



Water Test Network

Launch Event

11 December 2018, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

 Scotland House, Rond-Point Schuman 6, Brussels, Belgium

Join the Water Test Network project partners at the official launch event! Find out about the project and how the Water Test Network will deliver innovation into the water sector, by assisting SMEs to access markets and help addressing their particular pressures and challenges in North-West Europe (NWE).

The event will have speakers from the EU Commission, member state government and the water sector, presenting on the importance that innovation holds by addressing challenges and the role that SMEs play in bringing this innovation into the market place.

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 to test, demonstrate and develop 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 testing facilities will offer operational demonstration sites with a range of water types in rural and urban settings. These will be accessible to SMEs anywhere in North West Europe to assist them in developing products that are market-ready and linked to key sector needs.

The Water Test Network will work closely with the SMEs, offering them an integrated package of support and linking them to the best possible facility for their needs. Innovation Support Vouchers will be tailored to the needs of the SMEs and guarantee a certain level of fully-funded support.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Business support organisations, innovation/cluster agencies, regional development agencies, government and EU Commission and water sector networks.

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PROGRAMME

*Preliminary programme of events with speaker to be confirmed

Welcome and Refreshments

Opening Remarks

by Barry Greig, Hydro Nation Manager at Scottish Government

- Welcome to the delegates
- An introduction to the need for water innovation

Introduction to the Water Test Network

by Scottish Water representative (TBC)

- Overview of the project model

The EU Landscape for Water Innovation

by Karen Dalgaard-Sanning, Policy Officer at the European Commission

- Current picture and developments EU water legislation
- Link between Water Test Network and EIP Water priorities

The Water Test Network in more detail

by David Ross, Business Development Lead at Scottish Water Horizons

- A more detailed look at the Water Test Network and what it offers
 - Introduction of the Innovation Chasers
 - Question and Answer session

Closing Remarks

by Durk Krol, Executive Director, Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform (WssTP)

- Presentation on 'Living Labs' and what this contributes to water innovation

The event will finish with a buffet lunch and the opportunity for networking

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