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Result Factsheet

INNWATER GOVERNANCE PLATFORM

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Description

Unlock sustainable water governance with the InnWater Governance Platform! The InnWater platform is designed to make learning and using digital tools for water governance and economy easier and more effective. By incorporating information from project exercises and real-world use cases, the platform enhances user understanding and application of these tools.

Designed for water professionals, researchers, policymakers, and citizens, the platform features e-learning technology that guides users through various digital tools developed during the InnWater project, specifically a water governance assessment tool, WEFE (Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem) Nexus simulation scenarios, and a transparent water tariff dashboard. It provides comprehensive support with data from the InnWater project, theoretical insights on water governance, and detailed explanations of pilot studies. Additionally, users can consult an AI assistant to resolve any questions about the project or the platform's functionalities. The value of the InnWater platform lies in its ability to:

- Simplify the learning process for complex water governance and economic tools.
- Enhance practical understanding through real-world examples and project data.
- Provide continuous support with an AI assistant to address user queries, ensuring efficient and effective use of the platform.
- Foster informed decision-making in water governance and economic planning by equipping users with the necessary digital tools and knowledge.

TARGET AUDIENCES

EU and Member State Policy-making institutions

To design, implement, and evaluate effective water governance policies.

Water managers

To plan, manage, and optimize water resources sustainably.

Research and Technology Organizations

To explore, analyze, and share knowledge on governance, economics, and the WEFE Nexus.

utilities and industry stakeholders

To assess water tariffs, ensure affordability, and support sustainable practices.

We specially need

We are looking for partnerships and funding opportunities to ensure the long-term sustainability of the InnWater Governance Platform. We also seek collaborations with policy makers, water managers, and stakeholders for replication, testing, and adoption in real governance contexts, as well as integration of the platform into existing water governance frameworks across Europe. We also plan to offer training and capacity-building to help more people use our tools and methods.

SDG's

Unique value proposition

The InnWater Governance Platform offers a unique, centralized, interactive, and AI-supported digital ecosystem for water governance. It effectively links scientific knowledge with practical policy by combining strong economic models (WEFE Nexus, water tariff analysis) with citizen engagement methods and governance assessment. This approach helps us understand water challenges better, supports transparent, inclusive, and evidence-based decision-making, and promotes sustainable water management tailored to different local contexts across Europe

Replicability

The InnWater Governance Platform is designed for high replicability, thanks to its clear methodology and integrated digital tools. 2 external experts assessed its functioning and replicability in EU basins, showing how easily it adapts to different political, environmental, and climatic settings. The platform's design makes it simple to integrate local data and customize governance assessments and simulations. Plus, our training tools and e-learning resources ensure local stakeholders can confidently adopt and use the platform, creating a ripple effect as communities initiate similar processes using InnWater's proven methods and tools.

Impacts

- **Scientific Impact:** Provides evidence-based insights through integrated digital tools and models for water governance and economic analysis.

- **Economic Impact:** Analyses socio-economic implications of water policies, including tariff systems and environmental costs, aiding in better resource allocation.

- **Societal Impact:** Fosters citizen engagement and multi-stakeholder collaboration, promoting transparent & inclusive policy development.

- **Environmental Impact:** Supports sustainable water management, contributing to EU Green Deal objectives, the Water Framework Directive and the Water Resilience Strategy.

Key benefits

Enables evidence-based decision-making

Contributes to sustainable and resilient water management

Facilitates multi-stakeholder collaboration and citizen engagement

Use beyond the project life

The platform can be used as a permanent tool for policymakers, researchers, and water managers, supporting training, decision-making, and governance practices beyond the project lifetime.

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