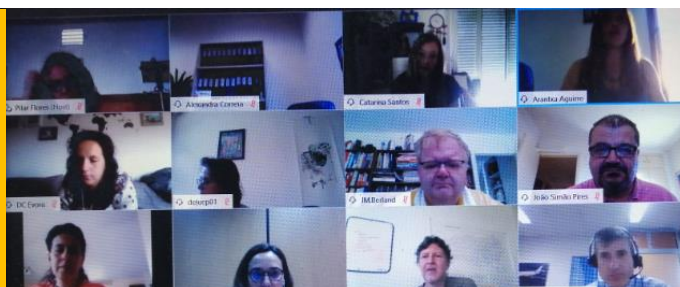




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## TWIST Videoconference Meeting

One of the main products of the project, TWIST Water Living Labs, are already operating with a common methodology in the three countries and are opened to all that want to participate in wastewater innovation processes. The TWIST common strategy for mutual learning and capitalization of RIS3, another key product of the project, is already concluded. The Transnational Business School is defining the online courses opened to all. These were some of the main outputs of the fifth meeting of TWIST – an Interreg SUDOE project focused on innovation in the water sector.

TWIST - Transnational Water Innovation Strategy project partners had a videoconference meeting on June 3, to make a review of the work developed in the last months after the last project meeting, make a situation point regarding the tasks affected by the pandemic and define together the next project developments to successfully end by 31 March 2021.

The meeting started with CENTA making an overview of the main points of project management. After that was made a revision of each activity, focusing on deliverables and the leaders of each activity commented the work developed. Each task overview was concluded with the definition of the next actions. To date, TWIST has concluded the ***Task Group 1- Knowledge creation: stakeholder analysis and characterization of innovation processes at the regional level*** that includes the implementation of the “TWIST common strategy for mutual learning and capitalization of the regional Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3)” (consult it [here](#)), and is working on the other four group of tasks.

Regarding ***Task Group 2 - Creation of 3 Living Laboratories for the management, treatment, recycling and recovery of wastewater products***, the TWIST Water Living Labs are already operating in the three countries: France, Spain and Portugal, with a common methodology that can be consulted [here](#).

The Living Labs are open to all who want to participate in wastewater innovation processes. Here you have the three Living Labs, the main focus area, and respective contacts:

 **Living-Lab France – Laboratoire Vivant du Sud Ouest LaViSO**

Main working area: Wastewater treatment and infrastructure management

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 **Living-Lab Spain – Open Water Lab 2. OWL2**

Main working area: Wastewater treatment and reuse

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 **Living-Lab Portugal – Urban Living Lab in Lisbon, uL3**

Main working area: Wastewater reuse and resources recovery

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Next July 8, 2020 CENTA will organize an online regional workshop of the Spanish Living Lab to present the work that will be developed and understand ways to involve interested stakeholders.

With the aim of capitalize the work developed in TWIST Water Living Labs, TWIST partners have developed synergies with other international groups such as **ENoLL**, European Network of Living Labs, and **EIP Water**, European Innovation Partnerships that aim to speed up innovations that contribute to solving societal challenges, enhance Europe's competitiveness and contribute to job creation and economic growth.

Regarding the **Task Group 3 - Analysis of results obtained in the Living Laboratories and exploitation of market opportunities**, we are identifying the technologies to make the analysis of market opportunities and the market study to implement them.

On **Task Group 4 – Capacity building for regional development and job creation**, the Transnational Business School is developing the type and contents of online courses opened to SMEs, technicians of the public administrations and people interested in training in innovation in the water sector. We are also working on the program and logistics of the national events for the development of innovation capacities in the water sector.

Regarding the **Task Group 5 - Capitalization and transfer of results to other SUDOE regions** the creation of the interest group is starting to have a shape and the TWIST Market Place is also taking the first steps to build the virtual catalogue of innovative products developed in the Living Labs.

All the project deliverables that are already concluded are available on TWIST website [HERE](#).

The TWIST project is co-financed by the Europe-South West Interreg V-B Cooperation Program (Interreg SUDOE) through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

### More about the TWIST project

The TWIST - Transnational Water Innovation Strategy is an Interreg SUDOE project integrated in the priority axis Nr. 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 is funded with one million, one hundred 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 expected results

- **TWIST Common strategy for mutual learning and capitalization of RIS3**  
To promote mutual learning between the participating regions, as well as the use of competitive advantages and opportunities gathered in the different RIS3.
- **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.
- **Pilot cases for Innovative Procurement**  
As an instrument that favors R+D+i processes and the development of synergies between actors of the Quadruple Helix
- **Transnational Business School**  
Training school in the area of water innovation and management. A pilot training program is being developed in the language of the three participating countries.

### About the Interreg SUDOE Cooperation Program

The Interreg VB Europe / South West Interreg Cooperation Program (Interreg SUDOE), which co-finances TWIST, supports regional development in South-West Europe by financing transnational

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