

InnWater European project event

5 June 2024

Saint-Denis de La Réunion (EU Outermost Region)

CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

Climate change impact, maintaining the access to water (both in quality and quantity) are one of the key challenges that societies are facing in the 21st century. The emergence of these societal challenges has increased the importance of finding solutions which can reconcile both economic growth and social outcomes on one hand, and their technological, capacity building, governance and economic dimensions on the other hand.

The **InnWater** Horizon Europe project aims at supporting innovative and inclusive governance considering different sectors and management levels, to enhance resilience and sustainability of water systems. The methodology consists in creating innovative and cross sector governance tools and methods that will be tested in 5 pilot sites.

The second physical general assembly of the project will be held in La Réunion, a French overseas territory, early June 2024. Apart from tacking stock and progressing on the activities of the project, this assembly will be the opportunity to work with **external partners from Indian Ocean zone** (La Réunion and Mayotte European outermost regions) and **Southern Africa region** (Cape Town), sharing about water governance challenges and solutions that the project can offer.

CONTENT

On Wednesday 5 June 2024, The University of La Réunion (UR) and International Office for Water (OiEau) organize a 3,5 hours **event to exchange on water governance challenges and solutions** between Pilot Sites leaders coming from several European countries, La Réunion **local stakeholders coming from different sectors** (water and sanitation services, agriculture, food, health, industry, natural areas, civil society, citizens, policy makers, researchers), and partners from Southern Africa region.



A first part will be dedicated to discussions on managing water crises, including insights from Mayotte and Cape Town.

In a second part, La Réunion local **stakeholders** will be able to discuss water governance, challenges and solutions **with InnWater Pilot Site leaders**, in a format facilitating lively conversations.

