



An Excellence Hub on Water in the Circular Economy

The WaterWise Excellence Hub is an EU-funded initiative advancing Smart Decentralized Water Solutions within the Circular Economy. The partnership spans across Greece, Romania and selected Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership countries and is supported by leading European water institutions from Netherlands and United Kingdom. The project capitalizes on the Quadruple Helix Innovation Model, working together with Universities, Research Institutions, SMEs and Start-ups, Public Sector and Civil Society to accelerate the adoption of close-looped water systems. The Hub activities revolve around Water Research & Innovation, Water Business Acceleration, and Knowledge Dissemination.

MAIN FEATURES



Cross-Border R&I Strategy

We develop a framework to address systemic gaps and barriers, fostering innovation and collaboration in the circular management of water.



Innovation Accelerator

We support entrepreneurship and market uptake of water innovations through our Open Calls funding scheme, Water Tech Challenges, an Innovation Accelerator Programme and Technology Transfer Offices.



New Investment Pathways

We define strategic actions and enable funding access to support ventures, pilots, and R&I activities in circular and decentralized water solutions.



Empowering Water Innovators

We offer tailored Lifelong-Learning courses and Mentoring opportunities, and enhance the Water Europe Marketplace with new features linking innovators with problem owners.



Decision-Support Toolboxes

We develop Strategic & Tactical, and Operational Decision Toolboxes to support planning and implementation of circular and decentralised water system projects.



KEY FACTS



Start Date:
01/01/2025



Duration:
48 months



Total budget:
5.976.818,75 €



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