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Innovation In Water Efficiency

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CLOSING REMARKS
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TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS

Water efficiency is mandatory for sustainable development and low-carbon economy

Water efficiency needs innovative approaches and many stakeholders

Water innovation in Europe

Cluster & Regional Smart Specialization around water

Water innovation should be part of smart specialisation strategies
for regions that believe in their water innovation capacities

Clusters are key agents in the European innovation environment.
Specially in water innovation

Roles of RoK projects

TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS

New ways for funding water innovation are needed
as investment in water innovation

WE@EU as tractor for water innovation

Inside Europe: Success stories

Beyond Europe: creating links around the world

Water is a global problem so international cooperation within and
beyond Europe should be mandatory



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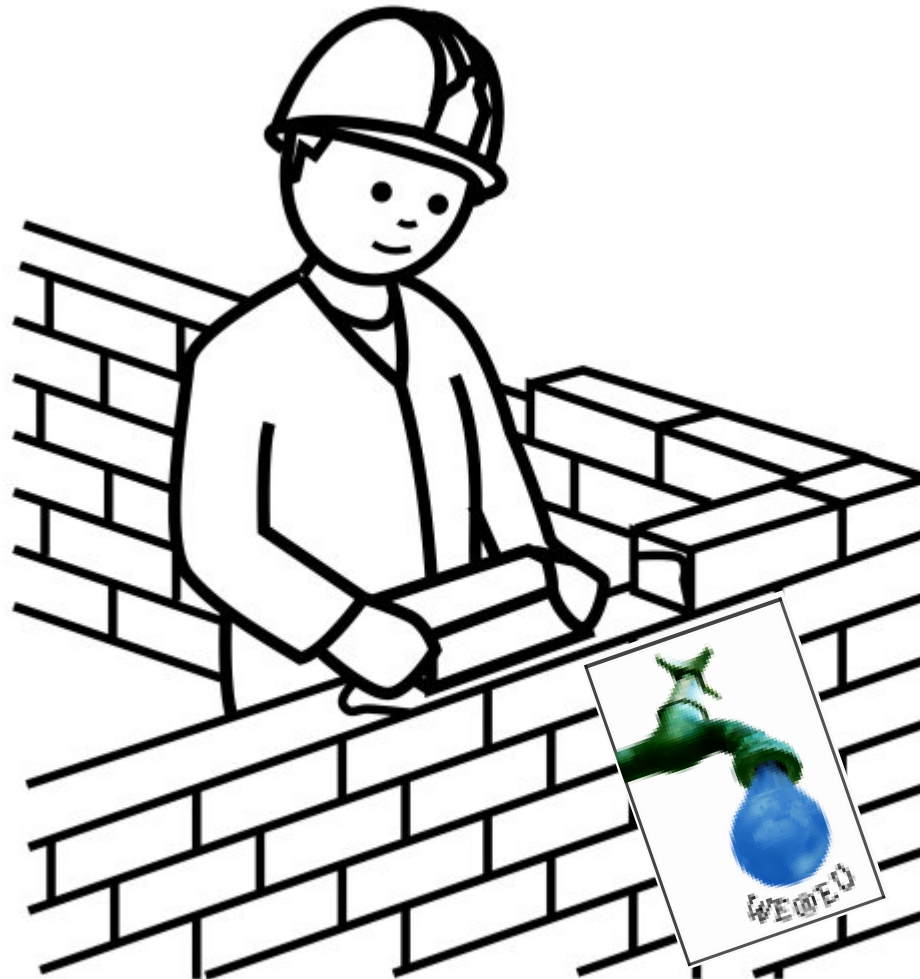


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Water Efficiency in European Urban Areas – WE@EU

 WE@EU is based on the ambition to create an open European platform for EU excellence in water efficiency in urban water management. This European platform will enable the participating clusters and regions to bring together knowledge and innovation potential by collaborating and mutually learning in a trans-national basis. This will enable to generate an innovation friendly ecosystem where academia and business will work together, in coordination with regional authorities and other stakeholders, transforming knowledge into innovative products, services and skills in the water efficiency sector. This partnership will thus enable to strength regional capacities, which can unlock business opportunities among the participating region and stimulate investments in R&D&I. The regional research-driven clusters and regions will share and exchange their 'best practices' by learning from their respective regional research agendas. This will enable to develop a true knowledge-driven partnership which will contribute to overcome the fragmentation of the knowledge economy in Europe and beyond towards the enlargement and consolidation of the European Research Area. Moreover, the eco-innovative approach of WE@EU not only enables to boost innovation as a measure to increase competitiveness, generate new skills and reduce

News

- In March 2016 WE@EU project partners launch regionally "A cluster vision for water innovation", WE@EU Joint Action Plan** 7 Mar
WE@EU main deliverable, the **Joint Action plan**, will be launched at most of WE@EU Regions; this month - March 2016 (Aragon in Spain, East of England* in the UK, Provence Alpe ...
- Registrations NOW Open for WE@EU final event: International cooperation and regional clusters: innovation in water efficiency** 19 Feb
The FP7 Water Efficiency in European Urban Areas (WE@EU) project invites you to the "International cooperation and regional clusters: innovation in water efficiency" event on Wednesday 18th May ...

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