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EUROPEAN UNION

## North-West Europe

### Water Test Network

European Regional Development Fund

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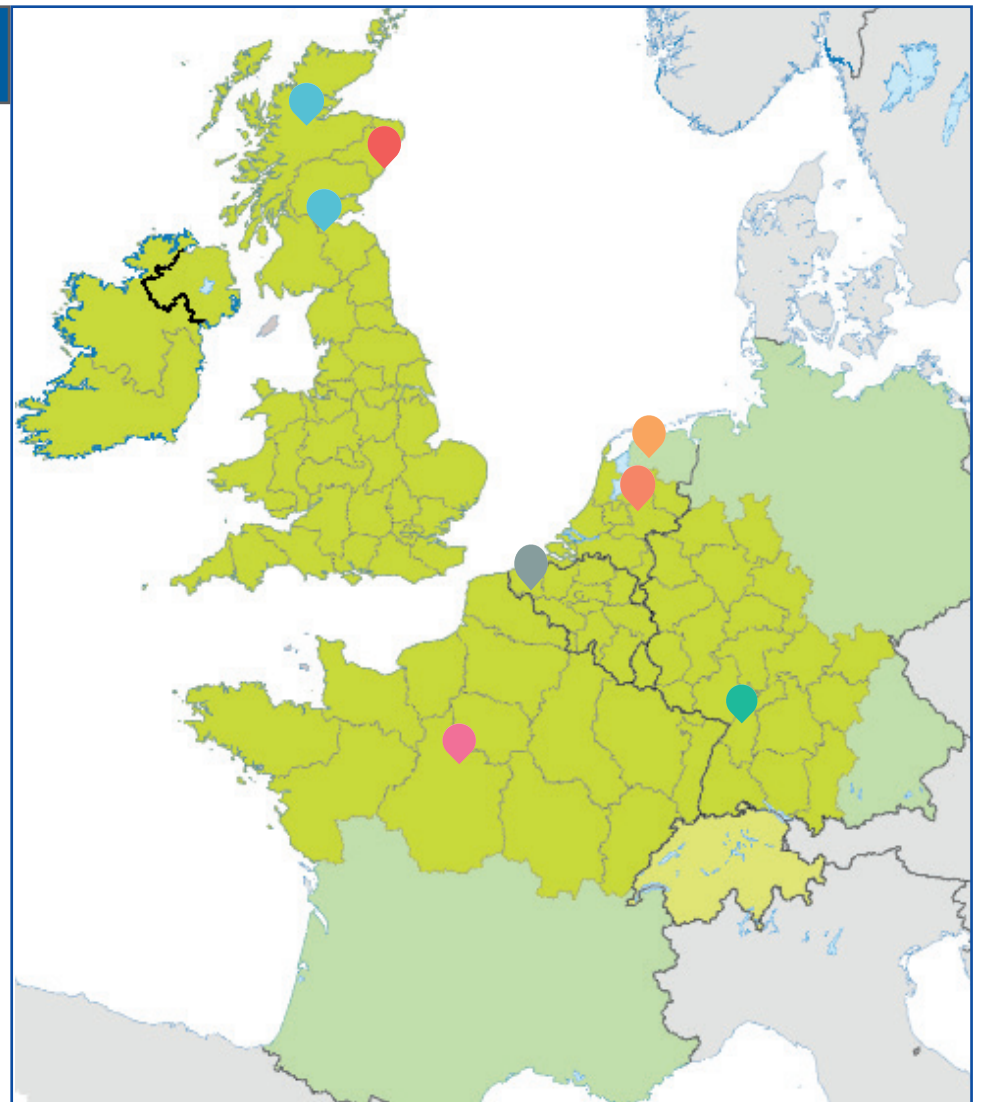
#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Project Period: 7 March 2018 - 6 December 2021
- 12 partners from Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands and France
- Total budget € 6.02 million
- ERDF contribution € 3.61 million

## THE EUROPEAN TEST FACILITY NETWORK FOR WATER INNOVATION

### TEST FACILITY LOCATIONS

- Aberdeen, UK (James Hutton Limited)
- Bo'ness and Inverness, UK (Scottish Water)
- Friesland, NL (Centre of Expertise Water Technology)
- Apeldoorn, NL (Regional Water Authority Vallei and Veluwe)
- West-Flanders, BE (VITO)
- Orléans, FR (brgm)
- Karlsruhe, DE (DVGW Water Technology Center)



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

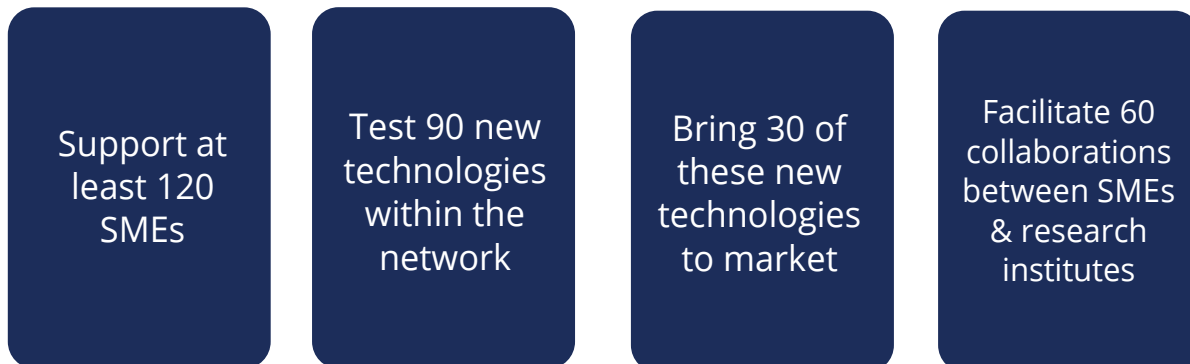
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## BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The Water Test Network project will establish a transnational network of testing facilities which can be used by SMEs in North West Europe (NWE) to develop, test and verify new products for the water sector. In this way, new innovations will be developed and it will accelerate the time to market.

The transnational network of test facilities will facilitate SME access to test centres through its transnational support packages.

Over the project lifetime the Water Test Network aims to:



Additionally, the long-term aim of the project is for the Water Test Network to be sustainable after the project lifetime. Therefore, a business model will be developed during the project to enable the network to be accessible to SMEs on a paid-for basis after the project.

## TEST FACILITIES

The transnational network of testing facilities will offer operational scale demonstration sites with a range of water types and applications. These will be accessible to SMEs located in the NWE region to assist them in developing products to be market-ready and linked to key sector needs. The 14 Water Test Network test facilities include the following water types:



For detailed information about the test facility applications, water types, facilities and equipment, please have a look at the fact sheets of each test facility on [www.nweurope.eu/water-test-network](http://www.nweurope.eu/water-test-network)

## Innovation Support Vouchers

The Water Test Network offers the SMEs an integrated package of support in the form of Innovation Support Vouchers. These vouchers will be tailored to the needs of the SMEs and guarantee a certain level of fully-funded support which could be any, or a combination of the following three components:

1. A diagnostic report which analyses the development and support needs of the SME and their proposed technology;
2. Access to a test facility to allow the SME to test their technology;
3. Support with validation and verification to assist market entry, where necessary.

SMEs will be supported throughout the application process by an Innovation Chaser from a project partner, sub-partner or a local/regional innovation agency. Through the voucher system the SME will be matched to the most appropriate support / test facility.

Depending on the support agreed, the voucher will cover the cost incurred by the test facility in hosting the trial. All the SMEs cost, including but not limited to own staffing, travel, accommodation and logistics, will be met by the SME.

In addition to the open calls for vouchers, there will also be an opportunity for water sector end users to issue "Innovation Challenges" to invite SMEs to solve existing problems in the water industry.