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InnWater – Pilot Sites

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



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Objectives



Project objective



Support multi-level and cross-sectoral **water governance** for a transition to **sustainable** water systems



By developing a set of digital **tools and services** embedded in a single **platform**

With a focus on:

➤ Social innovation

Combining technological and non-technological dimensions (governance, capacity building, economics) of innovative products, process or services.

Aim: To give to the **stakeholders** a clear **role** to co-develop and experience governance solutions that they will use in an autonomous manner in the end.

Demonstration



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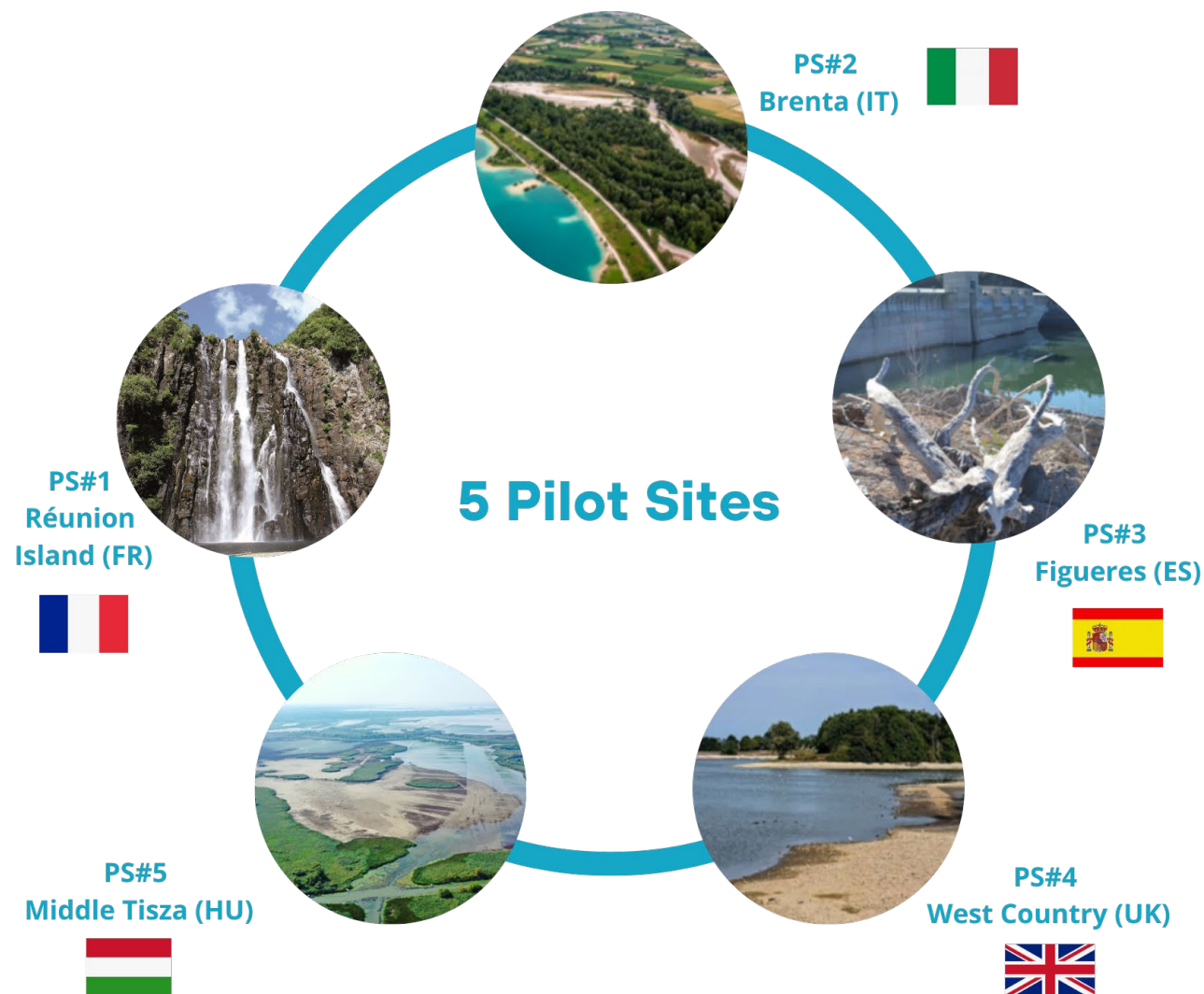


Tools and methods will be tested and co-developed in 5 Pilot Sites.

Stake: combining project's tools and services with what is already existing locally

This will lead to:

- the identification of the **policy and regulatory recommendations** at the **local, European and international scales.**
- the **replication** of InnWater solutions.





Method

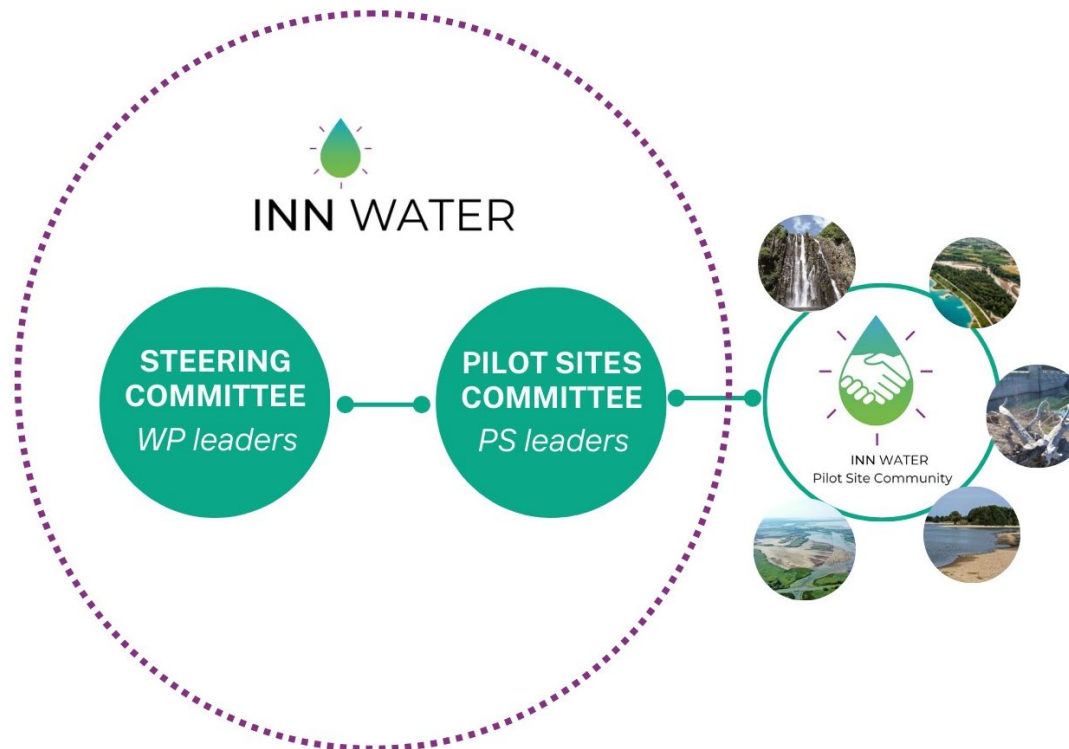
Pilot Sites Leaders

A Committee made of Pilot Sites leaders, dedicated to “Experiencing innovative governance in Pilot Sites”, which:

-sets the framework for Pilot Sites work

-ensures that there is a constant link between the project and the Pilot Sites

-gives feedback (replication, recommendations)



Pilot Sites Communities

Gather **Pilot Sites stakeholders**:

- Water authorities
- Policy makers
- Cross sectors managers
- Water and environment associations
- Researchers
- Citizens



Co-developing the tools with Pilot Sites




INN WATER Pilot Sites



PS#1 
Réunion Island (FR)
Economic focus

ECONOMIC
MODELLING



PS#2 
Brenta (IT)
Ecosystem services &
drinking water sector

ECONOMIC
MODELLING



PS#3 
Figueres (ES)
Water scarcity



PS#4 
West Country (UK)
Water quality



PS#5 
Middle Tisza (HU)
Water allocation

ECONOMIC
MODELLING

GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT



Pilot Site #1 La Réunion Island (FR)



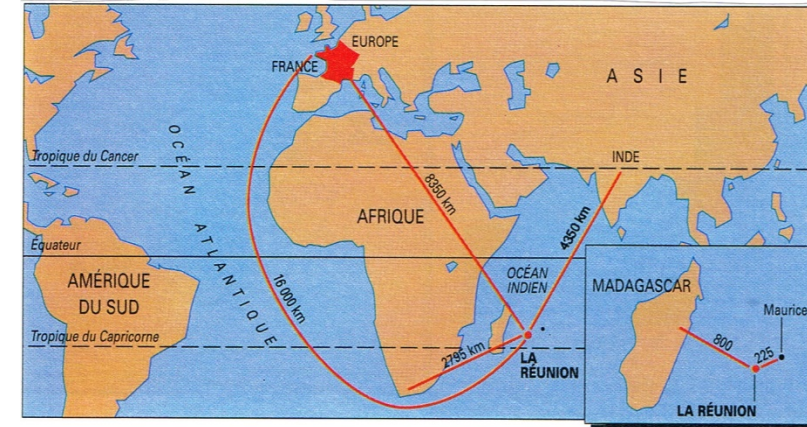
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Stakeholders

- Local Water Agency
- DEAL La Réunion
- Parliamentary Attaché
- Chamber of Agriculture
- Electricité de France
- Water compagnies
- Representatives of water users



Challenges

- Improve **pricing policies system** with local stakeholders
- Maintain the quality of **surface water**, fight against **saline untrusions**
- Need of **investment in infrastructures**



Ambition

- Improve the **socio-economic performance** of local water pricing policies
- Improve the **vertical** (between stakeholders at different levels) and **horizontal** (between local stakeholders) **dialogues**
- Fostering the **co-construction** of public water policies, with a focus on the crossed sectors
- Improving the **citizen engagement** by providing **relevant socio-economic information and tools**

Pilot Site #2 Middle Brenta Basin (IT)



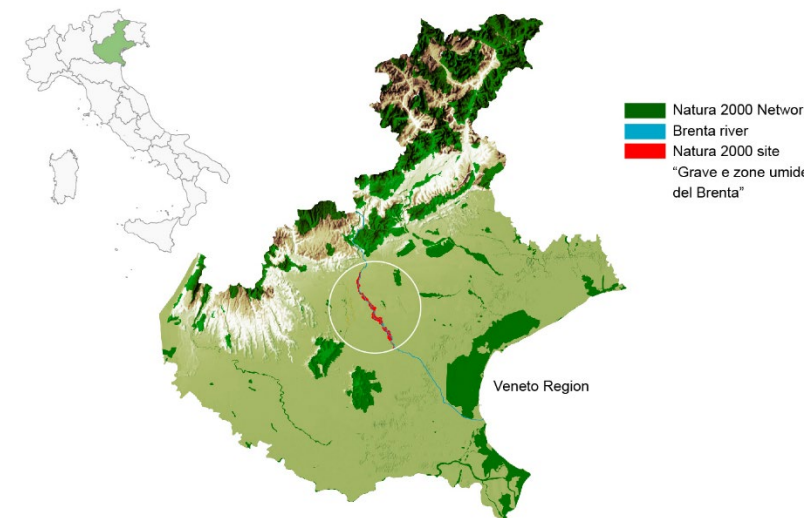
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Stakeholders

- Drinking Water Board
- Water utilities
- Irrigation consortium for agriculture
- Veneto region
- Local municipalities
- Parco Fiume Brenta
- Environmental association
- Citizens
- Farmers



Challenges

- Water withdrawals:

Implying new **constraints** in the agriculture sector, the primary economic activity in the area
Provoking direct **impacts for Natura 2000** (protected areas) ecosystems, by lowering the water table level

Ambition

- Promote** an integrated governance of water and biodiversity through a participatory and innovative **consultation management Committee**
- Apply the Environmental and Resource Costs (ERCs) in the drinking water tariff** and explore the possibility to apply the polluter/user-pays principle also in other water sectors (e.g., agriculture)
- Develop/improve a smartphone app** for households to create awareness raising, water saving behaviors

Pilot Site #3 Figueres (SP)



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Stakeholders

- Figueres city council
- Fisersa
- Agència Catalana de l'Aigua
- Irrigation community of Muga river

- Environmental groups
- Local experts



Challenges

- Droughts** management
- Floods** prevention
- Water as a natural issue: **water quality and quantity**

Ambition

- Co-creation** of a **global water management plan**, based on a consensus
- Creation of a **new entity** responsible of the **implementation** of the plan
- Citizen awareness** on water issues
- More **information** provided on water management



Pilot Site #4 Westcountry (UK)



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Stakeholders

- Water companies
- Local authorities
- Environment Agency & Natural England
- Abstractors
- River interest groups



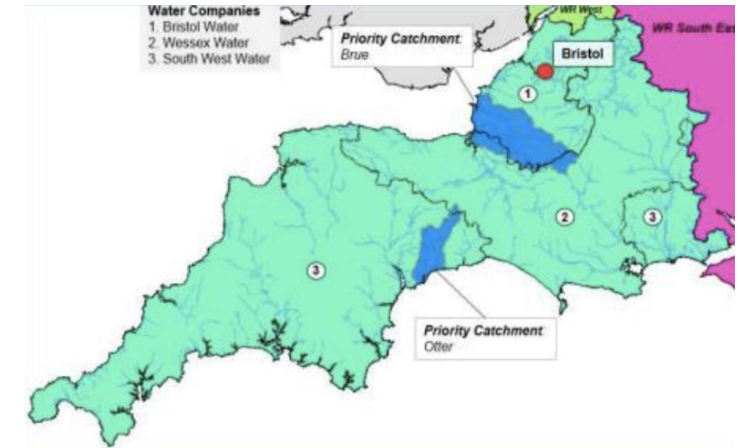
Challenges

- Water quality** highly variable, with an impact on treatment costs
- Catchment **Partnerships not collated** at regional scale



Ambition

- Pull **together different scales of partnerships** to deliver Integrated Catchment Management
- Highlight the **value of** collating public, private and community **data**



Pilot Site #5 Middle Tisza (HU)



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Stakeholders

- Citizens and civil society
- Farmers and their associations
- Municipalities, regional authorities
- Drinking water utilities
- Tourism sector, anglers
- Hydropower plants



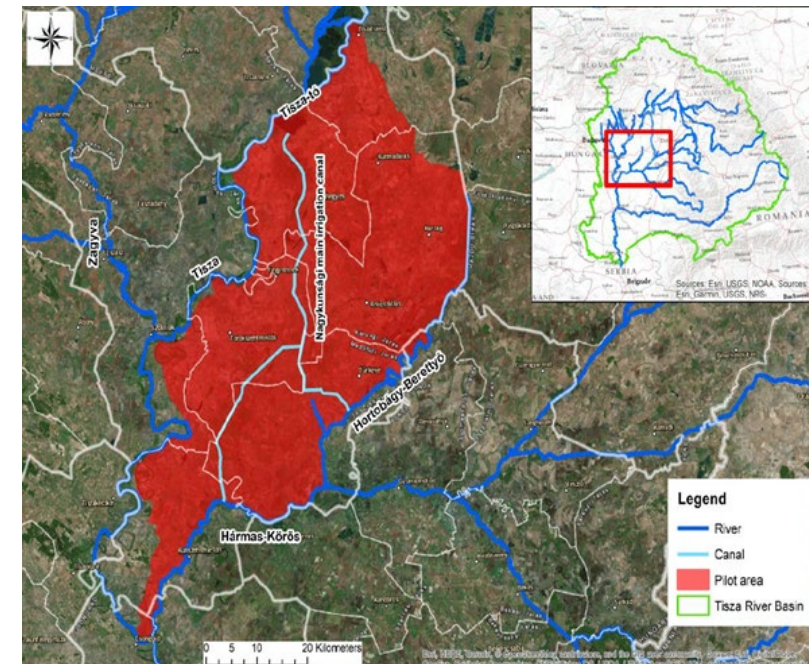
Challenges

- Seasonal or periodical **water extremities** (floods, droughts)
- Allocation of water resources** among competitive uses



Ambition

- Test an **improved** water and landscape **management methodology**, based on the resources and technical results of the project, especially **comprehensive information** on competitive water uses
- Implement a **multi-stakeholders** conflict resolution process, towards policy realization





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Questions



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InnWater : in a nutshell



3 Million €	13 Partners	1 st March 2023 Starting date
5 Pilot Sites	6 Countries	OiEau Coordinator
3 Years		



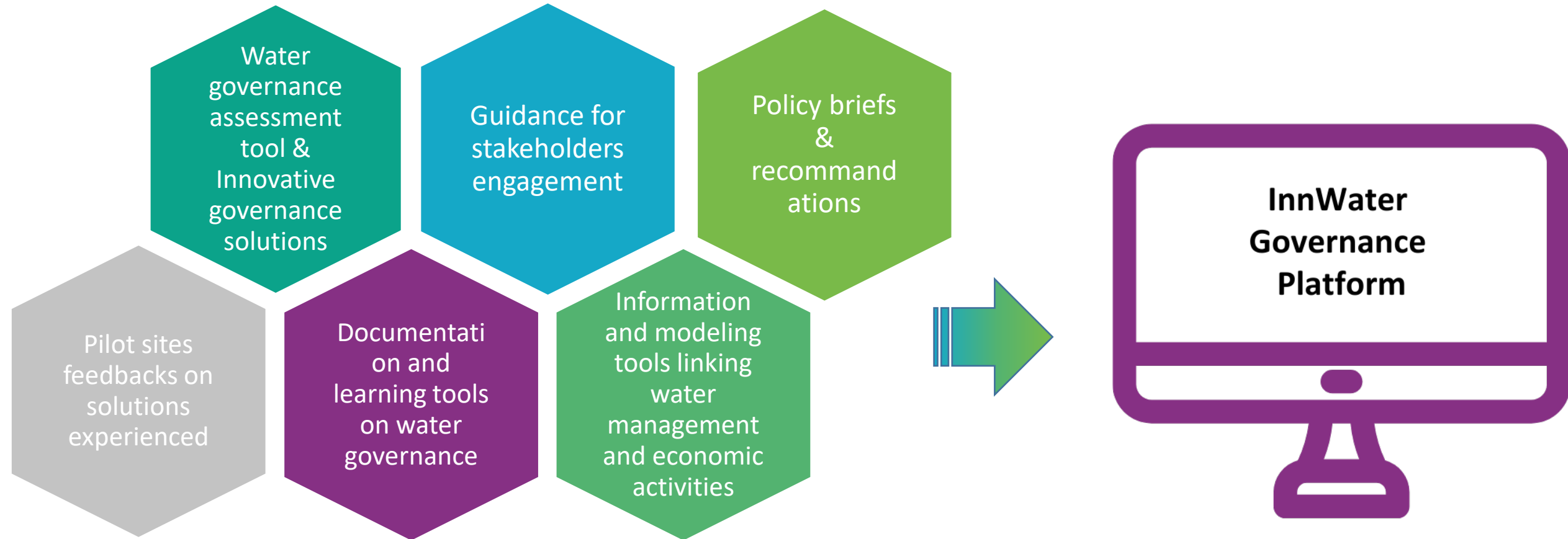
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Expected results



InnWater Workplan

