

Working Group **Leaders**

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- **New applications for leadership are welcome**

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Pitch your Working group in two sentences (**aim** and **objectives**).

The Water working group aims to work with regions and regional stakeholders (research centres, clusters, SMEs) on the topic of water and specifically, water technology. The areas of i) resource recovery from water (salts, nutrients, water reuse, cellulose) and ii) resource production from waste water (biogas, bioplastics, proteins) are also high on the agenda.

Main themes to focus on in 2018. Please define the most important priority themes for the next year (maximum four themes) and how you are planning to tackle them?

- Water Reuse
- Circular Economy (e.g. nutrients reuse) and barriers to innovation (tackling waste legislation issues)
- European Water Technology Week, bringing global hubs and European regional actors or stakeholders together
- Widening participation, potentially through Interreg Europe
- Supporting EIP Water

- ✚ Identify **key policy initiatives** (European Commission, European Parliament, CoR, ...) related to your key themes. Please select a limited number of initiatives and explain how you are planning to contribute to them

- DG ENV **Water Reuse Legislation**, and linked to that: **Water Reuse Research and Innovation**.
 - The Water WG is in close contact with DG ENV and with regions to who this topic is of utmost important. How to best prepare for this legislation? Which innovations are needed?
- DG Climate Action, **EU Adaptation Strategy** (EC working programme 2018).
 - What will change? How can regions implement this strategy. ERRIN/ **Unalab** can coordinate this. Relation with Energy and Climate Change Working Group
- Review and strategy update for **EIP Water**.
 - Survey is taking place in February 2018. Feedback expected March 2018
- **EIT**: development of Water KIC, relation with Blue Growth working group.
- **Unesco WWDR2018**, building with nature. Published around March 22nd. <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/water/wwap/wwdr/>

- ✚ Please define **profiling opportunities** for the Working Group, for example interesting events organised by the EU institutions, other networks, initiatives, and how the working group contribute and participate in those?

- **EUSEW**: Water Working Group is developing a contribution for EUSEW2018 in cooperation with ERRIN
- **GreenWeek**: Water Working Group is developing a contribution for GreenWeek2018 in cooperation with ERRIN
- **Open Days**: Water Working Group is considering to contribute to the OpenDays2018 programme.

- ✚ What type of events / meetings is your working group planning to organise (project development, information session, exchange of experiences / examples, policy debate with EU institutions)? Please also define the desired target audience (Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.)

- **Water Brokerages**
- **ERRIN** Water WG intends to organise 2 or 3 working group meetings. One could be organised by ERRIN/ Unalab.

WORK PLAN FOR 2018 – Water Working Group

- ✚ Please indicate the most relevant **partners** for your Working Group, both internal (ERRIN WGs) and external (other networks / organisations) - and how you are planning to work together?

<p>Networks / organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIP Water • WssTP • Eurocities & ICLEI, working on the Urban Water Agenda 2030 	<p>Most relevant ERRIN WGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy and Climate Change (adaptation strategy, EUSEW) • Blue Growth (sustainable coastal growth) • Bio Economy (circular economy) • Health (removal of pharmaceuticals from waste water)
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- ✚ **Roadmap 2017.** Please prepare an indicative time plan for meetings / events

<i>Theme of the event / meeting</i>	<i>Objective of the event / meeting</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Time frame for the event (1-4 quarter / month)</i>	<i>Some ideas related to its implementation</i>
<i>Symposium in Committee of the Region</i>	<i>Show European scale of smart specialisation and collaboration, as well as how high-risk research can reach the market, ... more topics...</i>	<i>Symposium</i>	<i>April tbc 2018</i>	<i>Connecting with DG ENV, CoR, DG RTD, DG EAC, EIT</i>
<i>European Water Technology Week</i>	<i>The European Water Tech Week Leeuwarden 2018 (EWTW 2018) will connect these hubs in Leeuwarden, the United Nations Innovating City for water technology. EWTW 2018 will among others feature the Wetsus Annual Congress 2018, Water Alliance WaterLink2018 and a dedicated trade show. All of this will be accompanied by a unique cultural program</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>September 24-27 2018</i>	http://watercampus.nl/en/ewtw-leeuwarden/

	<i>linked to water, to celebrate Leeuwarden's official status of European Capital of Culture in 2018.</i>			
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✚ What are the expected **deliverables / achievements** by the end of 2018. Please indicate what you aim to achieve and what indicators could be used to demonstrate those achievements? (KPIs)

- The Water WG aims to facilitate water technology companies, end users, scientific institutes and regions to find key partners related to water (technology) topics/ questions. Several events will facilitate these meetings.
- The Water WG aims to facilitate consortium forming for H2020 calls.
- The Water WG aims to reduce the divide between “East” and “West” Europe, by targeted actions. Inviting partners from “EU13” or Widening countries to EU projects.
- The Water WG also intends to reach out pro-actively to non-ERRIN regions, in order to get them more involved.