



Wetskills-Spain (Barcelona) 2026

Call for Cases

Bring in your water challenge — and get an inspiring, out-of-the-box solution back.

The Wetskills Water Challenge is a two-week pressure-cooker in which university students and young water professionals from around the world team up to crack real-life water challenges. In September 2026 Wetskills comes to Spain for the very first time — in Barcelona — with every case linked to **Water Footprint** and the **Act4Water Standard**. We are now looking for organisations with a challenging water case.

Events Since 2010

1619

Participants

84

Wetskills Events

32

Countries

365

Study Cases

What you get as a Case Owner

- A fresh, **out-of-the-box solution** to your Water Footprint challenge, developed by an international, multidisciplinary team of talented students and young professionals.
- A **Water Footprint Assessment** of your organisation and/or an **Act4Water calculation** of your water project (in terms of water credits).
- Access and participate in the Water Footprint Community (with CETaqua and Water Footprint Network) and also the global Wetskills Community (with Alumni, partners, academia worldwide)
- A poster and a short paper (approx. 5–8 pages) capturing the team's concept for your case.
- Your name and logo in Wetskills press releases, on the website and across social media — with broad reach.
- Your logo on the poster at the final presentations, in front of leaders from business, academia and government.
- New connections and visibility within the international water community.

Choose your level

Case Owner • €10,000	Donor • flexible contribution
You bring your Water Footprint case and receive the full package: an out-of-the-box solution from an international Wetskills team, a pitch during the finals, a poster plus a paper, and PR exposure. For this challenge the Case owner also will receive a Water Footprint Assessment and/or Act4Water calculation, to kick-start the follow-up.	Support Wetskills-Spain without bringing a case. There are various ways to contribute to the Wetskills event, like funding participants, delivering expertise, programme parts, etc. In return Donors receive logo representation, are mentioned in PR & communication, and are invited to meet the participants and Case Owners.

How the programme works in Barcelona?

12 Sept 2026	Kick-off: team building, cultural activities and water-related excursions.
14 Sept 2026	Case Owners present their challenges; experts brainstorm with the teams.
12–22 Sept 2026	Teams develop solutions, guided by international Wetskills supervisors and local experts from academia, companies and government.
23 Sept 2026	Final event on Water Footprint & Act4Water: pitch session, poster market and Awarding Ceremony.

What we ask of you as a Case Owner?

- Provide one clear water case for the programme in Barcelona.
- Be available for your team at the start, the midpoint and the finish — in person or via online meetings and e-mail.
- Together with Wetskills, offer expert input during the programme (this expert may also come from another organisation, e.g. a university professor).
- Contribute **€10,000**, which supports the Wetskills programme and covers also a Water Footprint Assessment / Act4Water calculation.
- See the separate *Terms of Reference* for full details.

What Wetskills delivers

- We help you shape a strong, workable case for the teams.
- We compose and guide the international, multidisciplinary teams toward creative solutions.
- We publish the team's case and poster on wetskills.com (confidential information is handled accordingly).
- We present the results at a special hybrid workshop and award the winning team.

Beyond the challenge: WetsNext

Through WetsNext the best concepts get a follow-up: feasibility or pilot studies by young professionals and students, guided by case owners and Wetskills alumni. The aim is simple — turn great ideas into real impact.

Ready to bring in your case?

Contact Johan Oost — johan.oost@wetskills.com

Confirm your case before 15 July 2026. We are happy to tailor a Case Owner or Donor package to your goals.

Wetskills-Spain (Barcelona) 2026 partners

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