



The Water Test Network

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Goal: Speed up market uptake of innovative water technology

Tool: Transnational network of testing facilities



SMEs can demonstrate and fine-tune innovative technology in a real setting

At least **120** SMEs supported

90 new technologies tested

30 new technologies brought to market by the SMEs

Network forms a **sustainable business** after the project lifetime

Total project budget:
€6.02 million

Total budget received
€3.61 million of ERDF



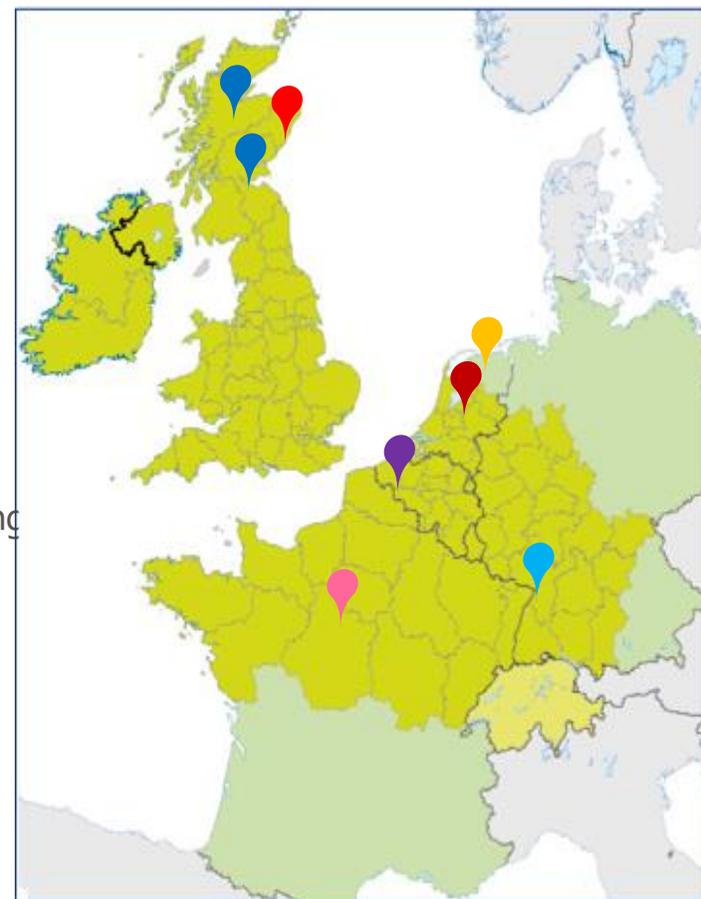
Recap of the Project Model

- A transnational network of testing facilities
- Making available a range of water types for testing
- Providing validation and verification services
- In the form of a fully-funded integrated support package
- Tailored to the needs of the SMEs
- Linking them to the best-fit facility for their testing / verification needs

Transnational Network

A network of testing facilities:

- James Hutton Limited laboratory in Aberdeen, Scotland
- Scottish Water's two development centres in Bo'ness & Inverness, Scotland
- CEW & WA's 6 demosites in Netherlands
- WVV's centre in Apeldoorn, Netherlands
- VITO partnering with Ghent University in Kortrijk, Belgium & VITO partnering with De Watergroep in Diksmuide, Belgium
- TZW's water technology centre in Karlsruhe, Germany
- PRIME demonstration site at Orléans, France



Range of water types

The testing network enables testing on a range of water types:

- Municipal waste
- Industrial waste water, various sources available
- Raw water
- hospital waste water
- desalination and blue energy
- sensor and data-measuring applications
- water flows on a dairy farm
- Sludge
- Biogas
- Struvite
- Tap water
- Surface water and groundwater
- Rainwater
- Vegetable processing process water and waste water





Fully funded support

**Investigative
report**

**Access to
test facility**

**Verification
report**

Up to
€50,000 of
total
support

Investigative report - delivered by a test facility Innovation Chaser. Analyses development and support needs of the SME and their proposed technology

Access to test facility - Access required varies from a few days in a lab to several weeks in a full-scale water plant. Value of test access will typically be €5,000 - €40,000 per SME

Verification report - Support with validation and verification to assist market entry. This will include help for SMEs to get ISO or similar certification for their product. Typical costs are €25,000 - € 40,000

Validation and Verification

One of the key components of the support packages on offer is support with validation and verification to assist market entry, where necessary.

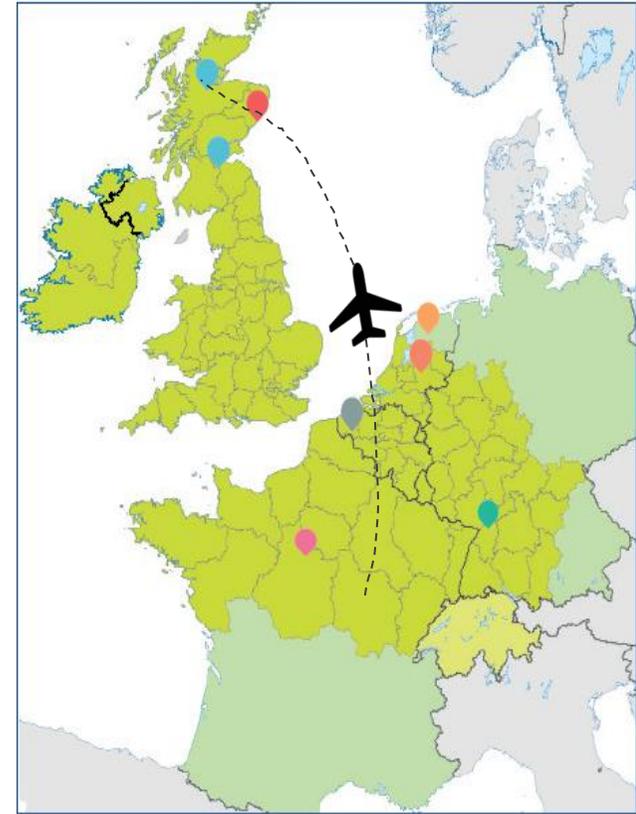
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Processes like ETV (Environmental Technology Verification) can help SMEs fast track innovation by providing independent verification of performance and regulatory compliance.



Best fit facility. Tailored to needs

- The support package will be tailored to the needs to the SME
- During the application process a testing plan will detail what facility best suits the needs of the SME
- This is a transnational network and SMEs can access facilities across the NWE region



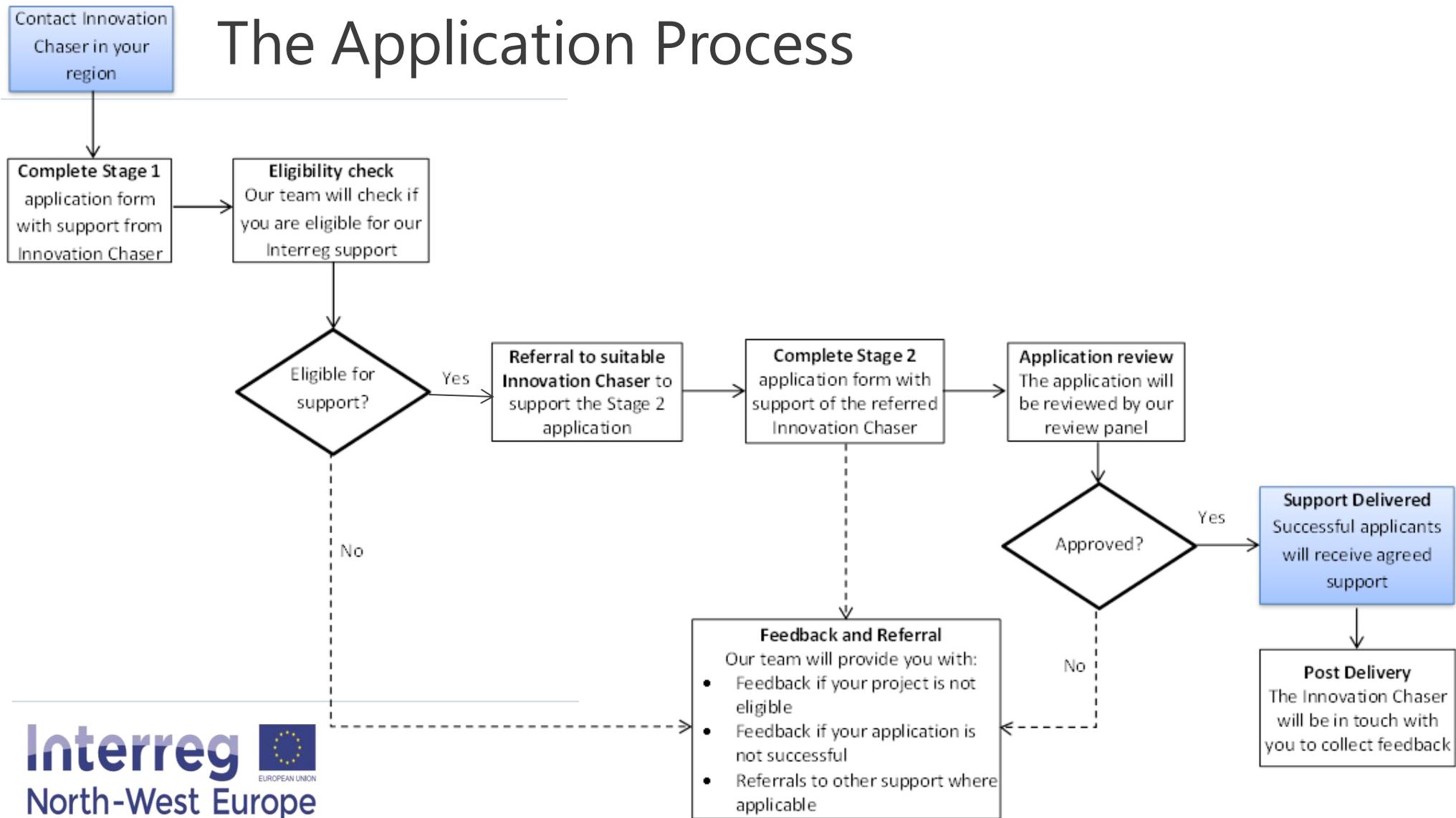
Innovation support vouchers

- The support packages come in the form of Innovation Support Vouchers
- The vouchers fund of the relevant support, such as the cost of hosting the trial at a testing facility
- All SME costs such as logistics, travel and accommodation must be met by the SME



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The Application Process





Innovation Chasers

Role of the innovation chaser

- There are 8 Innovation Chasers in the Water Test Network
- The Innovation Chaser is the first point of contact for applicant SMEs
- They will support the SMEs throughout the application process
- Innovation Chasers will also be responsible for creating case studies of successful applicants

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Problem-Solution Challenges



- 'Innovation Challenges' at regular time intervals (5 over project life).
- Problems experienced by Water Users (public utilities, large industries) to which a solution is sought from innovative SMEs.
- Engaging SMEs in a 'meet the buyer' type exercise, where challenges will be promoted amongst SMEs
- Encourage SME-academic collaborations.



Next Steps

- Innovation support voucher call open for applicants
 - 11th December 2018
- Local promotion of the Water Test Network in partner countries

We ask you to promote the Water Test Network opportunities to SMEs and your water sector networks



ANY QUESTIONS?



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Range of water types - Netherlands



CEW / WA – various testing facilities

There are 6 testing facilities across the Netherlands which enable testing of various water types:

- Antonius Hospital – hospital waste water
- Wetsalt – desalination and blue energy
- Wetterskip Fryslân – municipal waste water treatment technologies
- SenTec – sensor and data-measuring applications
- Water Application Centre – biological treatment of industrial wastewater
- Dairy Campus – water flows on a dairy farm

Regional Water Authority Vallei and Velluwe - Apeldoorn

Waste Water Treatment Centre:

- Municipal wastewater (influent, different partly treated wastewater streams, effluent)
- Municipal sludge (untreated, hydrolysed sludge, digested sludge, rejection water)
- Industrial sludges (untreated, digested, digestate)
- Biogas
- Struvite
- Tap water

Range of water types - Scotland



James Hutton Limited, the laboratory provides verification services, handling samples prepared outside the facility.

- Environmental Technology Standard (ETV) ISO14034
- Inorganic and organic pollutants mostly accredited to ISO17025
- Scientific team with many years' expertise analysing environmental waters and private water supply samples.

Scottish Water Development Centres

- Waste Water Development Centre in Bo'ness:
 - Municipal (raw unscreened, raw screened, secondary sewage, activated sludge, final effluent)
 - Industrial waste water, various sources available upon request
- Water Development Centre in Gorthleck, Inverness:
 - Raw water connections
 - 10 micron filtered water
 - Borehole raw water

Range of water types - Belgium



VITO partnering with Ghent University – VEG-i-TEC

VEG-i-TEC is a university research and expertise centre for the processing of vegetables and potatoes. It provides testing facilities for the following water types:

- Surface water (river Leie)
- Freatic groundwater (12 m)
- Rainwater
- Tap water
- Vegetable processing process water
- Vegetable processing waste water

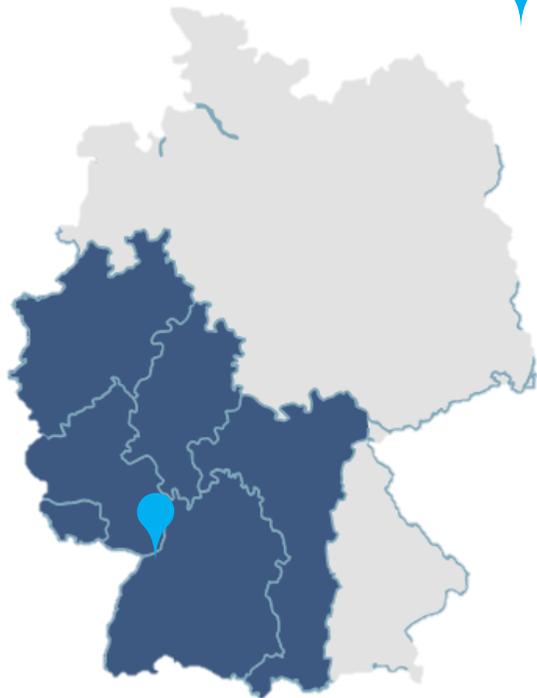


VITO partnering with De Watergroep - ‘De Blankaart’

A pilot installation for research into an alternative approach to conventional surface water treatment. The testing facility is available for SMEs to test technology for:

- Treating surface water into drinking water
- Testing techniques for treating wastewater from the ion exchange process

Range of water types – Germany & France



TZW - DVGW Water Technology Center

This testing facility provides access to:

- Drinking water from the local network available after:
 - flocculation, sand filtration, activated carbon: GAC, PAC,
 - membrane filtration: reverse osmosis, micro-filtration, ultra-filtration
 - disinfection: chlorination, ozonation, UV

BRGM – Platform for Remediation and Innovation in Environmental Metrology (PRIME)

PRIME provides experimental means on a variety of scales for the following water types:

- Drinking water from the local network
- Ground water (untreated) extracted onsite
- Facilities enabling study of wastewaters to be brought on site

