

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

BETWEEN WssTP – European Water supply and sanitation Technology Platform

AND PWP – Portuguese Water Partnership

DATED 25th June, 2014

BACKGROUND

The two European water network organisations, WssTP and PWP, recognise that they have many water-related objectives and interests in common. There are clear benefits of a close cooperation to optimise the synergy of their activities.

This is essential, especially for the strengthening and alignment of their relations with the relevant EU institutions, the EIB, the JRC, the EEA, the World Bank, OECD, and other relevant international bodies.

WssTP and PWP agree to coordinate activities for advancing the respective field of interest of the two organisations. Strategic and strong development of European water and environmental research and innovation for the benefit of effective and competitive public and private water sector is a shared interest.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) In conformity with their organisation's regulations, WssTP and PWP are interested in improving coordination and collaboration in RTD & Innovation, enhancing the competitiveness of the European water sector, and in contributing to solving Europe's water-related societal challenges. For this purpose they will where appropriate:
 - a. Join forces on responding to European Water policy and research strategies for the interest of both memberships, including aligning their responses to European Commission consultations and inquiries;
 - b. Encourage the sharing of resources in cooperative research and innovation activities and their applications, as well as in prospective activities and scientific brainstorming in action or working groups;

- c. Collaborate in organising events including knowledge transfer on scientific, innovation and demonstration projects, or focused on dissemination of knowledge and products.
- 2) The two parties will together investigate and consider the matters set out in this Memorandum with the aim of developing a more intense future collaboration. Where the parties agree on areas from which mutual benefit can be achieved, the parties will sign an appropriate agreement for that purpose when necessary.
 - 3) The WssTP Board and PWP's Board agree on information exchange and mutual reporting on all developments that are of interest for both sides. When topics of mutual interest need to be discussed they will be put on the agenda of one of the Board meetings of WssTP or PWP.
 - 4) Results of the collaboration should be promoted mutually, e.g. the WssTP web pages will specifically refer to PWP and the PWP web pages specifically refer to WssTP.
 - 5) This Memorandum is not legally binding and serves only as a record of their consensus.
 - 6) This Memorandum shall remain in force until 31.12.2016 and can be renewed according to the wish of the parties. It may be extended in its present form or in a modified form by mutual written agreement. Any party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement.

Signed for and on behalf of **WssTP**

By

Signed for and on behalf of **PWP**



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