

Demo Network#2

Water authorities

Interview

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Could you introduce yourself and your role in F4W as demo network leader?

I'm Eric Tardieu, I'm the secretary general of the International Network of River Basin Organisation, which gathers 192 members throughout 81 countries. In F4W project, I'm involved in the Demo Network 2, targeting river basin organisations. My role is to offer the possibility to engage with the members of the network while ensuring the dissemination of Fiware4Water outcomes.

Could you describe your demo network and key challenges?

River basin organisations are facing the challenge of collecting accurate data on water and being able to use these data to improve water management. As digital water still appears to be a new topic, the preliminary step is to inform the actors of its multiple benefits to help managing water. In November 2020, a first webinar with INBO took place. It was a very good occasion to raise the awareness of river basin organisations about digital water and to present how Fiware4Water's outcomes can support their missions.

How does F4W and digital water help tackling these challenges?

The F4W consortium started with developing digital water solutions such as the FIWARE reference architecture for the water sector. This part is dealing with IT development. But non-technological solutions such as capacity development and socio-political engagement have also been developed. All these solutions, being technical or not, could represent as a whole a real support for river basin organisations in their missions related to water resources management.

What is the key innovation transferred to your demo network?

All the outcomes of the Fiware4Water project will be showcased to our members during workshops that will occur in the 7 regional branches of INBO from now until the end of the project. In December 2021, for example, a dedicated session on the smart applications and devices for managing water smartly will take place at the INBO general assembly in Malta. It will not just be about key IT innovation but also on the demonstration of the multiple benefits of digital water solutions.



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