

## TEST FACILITIES

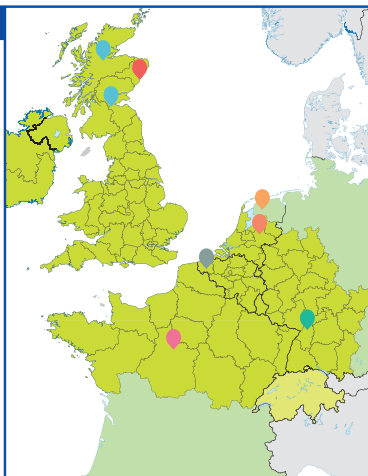
The transnational network of testing facilities offers operational scale demonstration sites with a range of water types and applications. These will be accessible to SMEs located in the NWE region to assist them in developing products to be market-ready and linked to key sector needs. The 14 Water Test Network test facilities include the following water types:



### THE EUROPEAN TEST FACILITY NETWORK FOR WATER INNOVATION

#### TEST FACILITY LOCATIONS

- Aberdeen, UK  
(James Hutton Limited)
- Bo'ness and Inverness, UK  
(Scottish Water)
- Friesland, NL  
(Centre of Expertise Water Technology)
- Apeldoorn, NL  
(Regional Water Authority Vallei and Veluwe)
- West-Flanders, BE  
(VITO)
- Orléans, FR  
(brgm)
- Karlsruhe, DE  
(DVGW Water Technology Center)



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## FACES OF THE WATER TEST NETWORK

Within the Water Test Network project, SMEs are supported in accelerating the market introduction of their water technologies. In addition to assistance with the validation and verification of products, this support also includes the possibility to obtain vouchers. These vouchers can be used for testing products at the 14 different operational scale test facilities. We are always happy to talk to the faces behind the SMEs using our support.



#### STEVE SKILL

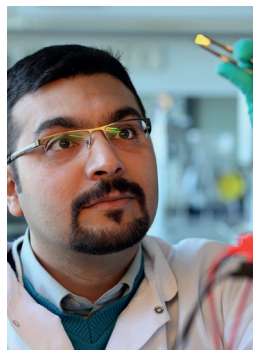
CEO Greenskill Environmental Technology Ltd

"Access to the Water Test Network's Wastewater Development Centres has been vital to the development of our novel wastewater technology. Independent process verification and data validation has made our route to market considerably easier by boosting the confidence of potential investors and customers."

#### DR. MARISSA DE BOER

CEO Susphos

"The Water Test Network is interesting to entrepreneurs such as myself, because the project gives you a chance to accelerate your time to market. It also increases the proportion of products reaching the market and supports innovative technologies through the complex processes of verification and validation."



#### JAFAR NOORI

CEO IPM - Intelligent Pollutant Monitoring

"With WTN, IPM will get a validation test from an accredited party. This is a very needed step in order to convince potential customers to believe in the result output from this system. As we have a unique product, a trust story will have to be provided."

# Interreg North-West Europe Water Test Network

European Regional Development Fund



THEMATIC PRIORITY

INNOVATION



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Project Period: 7 March 2018 - 6 December 2021
- 12 partners from Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands and France
- Total budget € 6.02 million
- ERDF contribution € 3.61 million

## GET IN TOUCH

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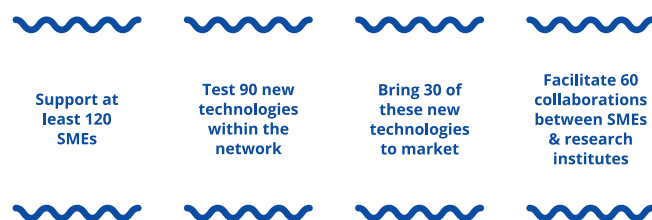


## BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The Water Test Network project establishes a transnational network of testing facilities which can be used by SMEs in North West Europe (NWE) to develop, test and verify new products for the water sector. In this way, new innovations will be developed and it will accelerate the time to market.

The transnational network of test facilities will facilitate SME access to test centres through its transnational support packages.

Over the project lifetime the Water Test Network aims to:



Additionally, the long-term aim of the project is for the Water Test Network to be sustainable after the project lifetime. Therefore, a business model will be developed during the project to enable the network to be accessible to SMEs on a paid-for basis after the project.



## INNOVATION SUPPORT VOUCHERS

The Water Test Network offers the SMEs an integrated package of support in the form of Innovation Support Vouchers. These vouchers will be tailored to the needs of the SMEs and guarantee a certain level of fully-funded support which could be any, or a combination of the following components:

1. Access to a test facility to allow the SME to test their technology;
2. Support with validation and verification to assist market entry, where necessary.

SMEs will be supported throughout the application process by an Innovation Chaser from the project. Through the voucher system the SME will be matched to the most appropriate support/test facility. Depending on the support agreed, the voucher will cover the cost incurred by the test facility in hosting the trial.

All the SMEs cost, including but not limited to own staffing, travel, accommodation and logistics, will be met by the SME. In addition to the open calls for vouchers, there will also be an opportunity for water sector end users to issue "Innovation Challenges" to invite SMEs to solve existing problems in the water industry.

### Innovation Challenges

During the project, the Water Test Network project will issue at least 5 different Innovation Challenges. Water sector end users (public utilities, large industries) have the opportunity to submit existing water problems to which a solution is sought from innovative SMEs. The SMEs will be engaged to these challenges in a 'meet the buyer' type of exercise.

## INNOVATION CHASERS

All the necessary documents for our application process are available on our website. The innovation chasers are your first point of contact to the Water Test Network project. They can guide and support you in completing the stage 1 and 2 application forms. We work with innovation chasers in different countries and places.

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