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TWIST: 6-Month Work development Meeting

Identification of stakeholders, Identification of innovation processes at regional level and Water Living Labs were the key issues of the second meeting of TWIST – an Interreg SUDOE project focused on innovation in the water sector.

The partners of TWIST - Transnational Water Innovation Strategy met from 23 to 25 October 2018 in Limoges, France, at OIEau - International Office for Water installations to make a review of the first 6 months of the project and work together in the next project developments.

The leaders of each activity summarized the work developed and gave concrete indications on the work that will be developed in the coming months. To date, the work developed under TWIST project was focused on Task Group 1 and on Task Group 2.

Task group 1 worked on stakeholder identification and on the Intelligent Specialization Strategies (RIS3) of the various regions. In the coming months, the partners will hold meetings and will work on the development of the TWIST Common Strategy.

Regarding the Task Group 2 - Creation of 3 Living Laboratories for the management, treatment, recycling and recovery of wastewater products, CENTA has worked on the contents to be included in the Common Methodology for the creation of Living Laboratories. It is expected that Living Laboratories start operating in June 2019 after a regional workshop for stakeholder engagement.

On the second day of the meeting, the partners visited OIEau facilities where the French Live Laboratory will operate. Later the partners worked together to prepare questionnaires about the processes of innovation and the RIS3.

The second Workshop on Living Laboratories was held on the last day with two Living Laboratories sharing their experiences and with open discussion about TWIST Living Labs.

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The TWIST - Transnational Water Innovation Strategy is an Interreg SUDOE project integrated in the priority axis n.º 1. Research and Innovation, that is coordinated by the Fundación Centro de las Nuevas Tecnologías del Agua (CENTA), whose main objective is to create an open innovation model in the domain of wastewater, promoting circular economy and compliance with the Water Framework Directive.

TWIST Project has a budget of one million, ninety-eight thousand and five hundred euros and a duration of 36 months, from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021. The TWIST consortium has 11 beneficiary partners from 3 countries: Portugal, Spain and France.

TWIST main results

- **TWIST Living Labs**
Experimentation and co-creation places where innovation processes in wastewater domain will be developed.
- **TWIST Market Place**
Virtual catalog of innovative products developed at Living Labs.
- **Transnational Business School**
Training school in the area of innovation and change management.

About the Interreg SUDOE Cooperation Program

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