

## **URBAN WATER UNIT**

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## **Urban water unit** | NES/DHA

- Problem-driven, leading-edge R & D & innovation on urban water systems and services - water supply, wastewater and stormwater
- European and national funds from competitive calls and industry funds from collaborative projects, an in-house developed model of project with researchers, IT providers and utilities
- Advanced consultancy, regulation and standardization of water services
- Capacity building (institutions and individuals) through collaborative projects, advanced courses and training programs for water professionals,
   PhD and Master students
- 23 total **staff**, 20 researchers: 12 PhD + 7 PhD students + 1 MSc research grantee <a href="http://www.lnec.pt/hidraulica-ambiente/en/core/urban-water-unit/team-7/">http://www.lnec.pt/hidraulica-ambiente/en/core/urban-water-unit/team-7/</a>

http://www.lnec.pt/hidraulica-ambiente/en/core/urban-water-unit/activity-2/



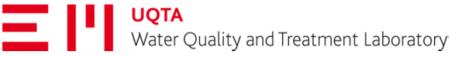
## R&D&I areas & ongoing/recent related projects

- ✓ Infrastructure asset management water networks and WTPs/WWTPs; decision support tools based on a performance-cost-risk integrated approach <a href="http://igpi.aware-p.org/">http://igpi.aware-p.org/</a>, <a href="http://igpi.aware-p.org/">www.trust-i.net</a> (FP7), <a href="http://igpi.aware-p.org/">iCITAGE</a>
- ✓ Water and energy water losses and energy management in water supply systems <a href="http://iperdas.org/">http://iperdas.org/</a> ICT technol. <a href="http://adapt-act.lnec.pt/">www.i-widget.eu</a>, big consumers (e.g. hotels <a href="http://adapt-act.lnec.pt/">http://adapt-act.lnec.pt/</a>), hydro-agriculture projects <a href="http://adapt-act.lnec.pt/">agir</a>, energy efficiency in the urban water cycle <a href="http://adapt-act.lnec.pt/">avaler+</a>
- ✓ Reliability, safety and resilience of urban water systems assessment and control of undesirable inflows into sewers <a href="http://iaflui.lnec.pt">http://iaflui.lnec.pt</a> resilient cities, climate change adaptation <a href="www.resccue.eu">www.resccue.eu</a> (H2020)
- ✓ Water quality, treatment and reuse natural waters, drinking water, wastewater, water reuse (urban and rural areas) conventional, advanced and nature-based treatments (centralized/decentralized) process development and prototype demonstration, performance assessment and benchmarking of full-scale plants www.trust-i.net, www.life-aware.eu, www.lifehymemb.eu, www.life-impetus.eu, democon, www.marsol.eu/, http://ieqta.lnec.pt/





## **Lab Facilities**





Chemistry Lab



Microbiology Lab

#### Water treatment testing facilities



Jar test



Adsorption/biofiltration systems (BAC)



Lab scale membrane units



Pilot scale membrane units

#### Equipment for water quality testing in distribution systems



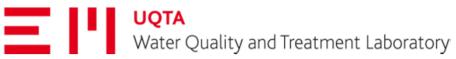
Vis Spectrophotometer



Epifluorescence microscope



### **Lab Facilities**



#### Relevant equipment for water analyses



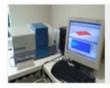
**TOC** analyser



HPLC-DAD



**UV-Vis Spectrophotometer** 

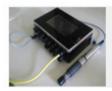


Spectrofluorometer

#### Field devices



Refrigerated sampler



Chlorine analyser



Udometer



Multiparametric analyser

## Supporting the regulation of water services

- ERSAR guides for assessing the performance of water and wastewater services based on IWA PI systems for water services (HAlegre, JMBatista et al.) and wastewater services (RMatos et al.)
- Technical guides on infrastructure asset management, water losses, water treatment, water conservation and efficient water use...





#### **Standardization**

- Chairing the National Technical Commission on Urban Water Systems and many of its sub-commissions, and integrating many CEN and ISO working groups (ongoing)
  - ISO TC224 Service activities relating to drinking water supply systems and wastewater systems - Quality criteria of the service and performance indicators
    - ISO 24500:2007 series
    - Water losses
  - ISO TC282 Water reuse
    - Irrigation ISO 16075:2015 (parts 1, 2, 3), ISO 16075:2016 (part 4)
    - Water reuse in urban areas
    - Risk and performance evaluation of water reuse systems
    - Industrial water reuse
  - CEN TC 164 (water supply)
  - CEN TC 165 (wastewater engineering)
- ISO TC251 Asset management ISO 55000:2014 series



## Lecturing, training & capacity building

- Institutions, professionals, post-graduations
- Collaborative projects iGPI, iperdas, iAflui, iEQTA ...
- Training programs for water professionals
- PhD and Master students
- Advanced courses



## **Advanced courses - examples**

- Urban drainage (wastewater and stormwater) modelling, design and operation
- Water supply systems modelling, design and operation
- Water quality monitoring parameters and methods
- Conventional and advanced water and wastewater treatment and water reclamation
- Strategies for controlling chemically resistant microorganisms and oxidation byproducts
- Strategies for controlling cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins in drinking water
- Performance assessment and improvement of water and wastewater treatment plants
- ISO 24500 series performance assessment of water and wastewater services
- ISO 55000 series asset management
- Water reuse treatment technologies, risk and performance, ISO standards













## Some relevant projects

http://www.lnec.pt/hidraulica-ambiente/en/core/urban-water-unit/activity-2/

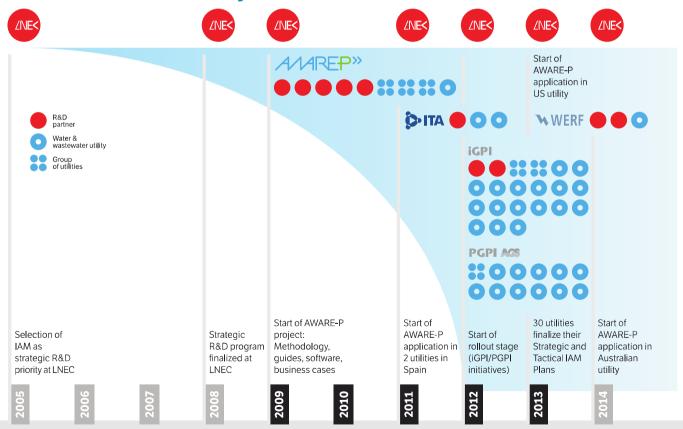


## IAM - Infrastructure Asset Management



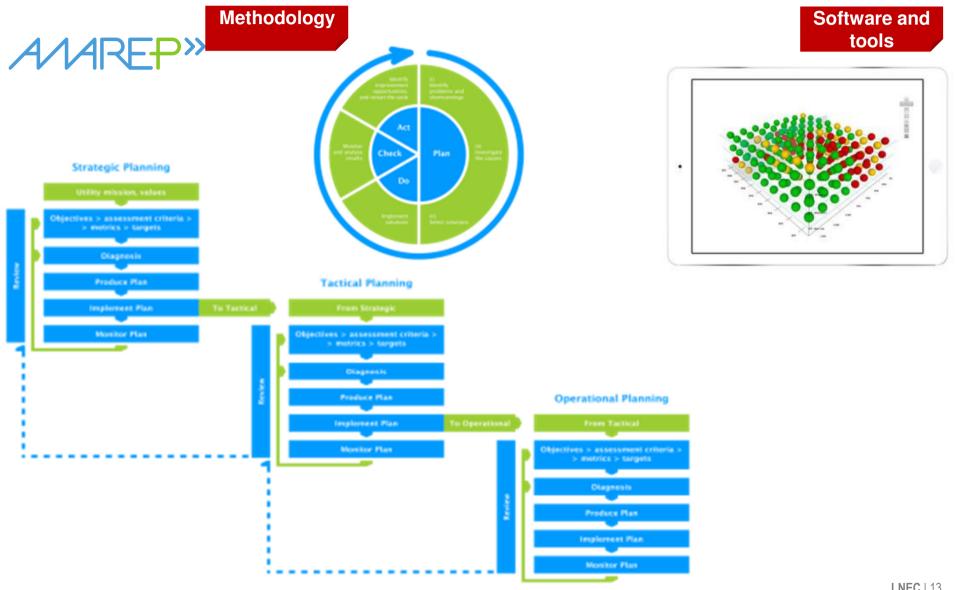
from incipient to leading-edge IAM planning in Portugal

#### From R&D to the industry

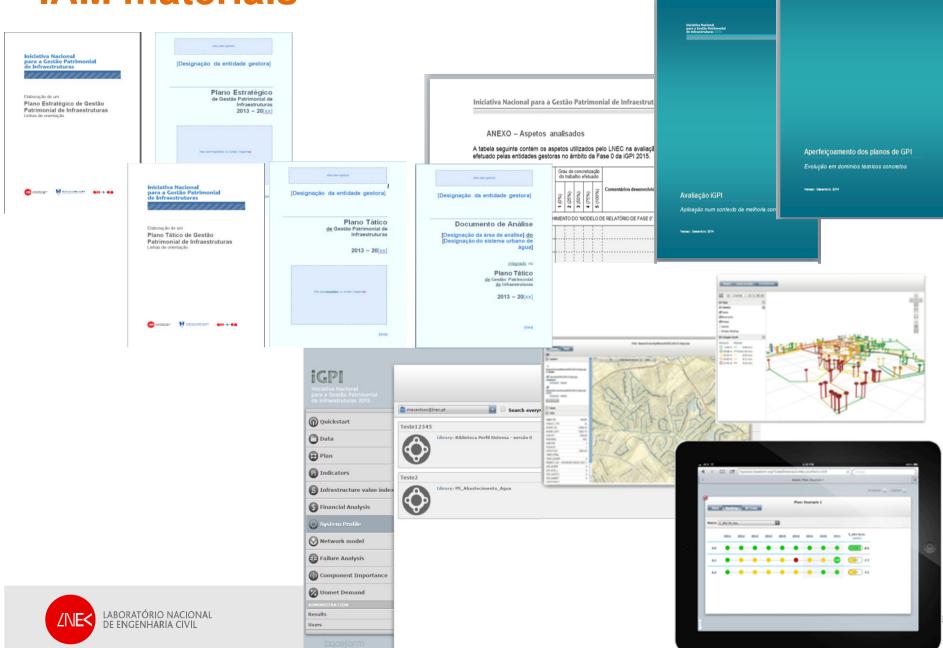




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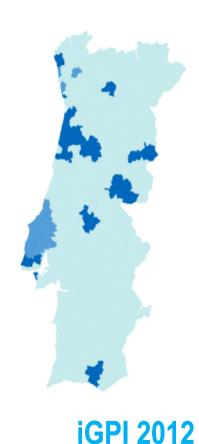


# **IAM** materials



#### The water utilities

#### **iGPI 2015**



#### Modalidade 1

Águas de Coimbra

Águas da Região de Aveiro

AQUAPOR - Águas do Planalto

CM Sabugal

EMAR Vila Real

INDAQUA

Infraquinta/Inframoura/Infralobo

INOVA - Cantanhede

SM Abrantes

SM Castelo Branco

**SMAS Loures** 

SMAS Sintra

SMSB Viana do Castelo

#### Modalidade 2

Acquawise

**AGERE** 

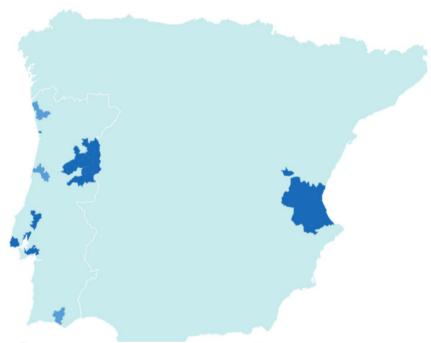
EAmb Esposende

SMAS Sintra (\*)

SMAS Almada

Águas do Oeste

INDAQUA (\*)



#### Perfil-base

Águas do Porto

Águas de Santarém

Águas do Zêzere e Côa

Aguas de Valencia

AQUALIA - Cartagua

CM Barreiro

CM Palmela

SMAS Vila Franca de Xira

SANEST

#### Perfil-aperfeiçoamento

**AGERE** 

Águas de Barcelos

Águas de Coimbra

Infralobo

Inframoura

Infraquinta

INOVA

SIMAS Oeiras e Amadora

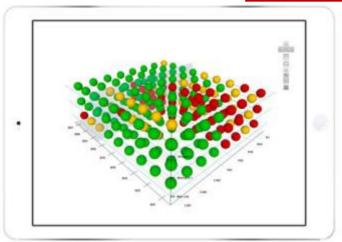
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## IAM - Infrastructure Asset Management



Software and tools



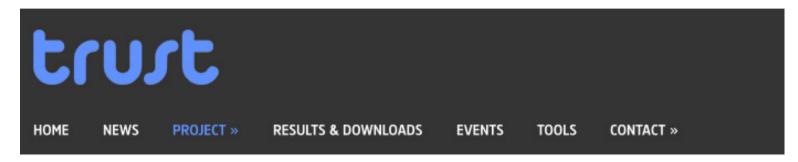
Training and capacity building



#### **TRUST** FP7

#### Transitions to the urban water services of tomorrow

IWW (Germany) et al



WA5

#### **FUTURE WATER POLICIES & INTEGRATED TOOLS**

The objective of Work Area 5 is to develop general-use integrated approaches and planning support tools aimed at the transition from current status to the desired sustainable urban water cycle services of tomorrow. The integrated approaches, developed both at the regional/national level and at the utility level, will seek a balanced long-term asset management view between performance, risk and cost, and will take into account social and political acceptance. The life cycle assessment paradigm will be incorporated whenever appropriate and feasible. The proposed development work aims at empowering policy makers and water utilities.



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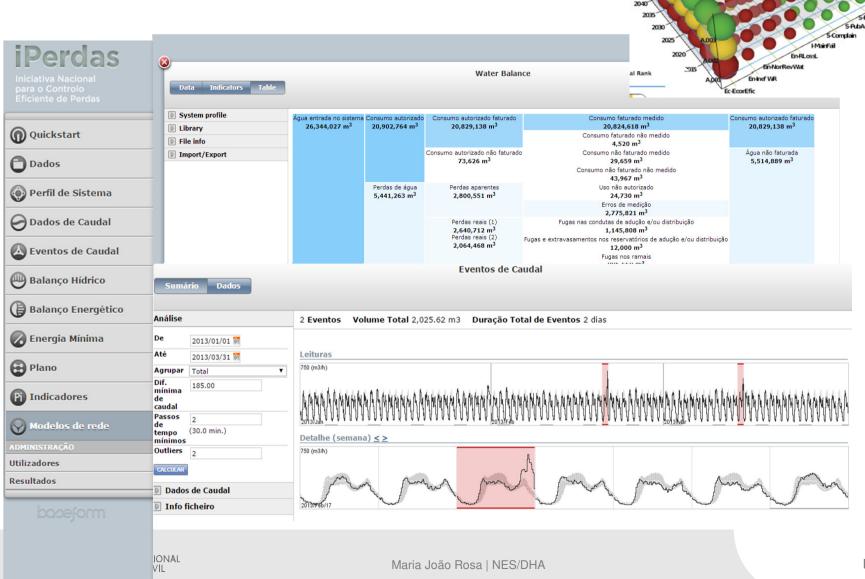
## iPerdas - Water loss and energy management collaborative project

#### iPerdas materials

- Software and instructions
- Supporting documents
- Quick start guides
- e-learning: metering course



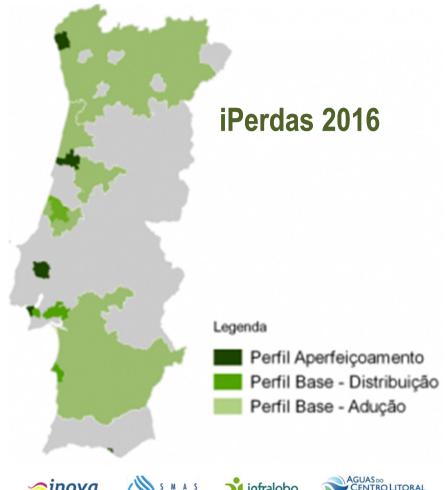
#### **iPerdas**



#### The water utilities



Modalidade 2 AQUALOGUS CM Reguengos de Monsaraz Esposende Ambiente Hubel Indústria da Água INOVA Cantanhede \* Navia (MdeMaguina) Pedro Almeida

































## **AGIR**

## Efficiency assessment of water and energy in collective irrigation systems

#### In Portugal...

- Water use efficiency in irrigation systems of 60-65% (DGADR, 2014)
- Energy consumption in irrigation systems increased from 200 kWh/ha to 1500 kWh/ha between 1960 and 2017 (SIR, 2017)
- Collective irrigation infrastructures in poor condition and labour-intensive (PDR 2020)

#### What is necessary?

- Develop tools to support diagnosis and decision-making about alternatives to improve efficiency
- Develop an assessment system to promote water and energy management in collective irrigation systems and the definition of public policies
- Adapt existing and well succeed methodologies from the urban water system to collective in ation systems

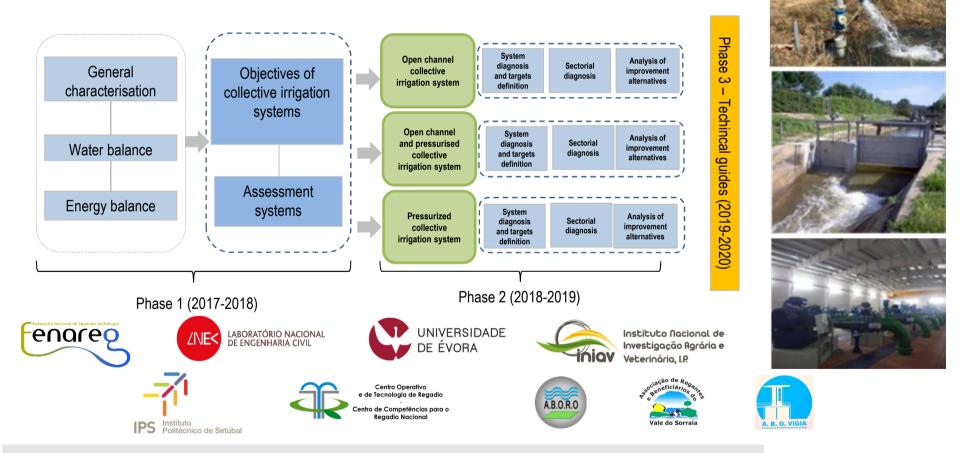




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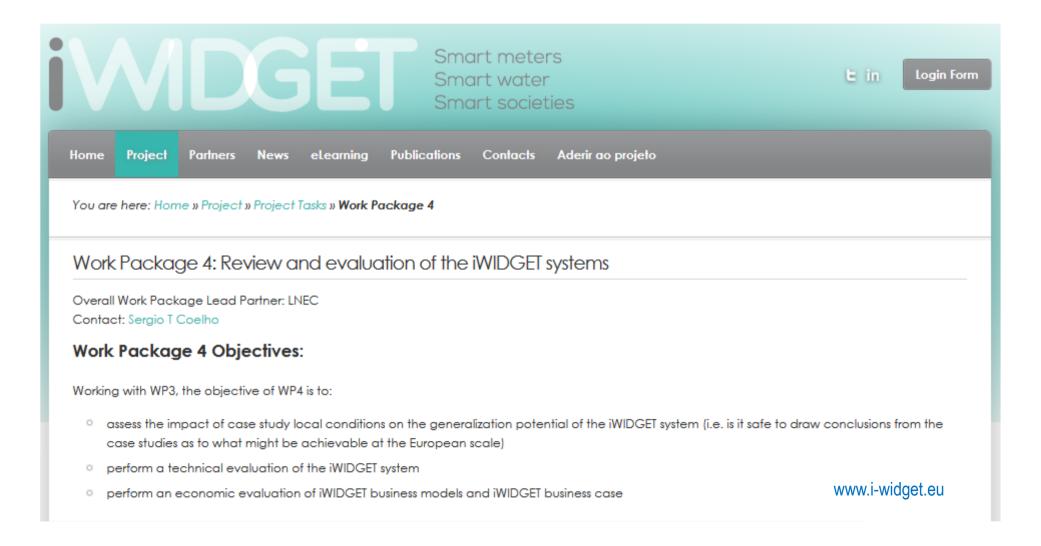




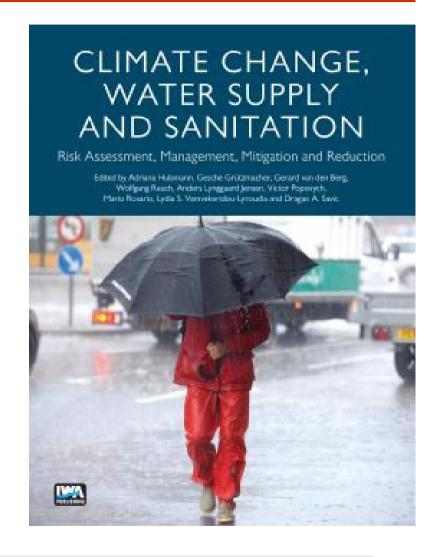
#### **iWIDGET** FP7

## Improved water efficiency through ICT technologies for integrated supply-demand side management

UExeter (UK) et al

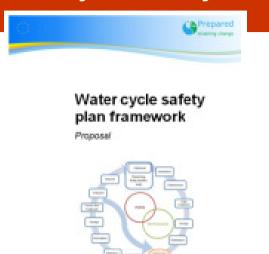


## Prepared (FP7 www.prepared-fp7.eu/)



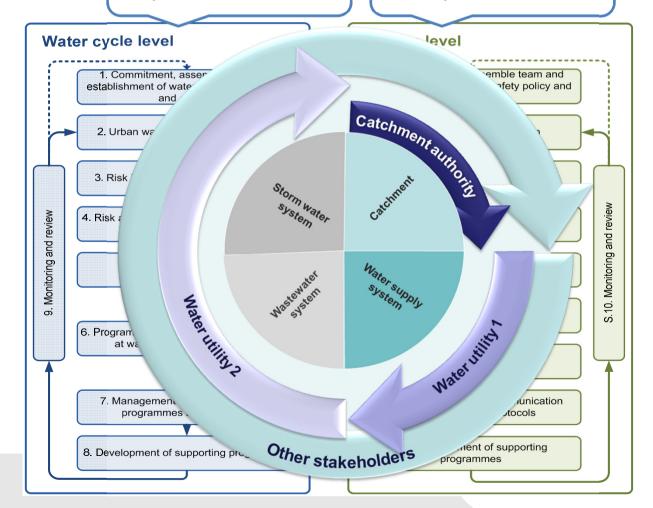


#### **Water Cycle Safety Planning - Framework**



- Two levels of action
- Primary aims are protection of public health, of public safety and of environment

- Macro scale
- Systems' interactions
- Detailed analysis
- Subsystem level





### **Water Cycle Safety Planning Demonstration**

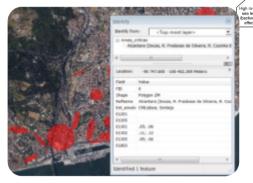
#### Risk assessment

Fault trees for each hazard identified

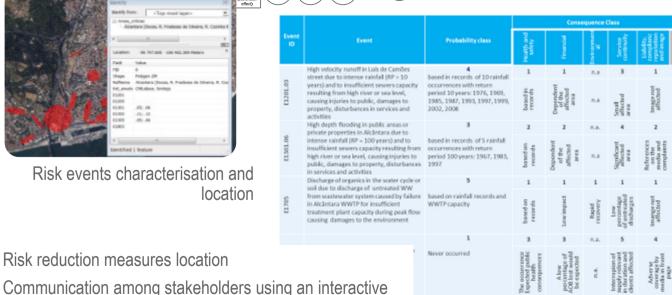
Relevant CC related events identified using GIS

20 CC relevant events identified

3 main risk sources – high intensity rainfall, high river or sea level and low rainfall



Risk events characterisation and location





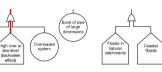
Working meetings



Demonstration of the WCSP, RIDB, RRDB, GIS applications for risk assessment in Lisbon

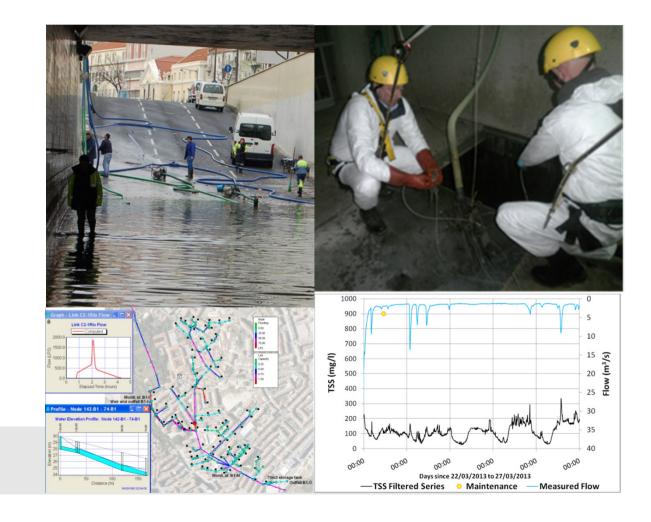






## Urban flooding, stormwater management

Multiuse SUDS (sustainable drainage solutions) as nature-based solutions for stormwater management and urban re-naturing (local, site, end-of-pipe solutions) / combination with ICT technologies

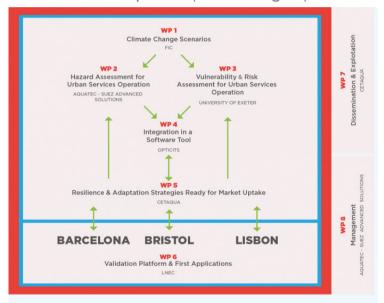






RESILENCE TO COPE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE IN URBAN AREAS.

8 M€ H2020 project, 18 partners, 2016-2020 Coordinator: Aquatec (Pere Malgrat)







To help cities to become **more resilient** to physical, social and economic challenges by generating **models** and **tools** to bring this objective to practice and make them applicable to different types of cities, with different climate change pressures.

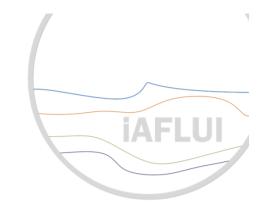
RESCCUE will also assist cities preparing their resilience plans.

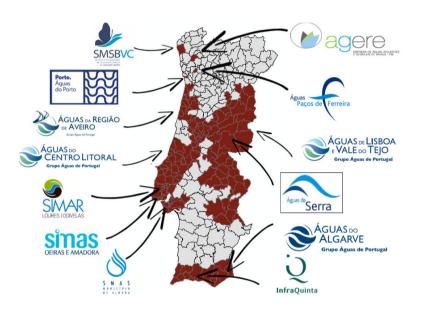
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## **National Initiative for the Control of Undue Inflows**





#### **Objectives**

Capacity building of the utility's team

Internalization of a **structured process** for the undue inflows

Development of a Plan for the Control of Undue Inflows











# WACCLIM "Water and Wastewater Companies for Climate Mitigation"

- A contribution for improving the carbon balance of wastewater utilities...
- In Mexico, Peru and Thailand
- LNEC and ITA UPValencia (Spain) for IWA



On behalf of:



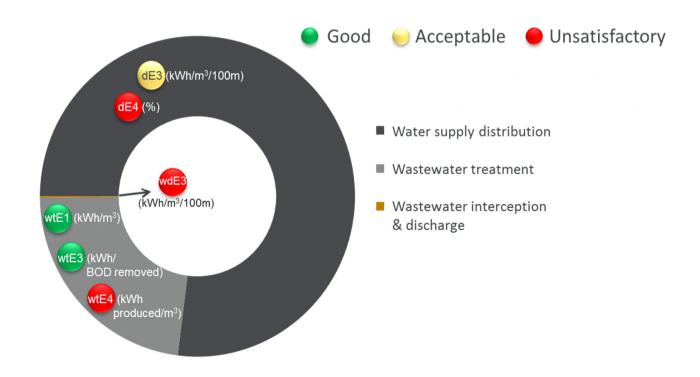


of the Federal Republic of Germany



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A contribution for improving the carbon balance of wastewater utilities...





# Energy efficiency assessment and sustainability of urban water services

## The challenges...

- High water losses in water supply systems
- High Undue Inflows in the sewer systems
- Low efficiency of pumping equipment
- Underutilization of treatment capacity
- Systems' Layout or network operation with low energy efficiency

## What is necessary?

- Develop and assessment system covering all the stages of the urban water cycle
- Develop instruments for diagnosis, selection and economic analysis of alternatives and monitoring of the impact of actions.

2018-2021, **Coordinator: LNEC**, Partner: Lisbon University & multiple water utilities, Funding: National Innovation support Fund



Transport &

Distribution

Drainage

Water

Treatment

Wastewater treatment

Abstractio

Discharge

and reuse

# Energy efficiency assessment and sustainability of urban water services

Rational for diagnosis



Energy consumption &
Performance per stage of the
urban cycle, component, process
or equipament

- Expected results
  - Baseline of the water sector and identification of energy drivers in each stage
  - Assessment system for diagnosis and decision support
  - Action plan to improve energy efficiency in multiple utilities
  - Energy efficiency measures implemented and monitored
  - Direct contribution to national energy efficiency targets



#### **Benchmarking** water and wastewater treatment plants





**Benchmarking** 

#### energy efficiency

**GHGs** 

performance indicators performance indices

process modelling

stormwater

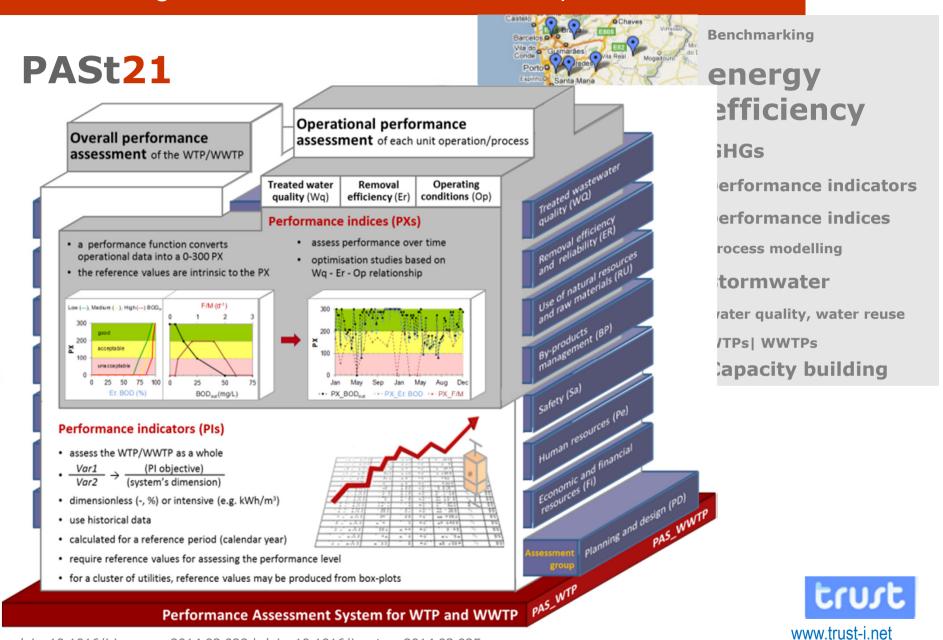
water quality, water reuse

WTPs| WWTPs

**Capacity building** 



#### Benchmarking water and wastewater treatment plants



## **iEQTA**











#### **TEMA ETAR**

Avaliação e melhoria do desempenho das operações e processos de tratamento de ETAR em termos de eficácia e fiabilidade, eficiência energética, gestão de lamas e valorização de recursos (água, energia, fósforo).

#### **TEMA GPI**

Capacitar as entidades para o desenvolvimento e implementação de planos de gestão patrimonial de infraestruturas de tratamento de águas residuais (ETAR).

#### **TEMA Formação**

Formação dos técnicos em tratamento de água residual, tratamento convencional e avançado e estratégias de abordagem aos novos desafios.

Este tema contempla 8 módulos

## ZIVE<

#### iEQTA - Initiative on energy, water quality and treatment

Benchmarking WWTPs (*ETAR*)















Infrastructure asset manag. IAM (GPI)











**Tutorials** 

(Formação)



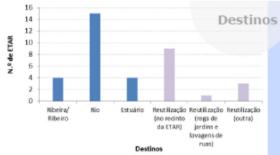




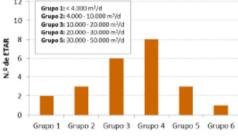


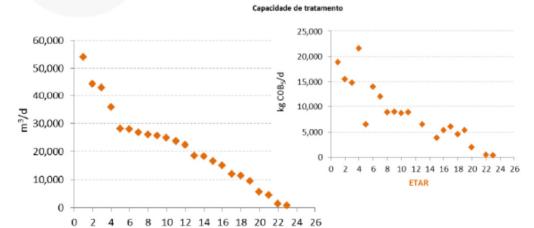












**ETAR** 



Localização



# Lab analyses and testing Pilot prototyping



### Monitoring & characterization of cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins

#### Cyanobacterial bloom



Water sample processing

MC-LR



MC-LR

MC-LW

Cyanotoxin identification and quantification







Monitoring & characterization of

NOM - natural organic matter

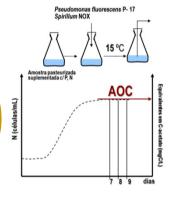




UV-Vis absorbance (type of organic matter and colour) TOC/DOC

Total and dissolved organic carbon

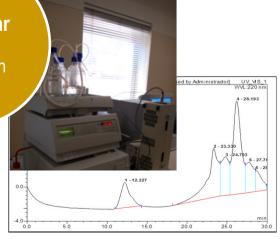
AOC
Assimilable organic carbon



**NOM** characterization

Fluorescence (type of organic matter)

NOM rapid fractionation Hydrophobic/ hydrophilic nature Molecular weight distribution



#### WATER TREATMENT

#### Strategies for climate change adaptation





Prepared enabling change

Resilient Water Supply

**Guidelines for improved** 

Feedback from validation and demonstration in partner cities WP5.2

Assessment of current treatment works to handle climate change related pollutants and options to make current multi-barrier systems climate change proof – Summary of Prepared Research



Adapted operation of drinking water systems to cope with climate change





operation of drinking water treatment plants and maintenance of water supply and sanitation

networks







#### Ceramic Membranes

Emerging in Europe but not yet in Portugal:

- + chemical resistance
- + membrane lifetime
- + ability for heavy loads of particles

## PAC/MF prototype

Benchmarking PAC/MF vs. conventional treatment



#### INNOVATION

When, where and how using PAC/MF?

#### **Tailoring**

+ PAC dosing for specific contaminants + PAC/MF for different water qualities and pretreatments

#### Social Indicators

Cost benefit analysis crossing technical, environmental, economic and social dimensions (stake-holders resistances and believes)







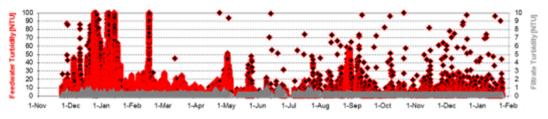
#### **Advanced treatments for water reuse**



### FP7 EU project, WP44.2.1

- PAC/UF and PAC/MF (ceramic UF and MF) for unrestricted urban water reuse
- LNEC, IWW (Germany)
   SimTejo, Metawater (Japan)









#### **Advanced treatments for water reuse**



- Activated carbon selection and optimization for PAC/NF or GAC for micropollutants (EDCs, pharmaceuticals, ...) control for water reuse
- Lab testing of a new low-pressure NF membrane (hollow-fiber)



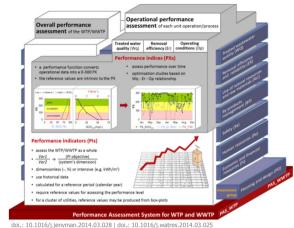
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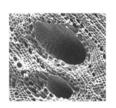


#### **LIFE IMPETUS**

Improving current barriers for controlling pharmaceutical compounds in wastewater treatment plants

- Operational improvement of the current barriers using benchmarking tools (KPIs, indices)
- Chemical enhancement of clarification barriers by adding commercial vs new adsorbents from cork and carob-based (local) wastes and biopolymer coagulants





PhCs?

PhCs ?







*Accacia's* bark (tannin rich)





2 CAS WWTPs, 3 prototypes



Tagus River

Ria Formosa clam production

PhC analysis in 150 clam samples + 850 WW samples

- PhC acummulation in clams
- Multidrug resistance bacteria

# DEMOCON - DEcentralised MOnitoring and CONtrol [project PTDC/AAG-TEC/4124/2012]

**1. Idea:** Improved supervision and control provides conditions to increase the resilience of decentralized wastewater treatment plants

#### 2. DEMOCON framework:

Based on the use of on-line data, partly processed through software sensors and integrated in a dynamic model structure. This model can be used in the definition of different control strategies.

energy | chemicals **OPTIMISED OUTFLOWS INFLOW** clean water | biosludge **WASTEWATER** decentralized **WWTP** Control actions automated | manual Online sensors flow rate | loads Software sensors inferred parameters Modelina operational diagnosis | fault detection

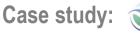
**RESOURCE INPUTS** 

**3. DEMOCON project:** 2013/15, case study WWTP (5000 p.e.) nearby Lisbon.

**Partners:** 













## Thank you!

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