

Olimpias Group receives the "National Energy Globe Award 2017" for Wasatex project

Wasatex (Water Saving Process for Textile) is the innovative industrial plant that allows an annual saving of 235,000 m³ of water and reduces of 400 tons the CO² emissions.

Zagabria (Croatia), 22 novembre 2017 – Olimpias Group received today, at the Austrian Embassy in Zagreb, the "**National Energy Globe Award Croatia 2017**", awarded for **Wasatex** water treatment plant, capable of potentially recovering up to 100% of the water process in dyeing activities installed at the production plant in Osijek (Croatia).

The "National Energy Globe Award", founded in 1999 by Austrian Wolfgang Neumann, is one of the most important international environmental awards, with the participation of over 2,000 projects a year from all over the world. The prize is awarded to effective projects aimed at preserving and protecting environmental resources.

The Olimpias Group's Wasatex project will participate to the "**Energy Globe World Award**" as well, the worldwide award for the environment, to which all the country's winning projects will compete, and will be held in Tehran on January 18, 2018.

Before renewing the water treatment plant the textile factory in Osijek, Croatia, used 1,600 m³/day. Today, thanks to the innovations introduced, the percentage of the recovered water has increased to about 70%, or 1,000 m³/day. In this way the water taken from the well is considerably reduced (today less than 400 m³/day), with obvious environmental benefits and industrial cost reduction. By way of example, 1,000 m³ of water are the equivalent daily use of a population of 7,000 individuals.

The treatment plant, inaugurated in 2016, is able to recover, virtually, up to 100% of the water used and this is the most tangible result of the Wasatex (Water Saving Process for Textile) project financed by the European Union as part of the Eco-Innovation programme, with the involvement of companies specialized in engineering systems and water treatment processes, Aspel and Europrogetti from Padua.

Olimpias Group is an Italian company, controlled by Edizione s.r.l. (holding company of the Benetton family) with a consolidated annual turnover of around 300 million Euros. Olimpia is European leader in the production of clothing and fabrics for men, women and children; carded and combed wool and cotton yarn. Its advanced manufacturing facilities are located in Italy, Croatia, Serbia and Tunisia.

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