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**SACYR AND ACCIONA JOIN FORCES TO ENHANCE WATER  
FOOTPRINT COMPENSATION**

- **This initiative pushes for an active water resource management so that companies produce more water than they consume and achieve a Water Positive footprint.**
- **The Water Positive concept works on generating new resources and a water credits system, similar to the one already used for CO2 emissions.**

**Madrid, October 8, 2024.- Sacyr and ACCIONA have signed a strategic alliance to promote the Water Positive initiative, aiming to take water protection a step further, actively contribute to its sustainable management and restore water resources.**

The Water Positive initiative proposes using **non-conventional water sources, such as desalination and water recycling, which are essential to reduce the water footprint.** Companies are considered Water Positive when they produce more "new water" than they consume, directly and indirectly, hence, they have a positive water footprint.

Under this agreement, both partners will cooperate **to promote water footprint compensation**, similar to the mechanism that already exists for CO2 emissions.

**Sacyr and ACCIONA combine their capacity throughout the value chain** to provide a comprehensive service to other organizations and promote Industrial Water Footprint Compensation internationally.

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### Industry commitments

International corporations are acquiring greater **commitments to reducing their water footprints by 2030**. 20% of the industrial water footprint could benefit from virtual water exchanges or water credits.

For the entire industry to be Water Positive, **the volume of desalinated and reused water would need to increase by 18 times**. If only the 50 largest companies are considered, it would be necessary to increase it by 5.5 times.

**Sacyr** is a global P3 developer of transportation, social and water infrastructure projects. With activities in 20 countries around the world, and more than 15,000 employees, its purpose is driving society towards a sustainable future with innovative projects that generate a positive social, economic, and environmental impact for the benefit of all stakeholders. Sacyr first certified its Water Footprint in 2022. [www.sacyr.com](http://www.sacyr.com)

**ACCIONA** is a global leader in regenerative solutions for a decarbonized economy. Its business offer includes renewable energy, water treatment and management, eco-efficient transport and mobility systems, resilient infrastructures, etc. The company has been carbon neutral since 2016. In 2023, ACCIONA recorded sales of €17,021 million and has a business presence in more than 40 countries.

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