

## **Buntplanet to co-host IWA World Water Loss Congress 2024 (April 14th-17th 2024), in partnership with the City Council of Donostia-San Sebastian**

The **WORLD WATER LOSS CONGRESS** is one of the most important events held by the International Water Association (IWA), second only to the annual IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition. Taking place every two years, the World Water Loss Congress provides a forum for companies, scientists and experts in the management of water services to share the advances which have been made in reducing water losses in potable water distribution networks.

The 2024 event will take place in the Kursaal Congress Centre between the 14th and 17th of April and will provide an opportunity to showcase the technology and progress made by the city of **Donostia-San Sebastian** in the digitization of its water service, as well as its achievements in reducing levels of Non Revenue Water (NRW).

The City Council of Donostia-San Sebastian deployed the **BuntBrain Artificial Intelligence Platform**, developed by BuntPlanet, three years ago. Today, its water network, including the water meters within the network, are managed by a unique combination of technologies incorporating Big Data, Machine Learning, DMA Virtualization and Digital Twin technologies.

The city of Donostia-San Sebastian was formally nominated as a candidate to host the 2024 Congress at the concluding plenary session of the IWA Water Loss Congress 2022, which was held in Prague, on June 22nd. The nomination received a very positive reception from the delegates.

The winning proposal was prepared jointly by the Donostia-San Sebastian City Council's Water Service, Donostia-San Sebastian Turismoa Convention Bureau, the Council's Kursaal Congress Centre, BuntPlanet, a company based in Donostia-San Sebastian; and the Spanish Water and Wastewater Association, Asociación Española de Abastecimientos de Agua y Saneamiento (AEAS).

The World Water Loss Congress 2024 will be an exciting opportunity to demonstrate, to water services management specialists from around the world, both the disruptive technology that the Donostia-San Sebastian City Council uses to manage its water network and how the network management is enhanced by Artificial Intelligence platforms. And it will highlight the fact that leading global developers of these technologies, such as Bunt Planet, are headquartered in the Basque Country.

### **About BuntPlanet**

Based in Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain, **BuntPlanet** has developed BuntBrain, a unique combination of technologies to help water utility companies become more efficient and resilient. With BuntBrain, water companies can detect and pre-locate early leaks before they grow and end up in a burst. BuntBrain can simulate different scenarios, detect water quality

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problems, determine which meters need to be checked or replaced from an economic point of view and which pipes need to be replaced. The system also notifies users if they have an internal leak or if their consumption is abnormal compared to similar users.

Please visit [www.buntplanet.com](http://www.buntplanet.com) for more information.

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