



# INNWATER PROJECT

**Promoting social innovation to  
renew multi-level and cross  
sector water governance**



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collaborating to advance  
sustainable and equitable  
water governance across  
Europe.

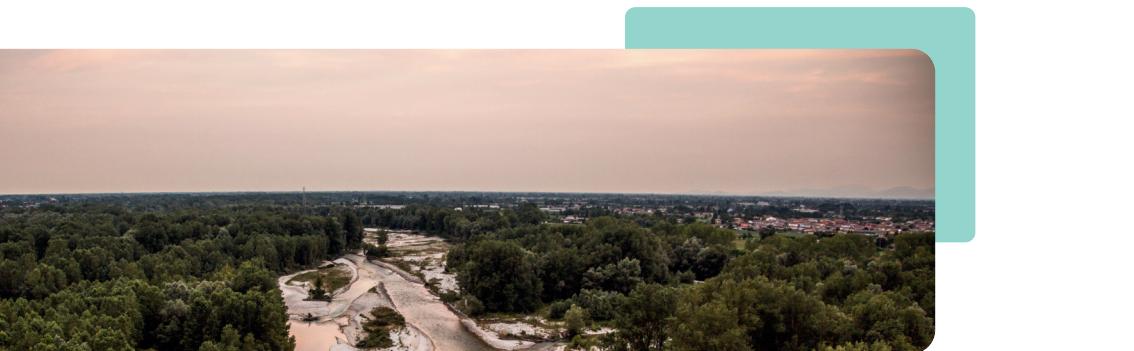




# THE PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL

InnWater is a European **Horizon Europe project** driving **social innovation** to strengthen sustainable, inclusive and **multi-level water governance** across Europe

3 Millions €	13 Partners	March 2023 Starting date
5 Pilot Sites		
3 Years	6 Countries	OiEau Coordinator



## OBJECTIVES

- Provide **digital tools and services** in the **InnWater Governance Platform** to support tailored water governance.
- Deliver a **governance assessment tool** and citizen engagement framework, building on local communities.
- Support informed decision-making, by offering **WEFE Nexus economic and resources** allocation simulations, and support decisions about water pricing.
- Identify **conditions for replication** in at least 14 EU basins and deliver **policy, regulation and economic recommendations**.

# A SPECIFIC APPROACH: SOCIAL INNOVATION

The overall approach of **InnWater** is embedded in the social innovation approach that considers the (1) **technological**, (2) **capacity development**, (3) **governance** and (4) **economic dimensions** of innovative solutions.

By considering these 4 dimensions, InnWater aims to give to the stakeholders a clear role to **co-develop and experience tailored governance solutions** that they will use in an autonomous manner in the end.

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## Technological

- Governance assessment framework
- Economic modelling tools
- WEFE simulations

02



## Capacity Development

- Raising awareness on governance issues
- Co-creation and co-development of solutions (webinars, Pilot sites communities)
- Training (webinars, platform)

03



## Governance

- Water governance assessment
- Policy and regulation recommendations
- Citizen engagement method

04



## Economics

- Value proposition canvas
- Business canvas
- Exploitation plan and key exploitable results
- Identification of funding mechanisms



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Pilot Site Community

# PILOT SITES

Co-developped and tested InnWater's solutions

PS#1

Réunion Island (FR)

Economic focus



PS#5

Middle Tisza  
(HU)

Water allocation



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PS#2

Brenta (IT)

Ecosystem  
services &  
drinking water  
sector



PS#4

West Country (UK)  
Water quality



PS#3

Figueres (ES)  
Water scarcity





## Improved water governance assessment framework

An online questionnaire to assess current governance approaches

- Based on OECD Water Governance principles, updated by the project to consider current challenges
- A direct analysis of the critical gaps (based on project outputs)
- Personalised guidance to some innovative governance practices (case studies)



## Citizen engagement framework

### River Basin Water Forums

- A road map to support effective citizen engagement at local level
- Emphasize on inclusiveness and representation
- A curated toolbox of approaches and assessment guidance to ensure processes are effective, transparent, and adaptable over time

## INNWATER MAIN SOLUTIONS



## Economic and financial tools for basin authorities and utilities

### Linking economics with water management

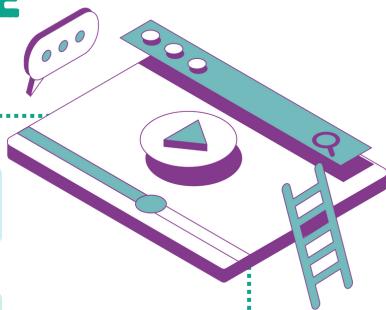
- Understand the interactions between sectors & water resources and natural ecosystems
- WEFE Nexus macro-economic simulations, to simulate and analyse shocks such as water scarcity or water policy measures
- A Water Pricing Assessment tool



## InnWater Governance platform for improving water governance

For stakeholders and citizens to learn about water governance, explore governance mechanisms and support informed decision-making.

# INNWATER GOVERNANCE PLATFORM



## LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY PILLARS

Institutional Embedding -  
Training - Open access

# MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT?



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