dropdown menu is set to "Serviced Population", and a text input field below it contains "5'000".
- 4. End-Use A:** A dropdown menu is set to "AQUAREC", and another dropdown below it is set to "AQUAREC: Environmental and aquaculture Category 2".
- 5. End-Use B:** A dropdown menu is set to "AQUAREC", and another dropdown below it is set to "AQUAREC: Industrial cooling Category 4".

Other visible fields include "Options: No", "Tariff for end-user A: 0 USD /m³", "Tariff for end-user B: 0 USD /m³", and "Distribution: Distribution & Storage needs" for both end-uses.

Figure 26: Filling in the information.

1. First select “Standard USD”.
2. Select “Wastewater” on the top, and just under it, select ”Typical untreated domestic wastewater.”
3. Select “Serviced Population” and on the bottom, type in “5,000” for the inhabitants.
4. In N° of end-uses to be considered, enter a value of 2, because we have 2 different scenarios in this task.
5. Here choose “AQUAREC” on the top, and just under it, choose “AQUAREC: Environmental and aquaculture Category 2.”
6. Select “AQUAREC” on the top as well, but under it choose “AQUAREC: Industrial cooling Category 4.”

To fill in the information for the first scenario, click the button "Distribution & Storage needs."

The screenshot shows the configuration window for distribution and storage needs:

- Distribution 1:** Type: Grassland (Select), Length of pipe: 1000 m, Elevation (+uphill, -downhill): -500 m.
- Storage:** Type: NONE (Select), Storage Volume: 10000 m³.
- Distribution 2:** Type: NONE (Select), Length of pipe: 0 m, Elevation (+uphill, -downhill): 0 m.
- Optional design function:** No.

Figure 27: Distribution and storage needs.

Now fill in the needed data. Do the same for the other scenario; just click on the same button as before, but under the “5.End-Use B.”

### 4.3. Suggested Procedure – Analyze the Results

To analyze your solutions, click on the button "3. Analyze Solutions."

You will see the window shown in Figure 29.

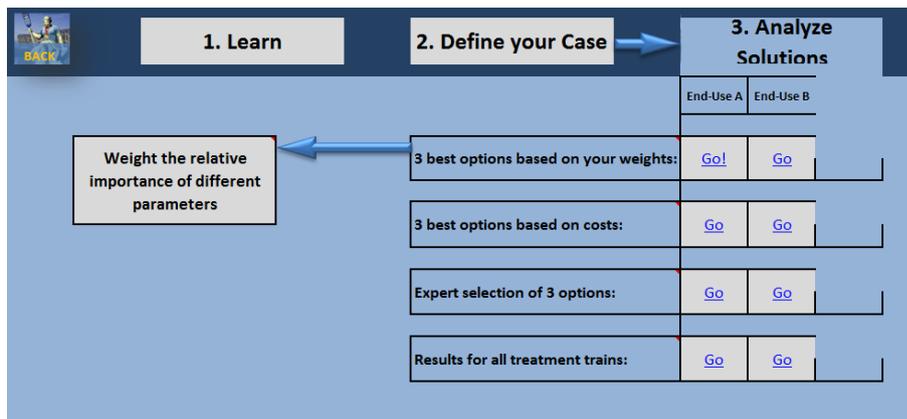


Figure 28: 3. Analyze solutions.

If click on "3. Analyze Solutions." You can select one of the following buttons to see your results (see Figure 30).

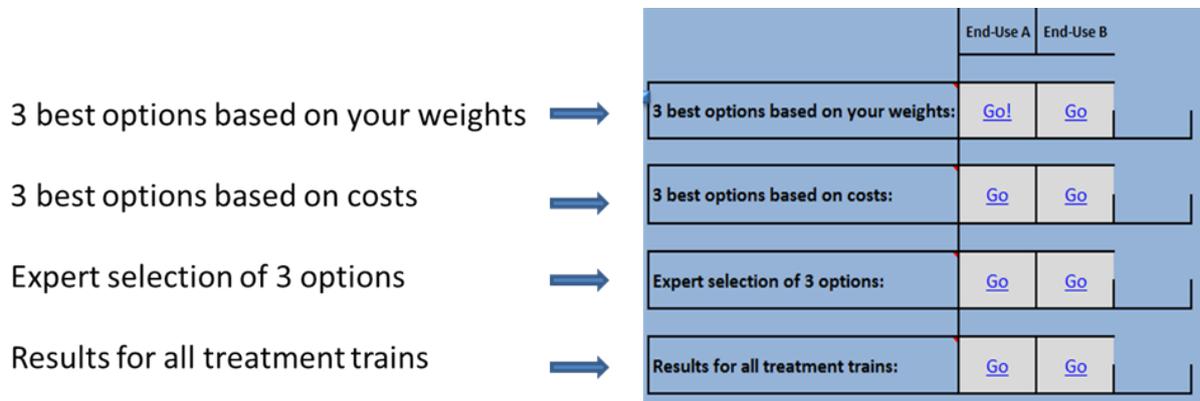


Figure 29: Different options in "3. Analyze Solutions."

For example if you click the leftmost "Go" (see Figure 31), you will see the three best options based on costs for the 1<sup>st</sup> scenario.



Figure 30: Three best options based on costs.

If you click the "Go" on the right side, you will see the same, but adapted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> scenario.



On the left side you see now the three best options. These are examples of projects in other countries which are already in service.

Table 1: Table with results

#### 4.4. Questions & Answers

1. Are there suitable treatment Yes, there are a lot of suitable treatments for reuses for both of trains for reuses 1 and/or 2? the scenarios.

2. Which are the best 3 options based on the costs? 1<sup>st</sup> scenario (reuse for aquaculture):  
 Option 1: Title 22: Belgium  
 Option 2: Soil treatment: Israel  
 Option 3: Soil treatment: Benchmark

2<sup>nd</sup> scenario (reuse for industrial cooling in an industry):

Option 1: Title 22: Belgium  
 Option 2: Soil treatment: Israel  
 Option 3: Soil treatment: Benchmark

3. What are the costs of treatment for those options? Click on “3 best options based on costs,” and you will see the costs of treatment in the table (in this case in USD/m<sup>3</sup>; other currencies are available for selection).

Belgium: 1.00 [USD/m<sup>3</sup>]  
 Israel: 1.37 [USD/m<sup>3</sup>]  
 Benchmark: 1.40 [USD/m<sup>3</sup>]

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4. What are the costs of distribution for option 1? Click on the same button as in question 3: Distribution costs are 0.02 [USD/m<sup>3</sup>].

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**Remarks and analysis:** For this case, it appears that the treatment train Title 22 Belgium both complies with intended reuse and offers the best treatment costs. There are some additional treatment trains that would be cheaper, but these treatments apparently would not comply with the water quality requirements indicated. If a treatment train based on Title 22: Belgium would be implemented in this fictive European village, it would comply with both scenarios (industrial and agricultural reuse), and it could be a good option to consider both reuses with a single treatment. The industry would probably also pay for the reclaimed water, and it would make sense to initiate some more detailed design and feasibility studies for this case.

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#### **4.5. Example 2: Comparison of Different Treatment Trains**

Compare the following three treatment trains for the treatment of typical untreated domestic wastewater from 5,000 inhabitants:

1. Treatment train 1: Title 22 Benchmark technology;
2. Treatment train 2: bar screen, grit chamber, sedimentation with coagulant, activated sludge, chlorine gas; and
3. Treatment train 3: Maturation pond, maturation pond, and chlorine dioxide.

#### **Suggested Procedure**

To fill in all the information, go first to "2. Define your Case."

There you can fill in the 5,000 inhabitants, as you have done in task 1.

For the next step, click on "Create your own 3 treatment trains."

**2. Define your Case**

**3. Model Personalization**  
N° of end-uses to be considered:

2

Options: Yes

Create your 3 own treatment trains

Define your Water Quality Classes

Add up to 8 Unit Processes

Figure 31: Create your own 3 treatment trains.

Now fill in all the data; you have to create two new treatment trains, because the first treatment train, "Title 22 Benchmark technology," must be entered somewhere else. You can call the second treatment train "TT2" and the third, "TT3."

Data entry - Build your 3 own treatment trains - Follow steps 1-3 indicated on the left

	Own Treatment Train 1 Name of your Treatment Train Edit the name of your Treatment train below	Own Treatment Train 2 Name of your Treatment Train Edit the name of your Treatment train below	Own Treatment Train 3 Name of your Treatment Train Edit the name of your Treatment train below
<b>1</b>	TT2	TT3	Edit your own TT, here: only bar screen
Unit Process 1	Bar screen	Maturation pond	NONE
Unit Process 2	Grit Chamber	Maturation pond	NONE
Unit Process 3	Sedimentation with coagulant	Chlorine dioxide	NONE
Unit Process 4	Activated sludge	NONE	NONE
Unit Process 5	Chlorine gas	NONE	NONE
<b>2</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE
Unit Process 6	NONE	NONE	NONE
Unit Process 7	NONE	NONE	NONE
Unit Process 8	NONE	NONE	NONE
Unit Process 9	NONE	NONE	NONE

Figure 32: Data entry for your own three treatment trains.

Now, go back and click on "3. Analyze Solutions."

There, click on "Go," by the "Expert selection of 3 options."

You will come to the page with your results, once there, you have to change the treatment trains on the left side in the middle and fill in the required three treatment trains:

Title 22: Benchmark



Option 1	
Title 22:	Benchmark
Score:	2.11
Rec. [%]:	98
Option 2	
TT2	
Score:	2.13
Rec. [%]:	98
Option 3	
TT3	
Score:	2.75
Rec. [%]:	100
Limit	
AQUAREC: Environmental and	

TT2



TT3

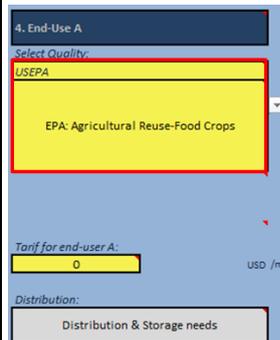


Figure 33: Title 22 Benchmark, TT2, TT3.

### 4.6. Questions & Answers

1. Are the three treatment trains compliant with EPA agricultural reuse – food crop quality class?

For the first task, go to "2. Define your Case" and select, in "4. End-Use A," the option "USEPA"; under "USEPA," you choose "Agricultural Reuse - Food Crops" as a quality class:



Next, go to "3. Analyze Solutions," and click on the "GO" button on "Results for all Treatment Trains."

Treatment Train	Performance (average of performance)									
	Turb [1/m³]	TSS [mg/l]	BOD [mg/l]	COD [mg/l]	TH [mg/l]	TP [mg/l]	FC [1000/100ml]	FC [1000/100ml]	FC [1000/100ml]	FC [1000/100ml]
TT2	41.24	20.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
TT3	41.24	20.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
Title 22 Benchmark Train	41.24	20.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12

You will see your results adapted to the category USEPA and the 3 treatment trains you have put in.

	If the results are green, the option is compliant, if they are red, it is not compliant.
2. What are the treatment costs of the three treatment trains?	Select “Expert selection of 3 options” in “Analyze solutions,” where you will find the cost of treatment for the three treatment trains.
3. What would you recommend?	Here, TT2 and TT3 would be cheaper, but Title 22 Benchmark works better if you look at the table. I would therefore choose the solution built in Title 22 Benchmark.

## 5. Conclusions

Poseidon is a tool to promote and assess water reuse. Different parameters can be personalized and adapted in this tool per user. The values calculated by Poseidon should not be considered absolute values but only as indicators. The accuracy is not guaranteed. The given results show different possibilities to adapt or enhance the treatment of wastewater, but only the implementation in “real life” with adapted monitoring of the treatment can produce accurate values for a given treatment plant.

## 6. Glossary

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition (<i>applied to the use and understanding of Poseidon</i>)</b>
Input	The wastewater that has to be treated before being reused
Unit Processes	Single water treatment technologies (primary, secondary, tertiary treatment and disinfection technologies)
Treatment Trains	Series of unit processes combined in a so-called treatment train or treatment chain
End-use	The intended reuse of reclaimed water after its treatment with an adequate treatment train (e.g. agricultural, industrial, potable reuse or environmental recharge)
Quality class	Defined by several quality parameters included in the tool (e.g. turbidity, biological oxygen demand, etc.); those included in Poseidon either represent typical water quality of wastewaters or limits based on guidelines and recommendations for reuse
Weighting	Can be assigned to the different assessment criteria in order to calculate an overall treatment train score (single indicator) that considers the relative importance of different criteria based on specific cases

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition (<i>applied to the use and understanding of Poseidon</i>)</b>
Distribution	Transport of wastewater and water in pipes or open channels; depending on elevation, distribution involves pumping
Wastewater	Water which has been polluted by human activities
Wastewater treatment	Improvement of water quality by applying a number of methods or technologies
Water reuse	Beneficial use of reclaimed water
Greywater	Wastewater from households or office buildings (bathing, cleaning, laundry etc.) without fecal contamination, i.e. all streams except for the wastewater from toilets
Blackwater	Wastewater and sewage from toilets
Primary treatment	Usually first step in cleaning process involving removal of solids, oils, and greases by flotation, sedimentation, and screening
Secondary treatment	Removal of dissolved suspended biological matter, which typically involves biological processes by microorganisms (activated sludge, membrane bioreactors, etc.)
Tertiary treatment	Cleaning to a high level of purity or removal of specific contaminants (e.g. heavy metals); can include disinfection
Water reclamation	Cleaning of wastewater to a purity that can be used for specific purposes
Direct reuse	Direct use of reclaimed water for a specific purpose
Indirect reuse	Reuse of wastewater which has been previously mixed and diluted with fresh water by discharge into receiving water bodies