#### **DIS-SME ACTION GROUP**

Demand-driven innovation support for SME's

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# The 2012 Blueprint

- The European Commission launched the Blueprint on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 as a strategy to ensure that a sufficient quantity of good quality water is available to meet the needs of people, the economy and the environment
- The Blueprint aims to tackle the obstacles which hamper action to safeguard Europe's water resources





#### **Blueprint Implementation**

- European Innovation Partnerships: Water, Agriculture, Sustainability
- JRC Hydro-economical model added to River Basin Management Plans
- WISE: Water Information System for Europe
- Legislation & Country-specific recommendations
- Scoreboard for WFD



#### **Current EIP Water headline target**

"The EIP Water aims to achieve the following headline target by 2020:

Identify, test, scale up, disseminate and stimulate the uptake of innovative solutions by the market and society for 10 major water related challenges."

(Quoted from SIP)

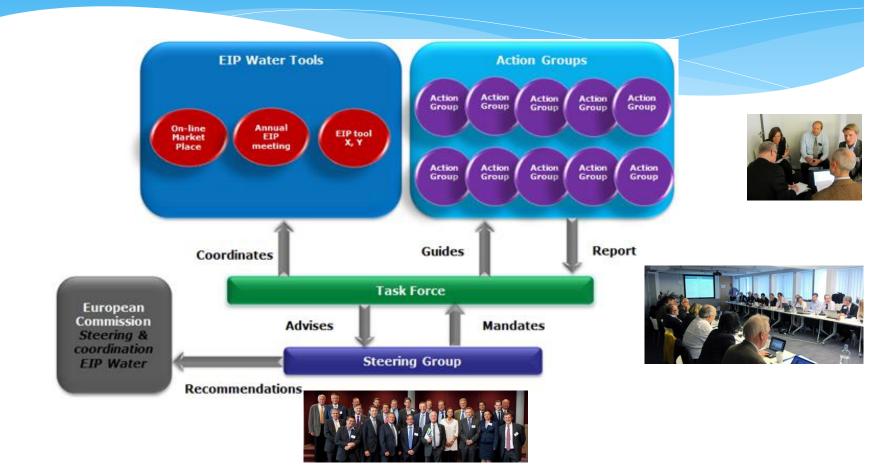
#### **Two observations**

- World Economic Forum (Sept. 2014):

#### Water is the 3rd biggest business risk

- The central overlooked theme is IMPLEMENTATION and to find the way to ACT.

# **European Innovation Partnership**



#### The National Water Partnerships have joined forces to support SME's

- A functional SME supporting system
- Spinning wheel
- Find partners and end-users
- Create opportunities to bring technology to market
- Provide market intelligence
- Develop unique selling points and convincing value propositions
- Help choosing right business models
- Fill gaps
- Promote growth agenda, develop recommendations

#### National Water Partnerships:

- Link commercial enterprises, public bodies, scientific institutions, water related associations
- Create network platforms
- Cover all fields, incl. water and wastewater treatment, water resources management and protection, energy/water issues, etc.
- Demand driven, bottom up
- Experienced in umbrella branding, working groups, delegation trips, international exhibitions, etc.

The action group on DIS-SME's addresses questions like:

- How can business support tools be scaled up?
- What services can the network of NWP's provide?
- How can the business support tools of Innowater be used effectively?
- How can smart and innovative technologies be continuously promoted?

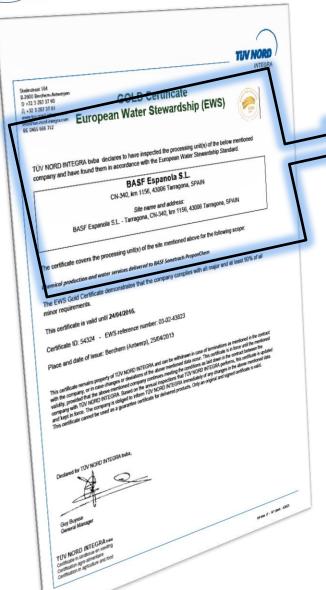
- Cross national matchmaking
  - Roadshows
  - Export round tables
  - Brokerage events
  - Interactive (online) meetings
  - Thematic focus
  - Use of EIP Market place
- Cooperate with other Action Groups like Finnowater
- Cooperate with water organisations and networks



# Example: Demand creation with Water Stewardship



#### **Implementation**



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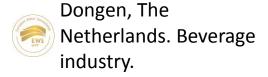
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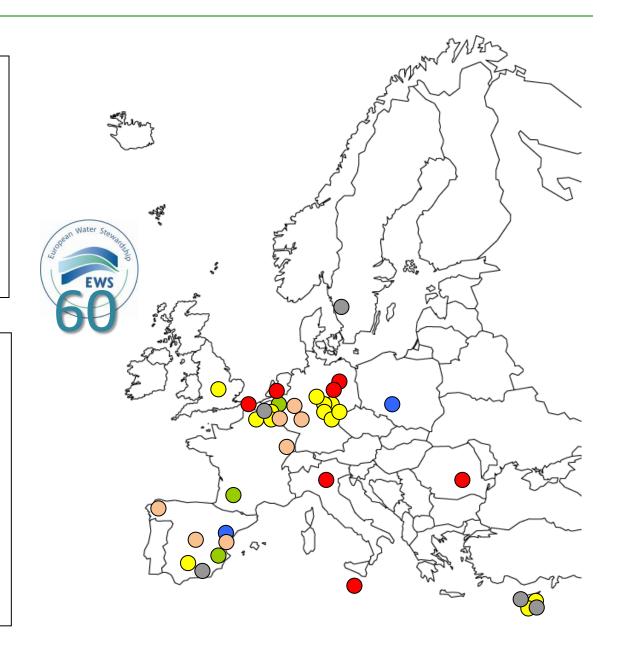
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- Agriculture
- Golf
- Urban Areas
- Airports



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Chemical Industry.

Chaudfontaine, Belgium.
Beverage Industry.





#### Thank you for your attention!

