



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 oversea 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.







EU GREEN WEEK

InnWater European project event	
5 June 2024 – 15:00 to 18:30	
Saint-Denis de La Réunion (French oversea territory)	
15:00 - 15:10	Introduction
First part: Water crisis & water governance	
A plenary session where European and Southern Africa stakeholders can discuss the management of water crisis.	
15:10 - 15:30	Mayotte : a crisis still alive
	SIEAM Mayotte & ARS Mayotte - To be confirmed
15:30 - 15:50	Discussion
15:50 - 16:10	Cape Town : lessons learned after several years & preparation for the future
	UCT University of Cape Town - To be confirmed
16:10 - 16:30	Discussion
16:30 - 16:45	Comments and insights: AFD point of view
	French Development Agency (AFD) – Indian Ocean Zone – To be confirmed
16:45 – 17:00 BREAK	
Second part: World café Each Pilot Site will present a water challenge he is facing, highlighting the implications for water governance, to a group of local stakeholders interested in the topic. Then a large part of the slot is dedicated to free discussion.	
17:00 - 17:45	First round - 5 to 10 identified local stakeholders for each Pilot Site La Réunion (France): Water prices & how to financing water services
	 Tisza (Hungary): Managing water extremities by involving all relevant stakeholders – the importance of relevant economic information in the decision process Brenta (Italy): Water and Nature: managing water inside Natura 2000 areas &
	 Figueres (Spain): Water Uses: facing supply problems, in a territory where tourism and irrigation needs are high especially in summer Westcountry (UK): Involving stakeholders: citizen engagement & citizen science
17:45 – 18:15	Second round - local stakeholders moving to another Pilot Site
18:15 - 18:30	Conclusion
	University of La Réunion (UR) & International Office for Water (OiEau)

Pressures on water resources are not only physical, but also comes from inadequate or siloed governance approaches. By discussing water challenges and governance among countries, stakeholders can share ideas and collectively identify possible solutions, working towards more resilience of water systems.