



Innovative water governance practices Insights from Horizon Europe projects

Seminar

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Seminar aims

Part of event series organised jointly with GOVAQUA and EUROPE-INBO, with contributions from InnWater and RETOUCH NEXUS Horizon Europe projects

Active engagement with the INBO river basin management community to advance sustainable and equitable water governance in Europe

2023: Workshop in Valencia identifying innovative water governance practice

2024: Seminar in Bordeaux on first findings of innovative water governance practices and assessing water governance

2025: Workshop on transition pathways to sustainable and equitable water governance in Europe, final good practices presentations

2026: Seminar on lessons learned from Living Labs of water governance innovations, final recommendations

Agenda

9.30 – 9.40 Welcome and seminar aims

Suvi Sojamo, Project Manager, GOVAQUA

9.40 – 9.50 Reflections from previous session in Valencia 2023 and online survey

Francois-Xavier Imbert and Yannick Pochon, GOVAQUA

09.50-10.55 Innovative water governance practices

Setting the scene in EU context: Water resilience is built with better water governance, Suvi Sojamo, GOVAQUA

- Water-allocation and eflows, Josselin Rouillard, GOVAQUA
- Economic and financial instruments, Adria Martin, RETOUCH NEXUS
- Social innovation, Julie Magnier, InnWater
- Citizen engagement, Alice Jaraiseh, InnWater
- Digital solutions, Virginie Keller, GOVAQUA

10.55 – 11.10 Coffee break

11.10 – 11.50 Assessing water governance – introducing the GOVAQUA Assessment tool

Joanne Vinke-de Kruijf & Suvi Sojamo, GOVAQUA

11.55 – 12.00 Closing remarks and next steps

Suvi Sojamo

Three Horizon Europe projects tackling water governance



- 1 February 2023- 31 January 2027
- 12 Partners
- 3 million €
- Multi-method case-study analysis
- 6 Living Labs

Main objective: GOVAQUA identifies, further develops and validates innovative governance approaches to accelerate the transition toward sustainable and equitable water use in Europe



- 1 March 2023- 28 February 2026
- 13 Partners
- 2,8 million €
- 5 Pilot Sites
- 14 replication assessment sites

Main objective: Promoting social INNOvation to renew multi-level and cross sector WATER governance



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- 3 million €
- 6 pilot case studies
- WEFE Nexus

Main objective: Building on the WEFE Nexus, RETOUCH NEXUS aims to promote robust, integrated, sustainable, inclusive and upscalable water governance practices.