

WATER EFFICIENCY POLICY

As Eti Soda A.Ş., we address the sustainability of water resources in alignment with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6 “Clean Water and Sanitation”. We adopt the effective management and optimization of water use as a fundamental corporate principle in our operations, recognize water as a strategic, shared and limited natural resource, and embed water efficiency and responsible water stewardship across all our operations as part of sustainable operational excellence. In this respect, our water management practices support WE Soda’s vision of water neutrality and the creation of a net positive water impact across operations. To this end, our commitments are:

- To manage the Water Efficiency Management System in accordance with all applicable provisions of the national and international legislation to which we are subject, the requirements of the Water Efficiency Management System standard, and other applicable requirements,
- To identify our Significant Water Uses affecting the Water Efficiency Management System, establish measurable water efficiency objectives and targets, provide the necessary resources to achieve these objectives, and continually review and improve them,
- To manage water resources at the watershed level through a water balance approach and responsible water stewardship approach, in active collaboration with stakeholders; considering water availability, climate-related risks, and shared needs, while protecting ecosystem health and supporting biodiversity.
- To identify, assess, and manage water-related risks and opportunities across our operations and value chain.
- To continually improve water efficiency and optimize water consumption throughout all stages of our operations, effectively implement monitoring, measurement, and performance management processes, and carry out the necessary projects, infrastructure investments, and technological improvements,
- To support investments in alternative water resources, thereby contributing to the conservation of water resources and the reduction of external dependency and environmental impacts,
- To protect the quality of surface water, groundwater, and receiving water bodies; to prevent pollution, minimize the risks of spills and contamination, and ensure that wastewater is appropriately treated and safely discharged.
- To support the protection of water use rights and the sustainable use of water resources by considering the safe and adequate access to water for local communities and other water users.
- To prioritize solutions that reduce the energy consumption and carbon footprint associated with water abstraction, pumping, and treatment when planning water investments, and to transparently report our water performance and water-related risks in accordance with internationally recognized frameworks (e.g., CDP Water Security, TNFD, ICMM, and other relevant industry standards).
- To promote the use of innovative processes, products, and equipment in our production processes,
- To establish the Water Efficiency Management System, conduct regular internal and external audits within this framework, continuously monitor the effectiveness of the system and water performance, and drive continuous improvement,
- To organize training programs aimed at increasing our employees' awareness and competence regarding water conservation and water efficiency, and to encourage the adoption of sustainable water consumption practices,
- To ensure the procurement of water-efficient products, equipment, and services that support the improvement of water performance,
- To encourage our suppliers to improve their water efficiency practices,
- To create a portfolio of community projects and partnerships with others within our catchment to work in collaboration to creating long term solutions for all.
- To communicate our Water Efficiency Policy to our employees, customers, suppliers, and other relevant interested parties in order to ensure effective communication, engage all stakeholders in the process, and enhance our Water Efficiency Management System standards through the feedback received.