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# Fiware4Water results

How can river basin organisations benefit?

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Bridging Science to Practice



# KWR Water Research Institute

- **Bridging Science to Practice**
- Nieuwegein, The Netherlands
- Shareholders: 10 Dutch and 1 Flemish water utilities
- +/-180 employees: +/- 135 researchers
- Covering the full water cycle





# KWR research agenda 2017-2023

- Climate change, pollution, population growth - impact on the water cycle.
- KWR generates knowledge to enable the water sector to be water-wise.
- Our scientific findings and the resulting practical innovations contribute, worldwide, to a sustainable water cycle and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



## Digital water

- Combining the value of Water (e.g. water saving) with the value of data and knowledge management.
- Leading to:
  - Smart water management
  - Smart homes and smart cities
- Tools:
  - Digitalisation and **Integration**
  - Digital Business models & Customer Access
  - Products and Services



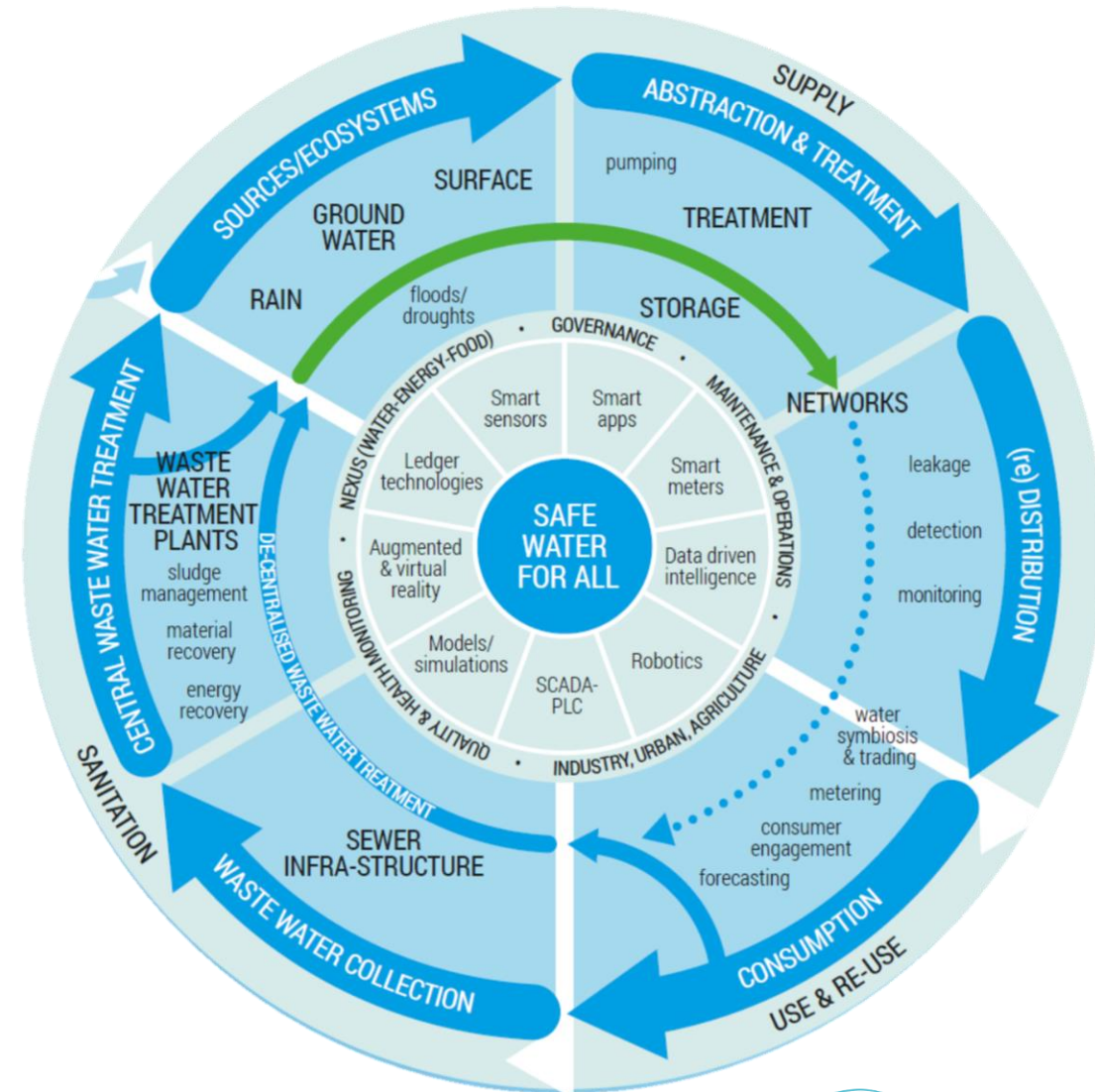
The value  
of Data



The Value  
of Water

# Digital water challenges

- Digital Water needs to address the whole water cycle
- The water sector is generally conservative and fragmented
- Information science, data science and digital technology are relatively recent additions to water management
- But rapidly increasing to a new digital reality.
- Currently the water sector is in **digital transition**





# Digital transition

- Towards the Internet of Things (IoT) era.
- Multiple data sources (sensors, images...)
- Across sectors (e.g. water, energy, weather)
- Real-time operational management.
- Interconnected systems-end of “isolation” .
- Cloud services-Data exchange.
- Single European Data Space
- Single European Digital Market Services
- Digital twins:
  - Integration
  - **Interoperability**
  - Standardisation



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# Future challenges and trends at EU level for Digital Water

- Digital water needs to meet three challenges at EU level:
  1. **European Data Space**: *'the aim is to create a **single European data space** – a genuine single market for data, open to data from across the world ...'*
  2. **Artificial Intelligence**: The EU is *'committed to enabling scientific breakthrough, to preserving the EU technological leadership and to ensuring that new technologies are at the service of all Europeans – improving their lives while **respecting their rights**'*
  3. The **Green deal** stating that *"the full benefits of the **digital transformation** need to support the ecological transition"*.

## Current situation

### SC5-11-2018 Digital solutions for water: linking the physical and digital world for water solutions

**Specific Challenge:** Address several challenges hampering the potential of digital technologies in the water sector and harness their potential to create the foundations for a more water-smart society

- Directed call in 2018:
- Introducing the need for IoT approaches for the water sector
- Resulting in 5 sister projects



- Common component: investigating and developing open source FIWARE compatible applications for the water sector (whole water cycle).
- Promoting interoperability and data exchange through the ICT4WATER cluster



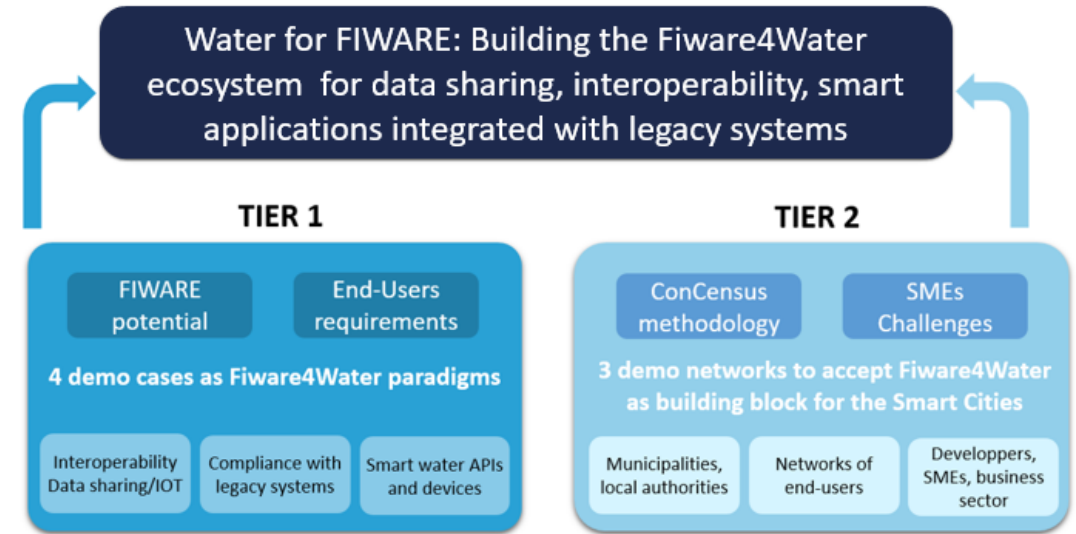
# Fiware4Water: Bringing FIWARE to the water sector

Fostering a Digital Single Market for Smart Water Services, addressing:

- The low level of maturity of the water sector on:
  - the integration/standardization of ICT solutions
  - the business processes of these solutions (including integration with legacy systems)

- For
- Water sector end-users: cities, water utilities & authorities, citizens and consumers
  - Solutions providers: private utilities, SMEs, developers

To benefit from the FIWARE ecosystem



# What is FIWARE? ([www.fiware.org](http://www.fiware.org))



FIWARE IS A CURATED FRAMEWORK OF OPEN SOURCE PLATFORM COMPONENTS TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF **SMART SOLUTIONS**



## OPEN SOURCE

A market-ready open source software, combining components that enable the connection to IoT with Context Information Management and Big Data services in the Cloud.



## SMART USAGE OF DATA

Standard APIs for data management and exchange, as well as harmonised data models.



## SMART SOLUTIONS & SERVICES

Automation of processes across the entire value chain. Easy plug&play integration with other solutions and services. Part of a marketplace of portable and interoperable solutions.

# Fiware4Water: In a nutshell

**3 years**  
2019-2022  
H2020

**14 partners**, experts  
in ITC, water and social  
sciences

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## 4 Demo Cases

Athens Water Supply and Sewerage (GR)  
Cannes Water Distribution System (FR)  
Amsterdam Wastewater Treatment (NL)  
Smart metering (UK)

## 3 Demo Networks

Municipal Governments  
Policymakers and managers  
SMEs and innovators

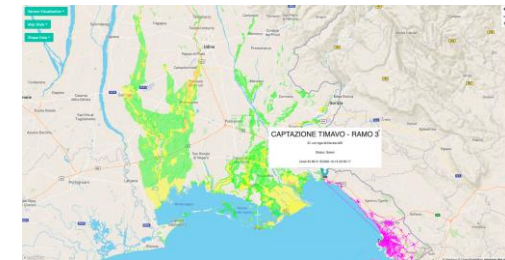
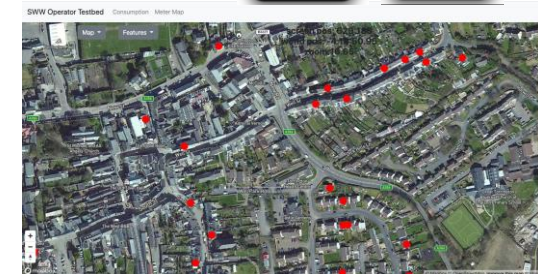
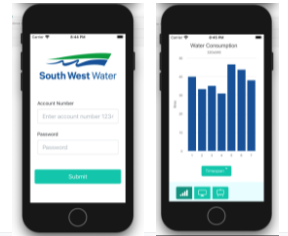
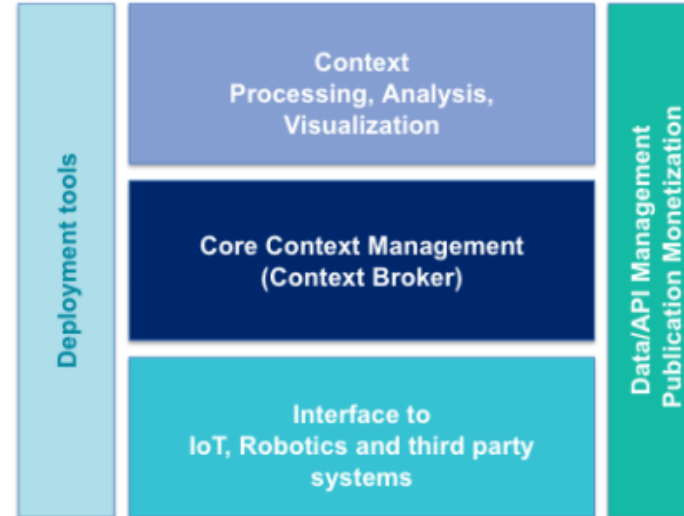
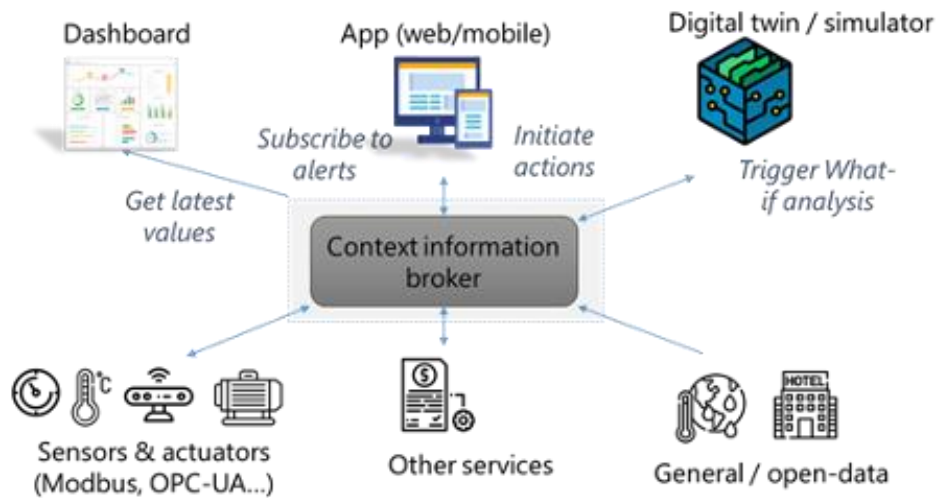


# Fiware4Water: The concept



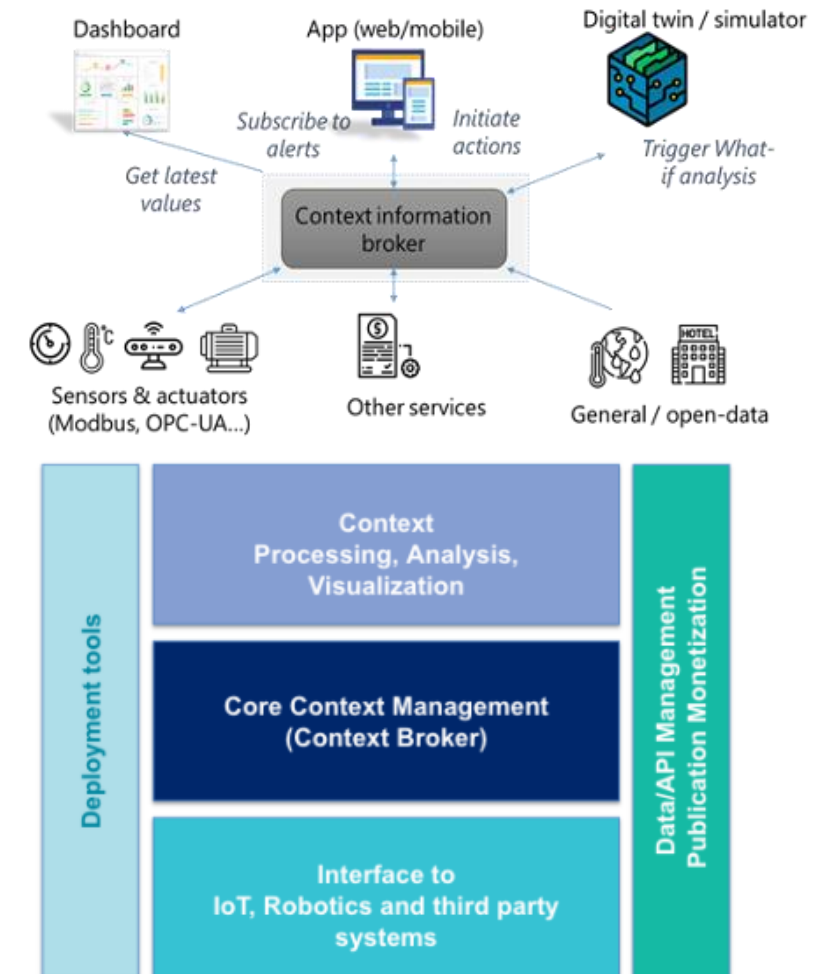
# FIWARE concept (www.fiware.org)

- Formalised use of a **context brokerage architecture** (FIWARE), based on an IoT stack (sensing, network, data processing & application layers)
- Data models for (water) components (e.g. for EPANET)
- Core issue for smart cities and digital twins and IoT



# Fiware4Water: Context broker interoperability advantages

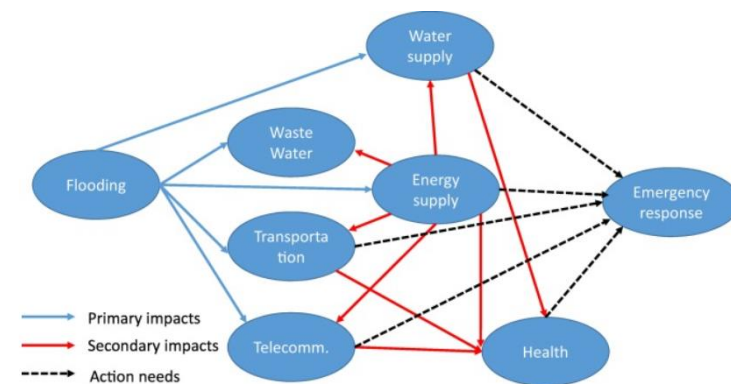
- Core features **transferable** to other areas
- open and extensible *data formats* for key domain specific data structures,
- a *language agnostic approach* making it straightforward to develop solutions in a range of languages
- *off-the-self components* that remove the need to write time-consuming novel solutions.
- Using FIWARE allows to develop and deploy *generic solutions* with a large amount of *conceptual and functional reuse*





## For River Basin Organisations

- The benefits from data exchange formats already created in F4W to improve:
  - **Monitoring** of river/fluvial systems with sensors of all kinds
  - Real-time **operational management** of river systems **combining data** from rivers (flow, water quality) with meteorological/ weather data, drones, citizen/social media (e.g. photos, texts)
  - Provide **warnings** and **alarms** to the public
  - Data and information **exchange** between organisations and authorities (e.g. leading to better understanding of multiple impacts of flooding).
- Fiware4Water paves the way for managers, operators and software developers for river management





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