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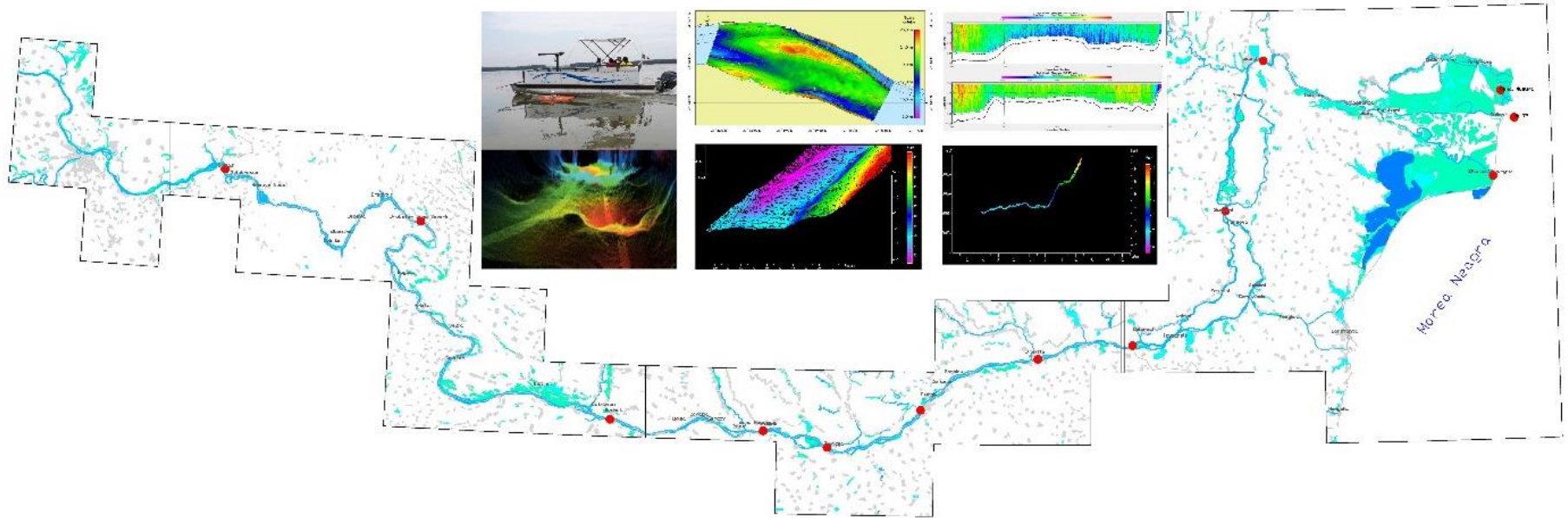


H2020 Restarting Economy in Support of
Environment, through Technology
(ReSET)

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Cercetări interdisciplinare ale mediului fluvial

- studii complexe pentru evaluarea impactului generat de schimbările globale și intervențiile antropice asupra calității mediului dunărean și a principalilor afluenți





Restoration of wetland complexes as life supporting systems in the Danube Basin

- HORIZON-MISS-2022-OCEAN-01 submitted for HORIZON-MISS-2022-OCEAN-01 / 27 Sep 2022 (Danube river basin lighthouse – Protection and restoration of wetlands, flood plains, coastal wetlands and salt marshes and their biodiversity)
- Project duration – **48 months** (Not started)
- Project Budget: €8,499,953.75
- 31 Partners

Restore4Life Objective

Restore4Life demonstrates the multiple socio-economic benefits generated by a holistic and transdisciplinary approach for the restoration of freshwater and coastal wetlands in the Danube basin that will contribute to new blue-green infrastructure supporting regional climate change resilience and mitigation.

- 4 demonstration sites and
- 6 monitoring sites across the Danube basin

Make evident that increased delivery of key ecosystem services, as water and pollutant retention, carbon sequestration and tourism opportunities as well as improved resilience of water-dependent habitats will produce multiple socio-economic synergies that also provide opportunities for sustainable businesses and investments.



SO1. Develop a Restore4Life Wetland Restoration Decision Support System as life supporting system.



Co-development;
Co-design
Co-participation
Stakeholders engagement
Socio-ecological gradients
Climatic gradients

DEVELOPMENT

SO 2
Empower stakeholders and the community
by creating an extensive network of stakeholders and communities

Adapt the wetland restoration framework

SO 3
Demonstrate and evaluate holistic wetland restoration approaches and compile, test and optimize ecosystems' and ES assessment indicators

TESTING & VALIDATION

Use and adapt the tools in real demonstration sites

SO 4
Support local revenue and business activities in restored ecosystems

IMPLEMENTATION

SO 5
Promote and support the implementation of holistic wetland restoration solutions in associated regions (inside and outside the Danube region)

Large scale use in other sites at EU level considering also the local level

Restore4Life will deliver and test an innovative Wetland Restoration Decision Support System for the implementation of practical solutions

ECOsystem-based
governance with
DAnube lighthouse
Living Lab for sustainable
Innovation processes



EcoDaLLi outline

- CSA under HORIZON-MISS-2021-OCEAN-02 (Protect and restore marine and fresh water ecosystems and biodiversity) **Danube Lighthouse**
- Project duration – **42 months** (01/23 - 06/26)
- Project Budget: €2,684,875.00
- 17 Partners +1AP
- 12 countries



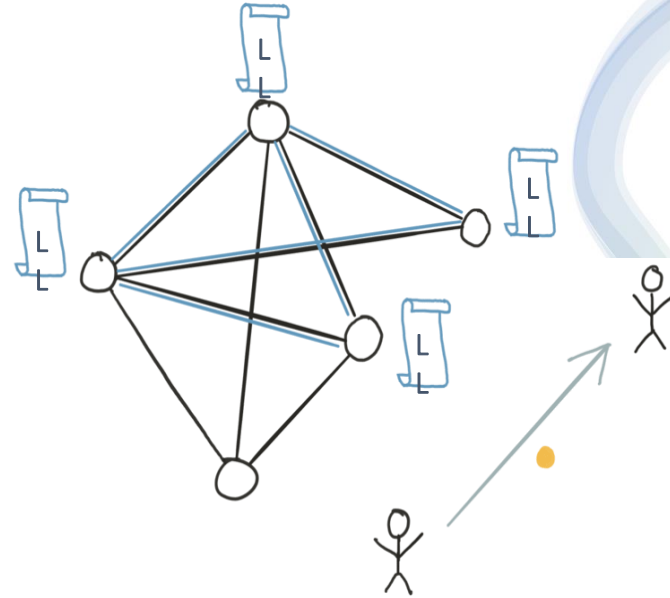
Consortium

| No. | Participant organization name | Acronym | Country | Type |
|-----|---|-------------|---------|------|
| P1 | Steinbeis 2i (Steinbeis Europa Zentrum) | SEZ | DE | BSO |
| P2 | ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability | ICLEI EURO | DE | SME |
| P3 | University for Bodenkultur Wien | BOKU | AT | RTO |
| P4 | WWF World Wide Fund for Nature Hungary | WWF HUNG | HU | NGO |
| P5 | University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering & Naval Architecture | UNIZAG FSB | HR | RTO |
| P6 | Faculty of Technical Sciences, Novi Sad | FTN | SR | RTO |
| P7 | Danube Delta National Institute for Research & Development | INCDDD | RO | RTO |
| P8 | National Institute for Research & Development on Marine Geology & Geo-ecology – GeoEcoMar | GEOECOMAR | RO | RTO |
| P9 | Association of Danube River Municipalities “Danube” | ADRM | BG | NGO |
| P10 | ACTeon | ACTEON SARL | FR | SME |
| P11 | International Center for Advancement of Research, Technology & Innovation | ICARTI | GA | NGO |
| P12 | Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Regions & Tourism, Federal Agency for Water Management | BML-BAW | AT | PUB |
| P13 | Ministry of Environment, Waters & Forests | MMAP | RO | PUB |
| P14 | Tulcea County Prefect’s Office | IP Tulcea | RO | PUB |
| P15 | Executive Agency “Maritime Administration” | EAMA | BG | PUB |
| P16 | Diadikasia Business Consulting | DBC | GR | SME |
| P17 | Municipality of Draz | Opcina Draz | HR | PUB |
| AP | Smarter Mobility Solutions Ltd. | SMS | UK | SME |
| SP | JPI “Water challenges for a changing world” | WaterJPI | FR | PUB |

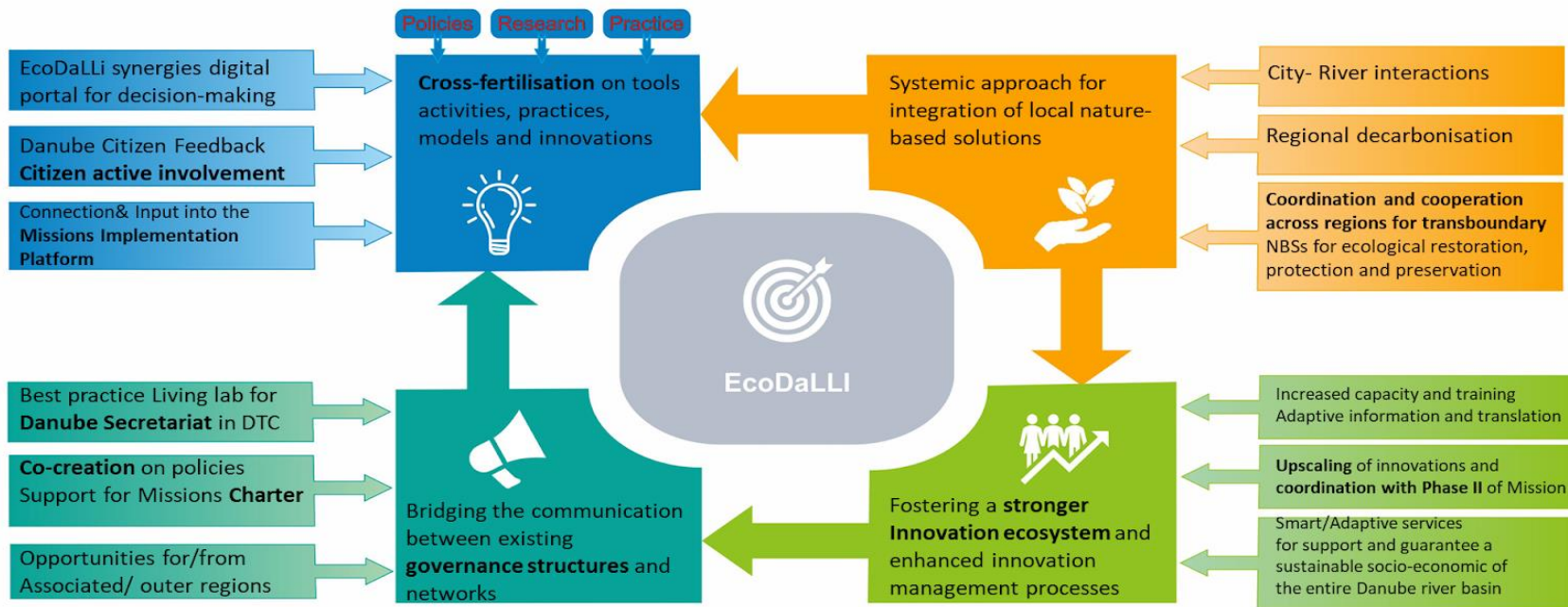
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EcoDaLLi Objective

The main **objective** of EcoDaLLi is to centralise Danube governance structures in terms of **innovative solutions for improved ecological restoration, protection & preservation of the Danube basin & its Delta** by fostering a **stronger innovation ecosystem** within a well-connected **Living Lab** system.



EcoDaLLi Concept



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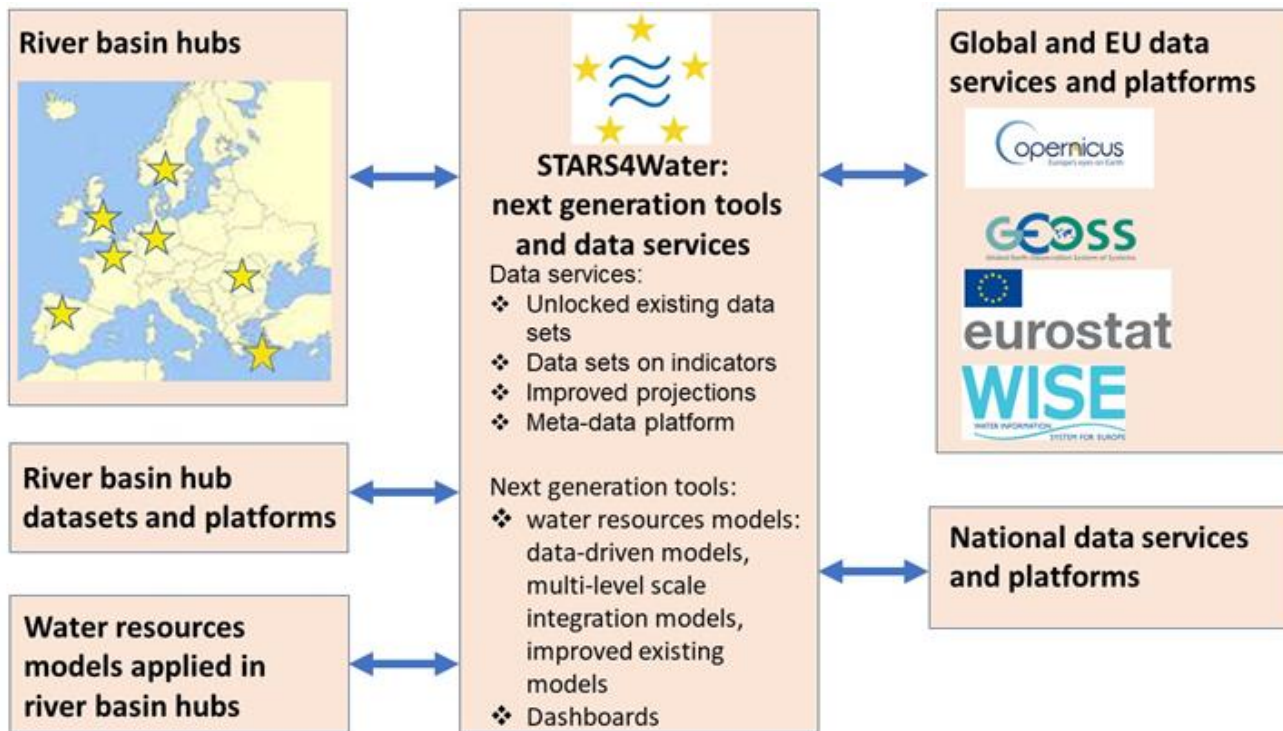
Supporting Stakeholders for
Adaptive, Resilient and Sustainable Water Management



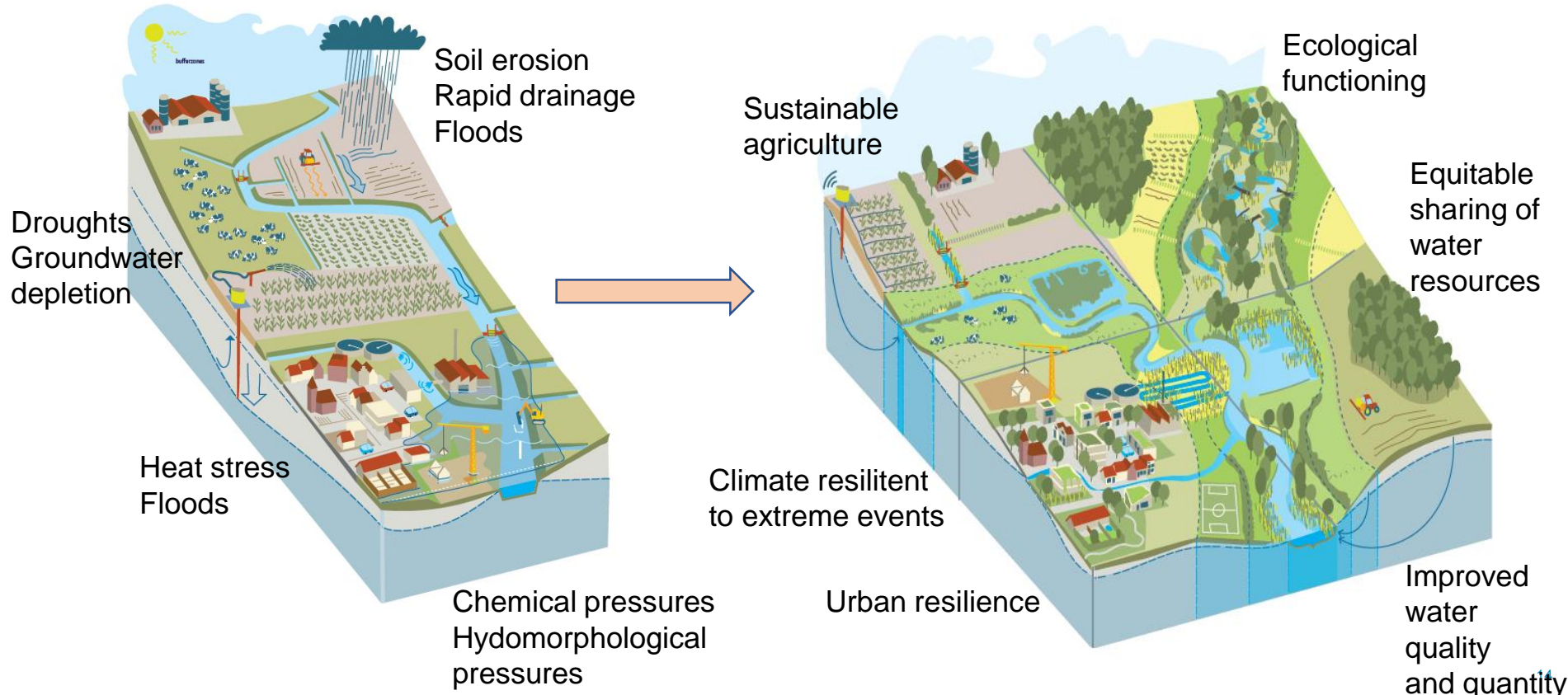
STARS4Water is about:

- To improve the understanding of climate change impacts on water resources availability and the vulnerabilities for ecosystems, society and economic sectors at river basin scale
- To develop and deliver new data services and data driven models for better supporting the decision making on planning on actions for adaptive, resilient and sustainable management of fresh water resources.

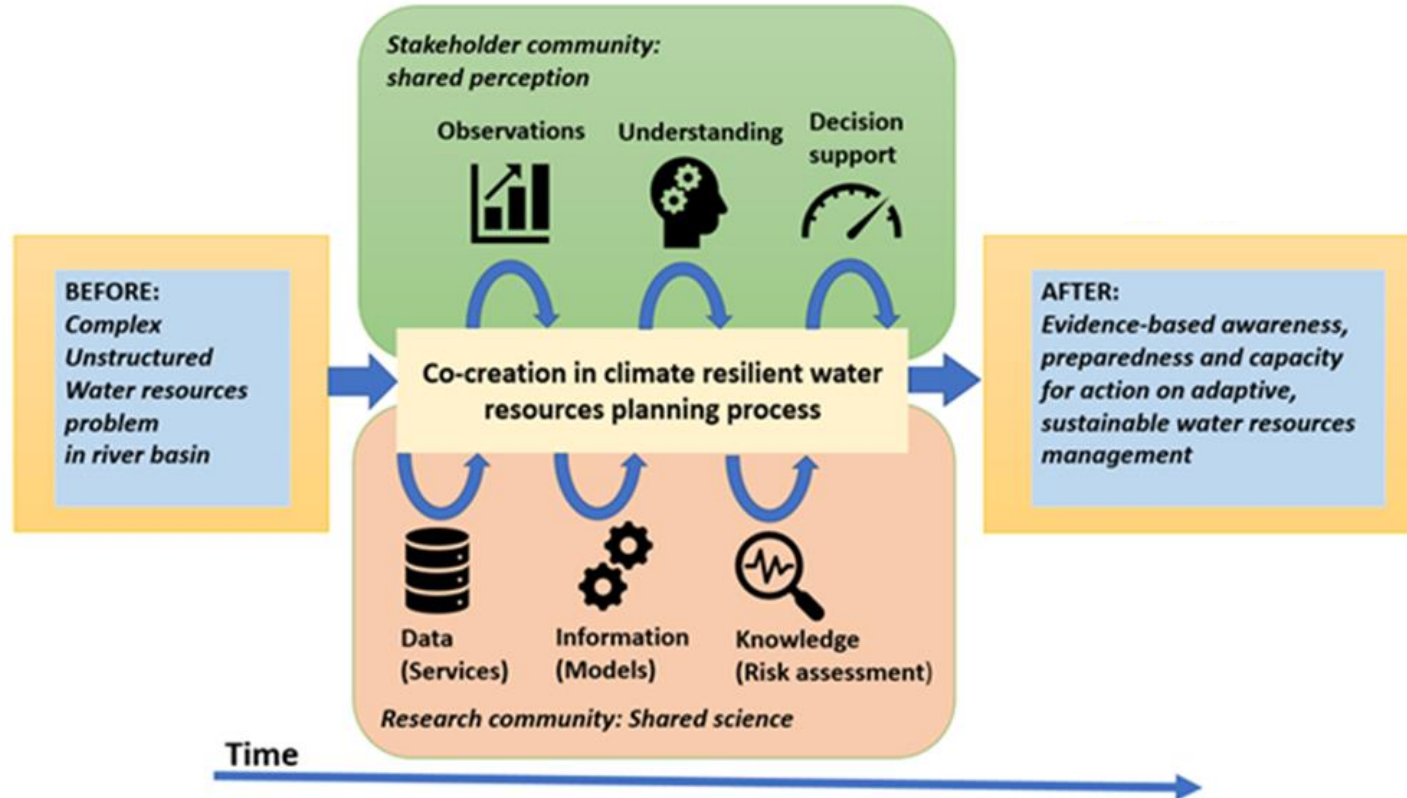
...next generation of Integrated Water Resources Management tools and data services



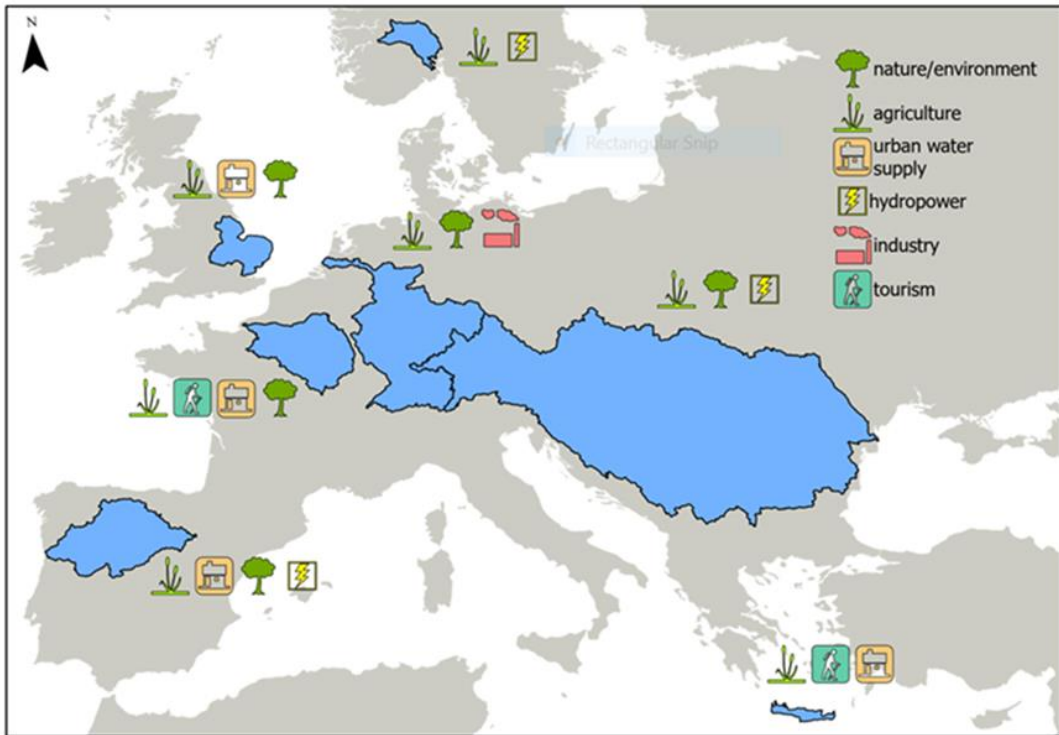
Towards climate robust catchments and water resources management



Key principle: co-creation with stakeholders



Key principle 2: river basin hubs



Stakeholders partners:

- **Rhine:** Rijkswaterstaat (NL)
- **Danube:** Administratia Fluviala a Dunarii de Jos R.A. Galati (RO)
- **Seine:** EPTB Seine Grands Lacs (FR)
- **Duero:** Confederación Hidrográfica del Duero (ES)
- **East Anglia:** Anglian Water Services Ltd. (UK)
- **Messara:** KRITI & Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy (GR)
- **Drammen:** Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NO)



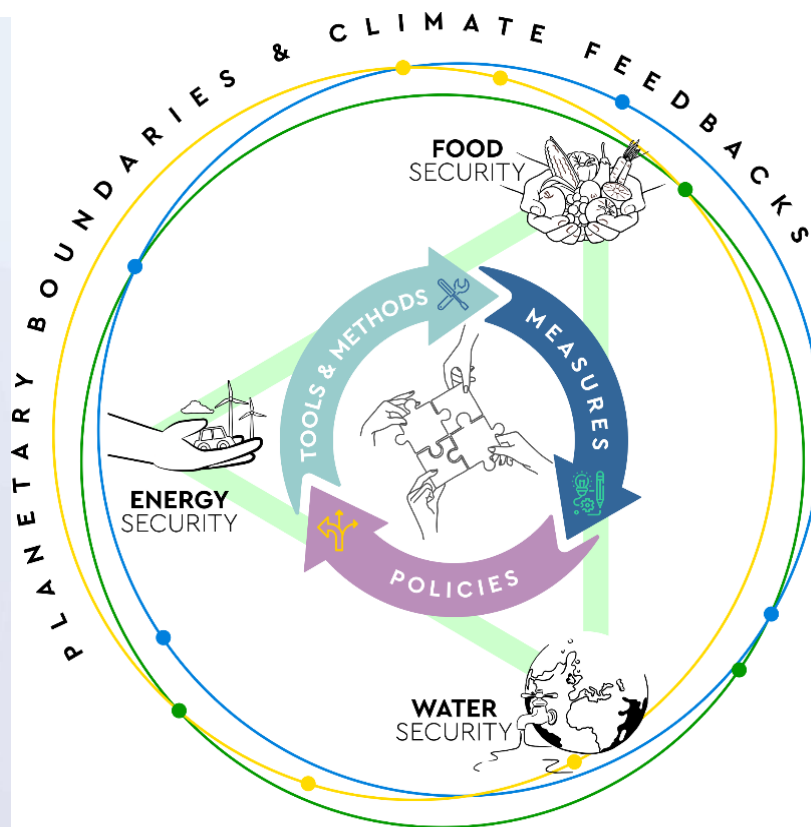
MANAGING **RESILIENT NEXUS** SYSTEMS THROUGH PARTICIPATORY SYSTEMS DYNAMICS MODELLING



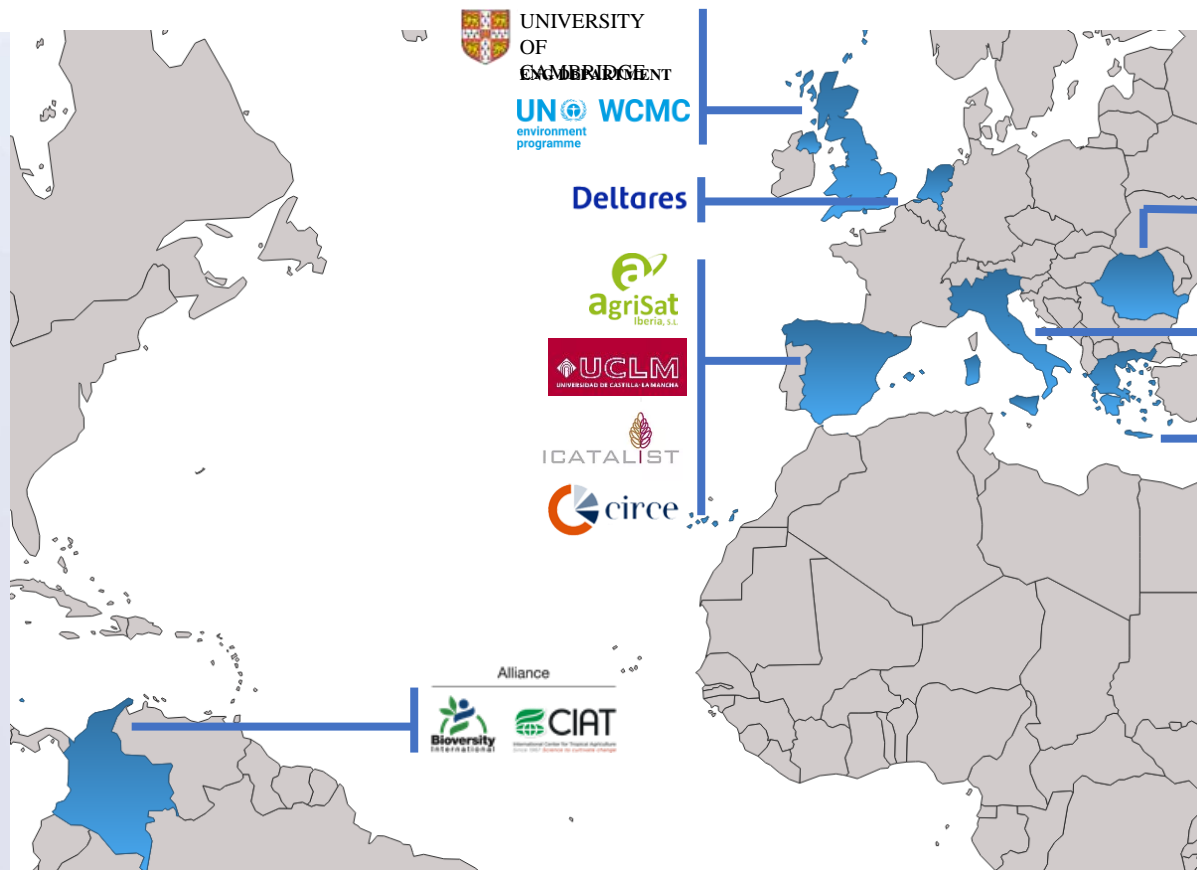
Co-Develop and **Co-validate** knowledge and tools
that facilitate the **transition** from the stage of
Understanding the NEXUS to *NEXUS Doing* to
strengthen resilience



Conceptual framework Managing Resilient Nexus Systems



Consortium – 17 partners



Deltares



Alliance

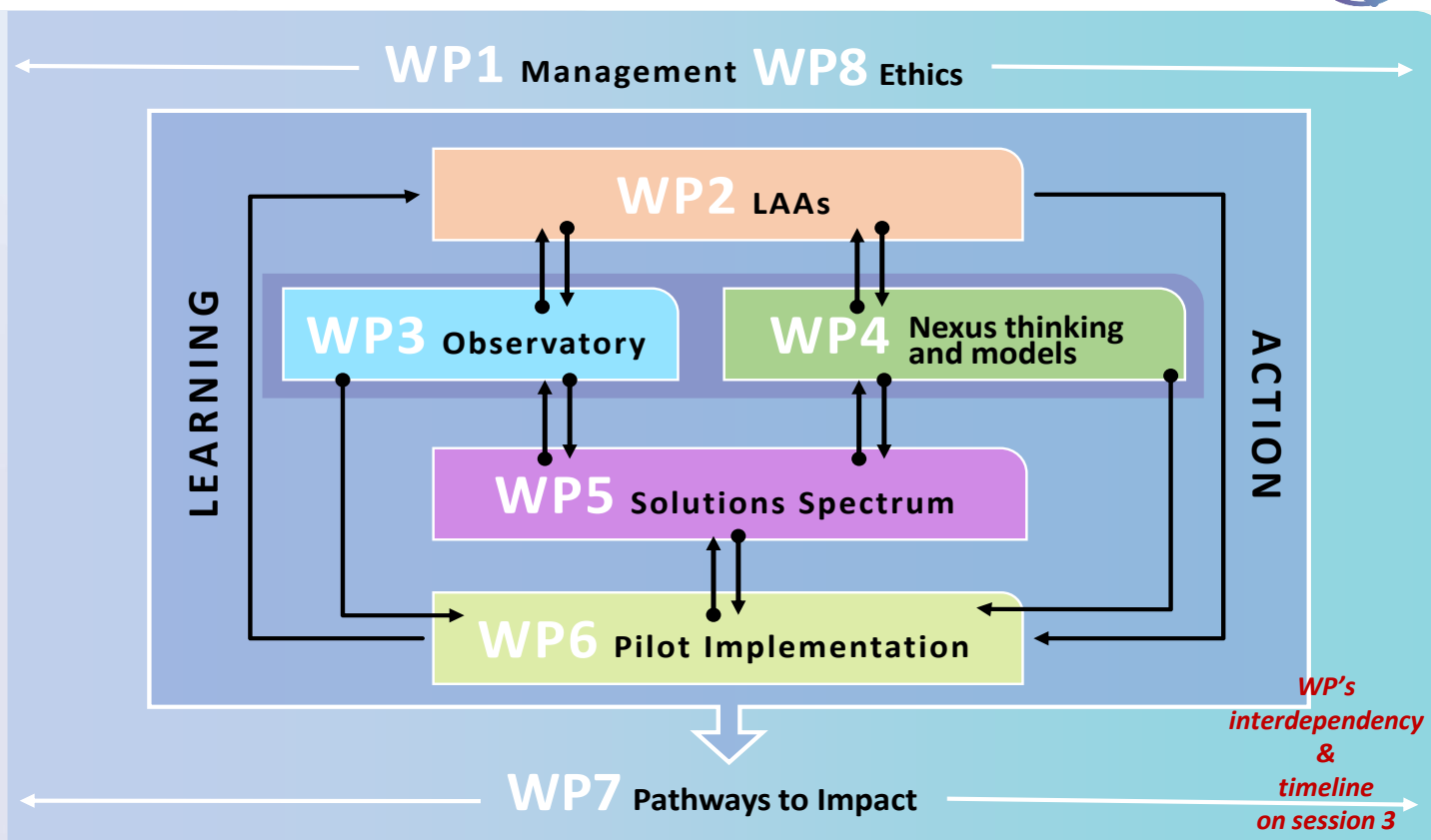


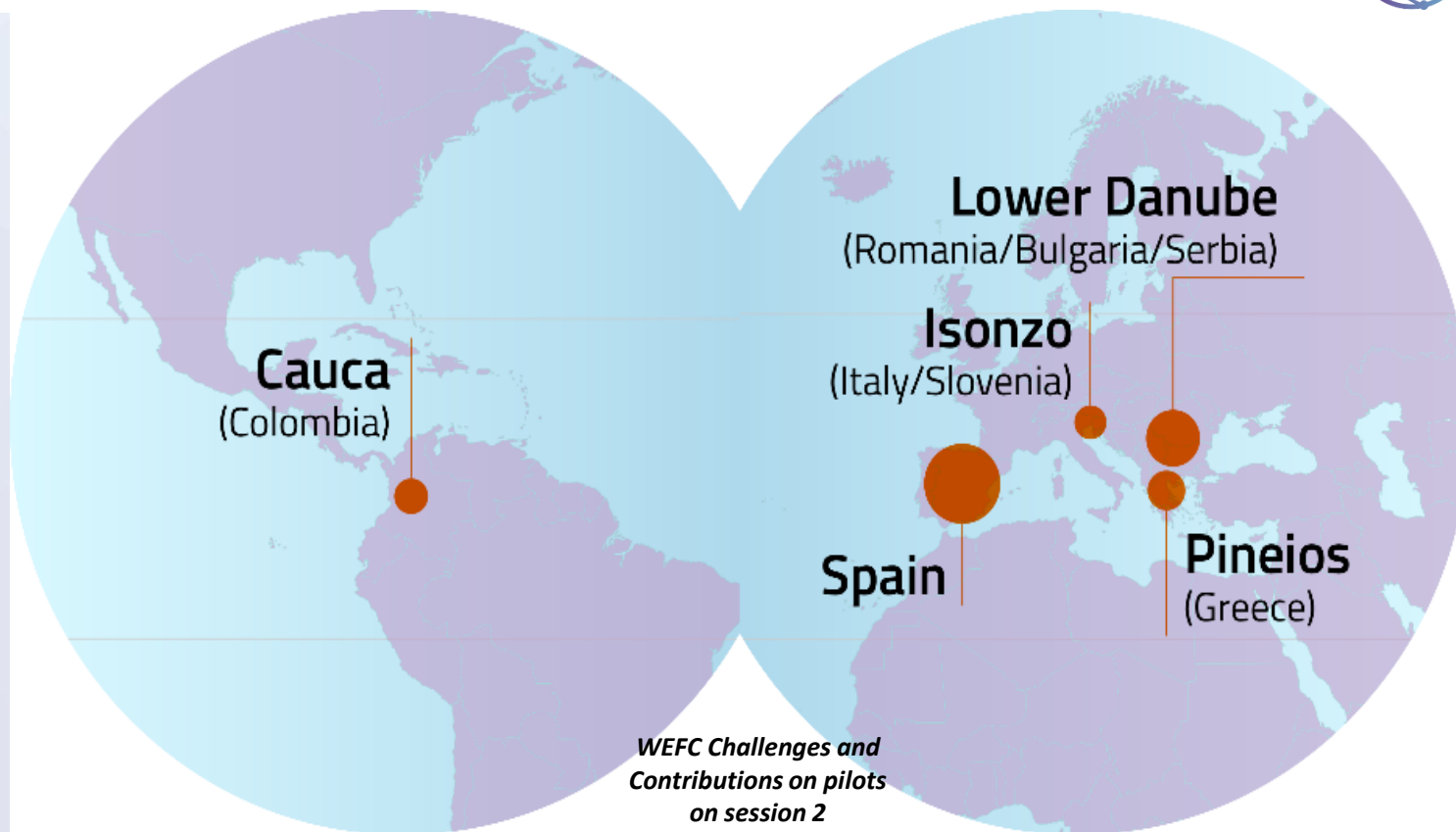
University of Castilla-La Mancha



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20 MAY 2021 - KICK OFF MEETING







| WP | WP short name | WP partner | Country |
|----|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| 1 | Project Management | UCLM | Spain |
| 2 | LAAs | ICA | Spain |
| 3 | REXUS Observatory | DRAXIS | Greece |
| 4 | Advancing Thinking Nexus | UCAM | UK |
| 5 | REXUS Solutions | WCMC | UK |
| 6 | Pilot Implementation | AgriSat | Spain |
| 7 | Pathways to Impact | GWP-Med | Greece |
| 8 | Ethics requirements | UCLM | Spain |

**WP's
interdependency
&
timeline
on session 4**

| Pilot / Countries | Organisation |
|--|--------------|
| Isonzo - Italy/Slovenia | AAWA |
| Cauca - Colombia | CIAT |
| Lower Danube - Romania/Bulgaria/Serbia | GEOECO |
| Pinios - Greece | SWRI |
| Peninsular Spain - Spain | AgriSat |

- More accurate evaluations of **future demands for water, energy, food**.
- Enhance **sharing knowledge and best practices** in climate-water-energy-food nexus assessment.
- Improve **integrated water resources management** and increase resilience to climate change.
- **Reduce the water risks for the energy sector** and optimize market and trade solutions across the nexus.



- Assess the impacts of **EU regulatory framework** on a sustainable water-energy-food nexus.
- **Reduce institutional fragmentation whilst increasing cross water, energy, food collaboration** and inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement (LAAs).
- **Strengthen EU role in international water issues and** become a leading actor on water diplomacy.





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An introduction to ReSET

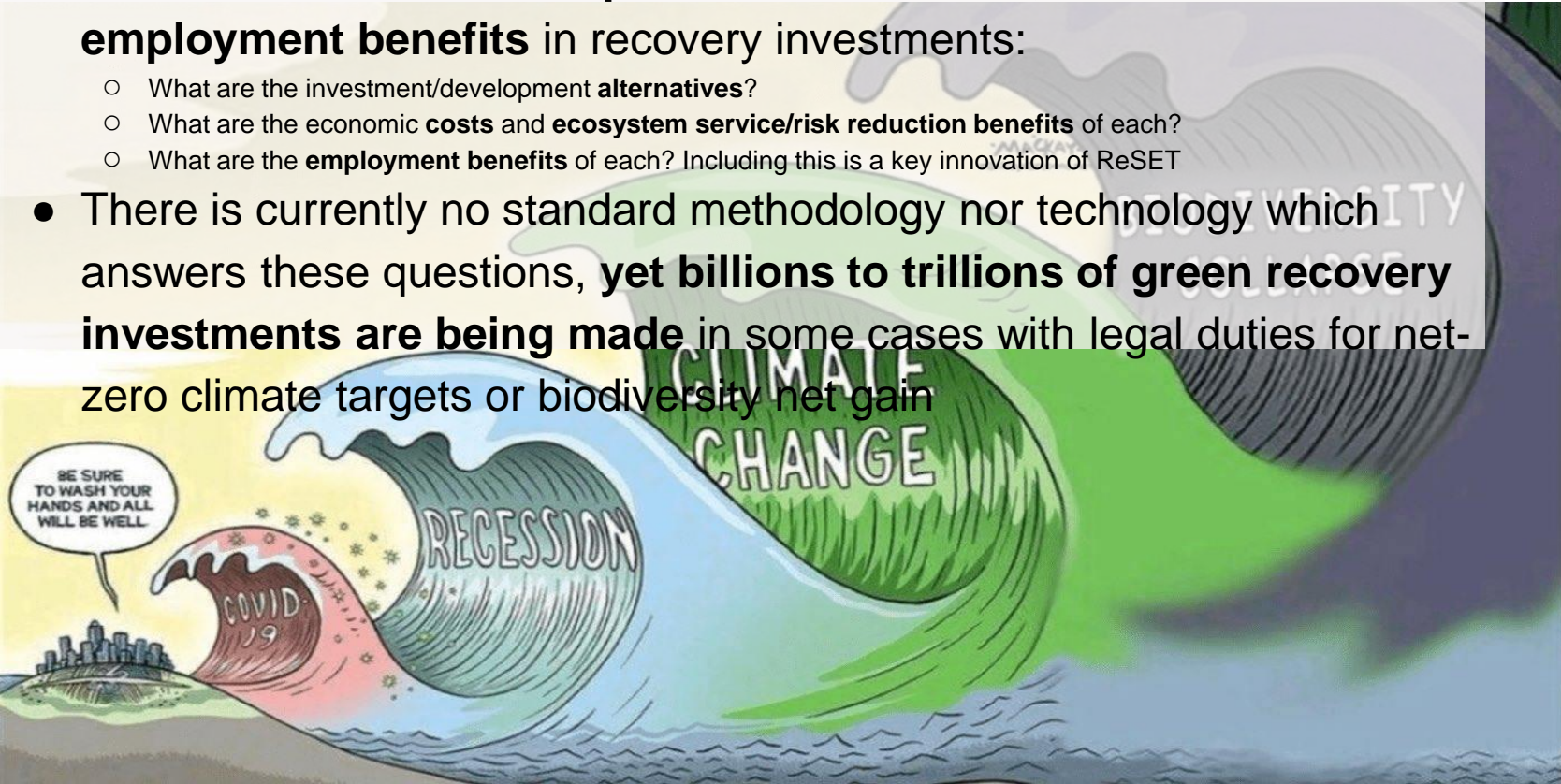
Environmental intelligence supporting nature-based investment
for environment, jobs and economy

KING'S
College
LONDON



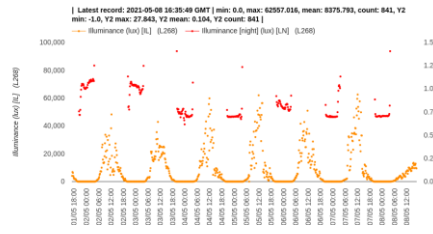
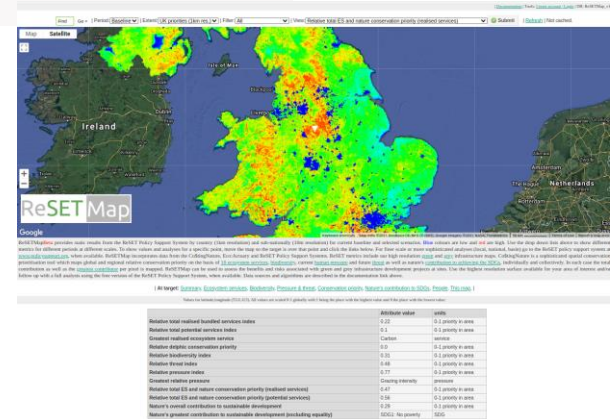
The problem

- **In short: we need green growth, how?**
- How do we achieve the **triple win of economic, environment and employment benefits** in recovery investments:
 - What are the investment/development **alternatives**?
 - What are the economic **costs** and **ecosystem service/risk reduction benefits** of each?
 - What are the **employment benefits** of each? Including this is a key innovation of ReSET
- There is currently no standard methodology nor technology which answers these questions, **yet billions to trillions of green recovery investments are being made** in some cases with legal duties for net-zero climate targets or biodiversity net gain



The (tech) solutions

- **In short, through Environmental Intelligence**
- Coupling of near real time, ML-powered high resolution remote sensing products with sophisticated but accessible **spatial policy support systems (ReSET-IT)** for **strategic spatial prioritisation of green investments for environmental benefits, job creation and economic sustainability**
- Robust, distributed networks of *near real time sensors* for evaluation of different nature-based investment options (strategy and effectiveness assessment) //Smart:
- **Science and communication** to better understand the costs and benefits of real-world investments **ReSETMap**
- **Improving on the state of the art** evidence base for such investments for both **prioritisation** (what, where) and **effectiveness assessment** (cost/benefit) **ReSETMap**



The Audience

ReSET-IT/ReSETMap &
//Smart:/Both

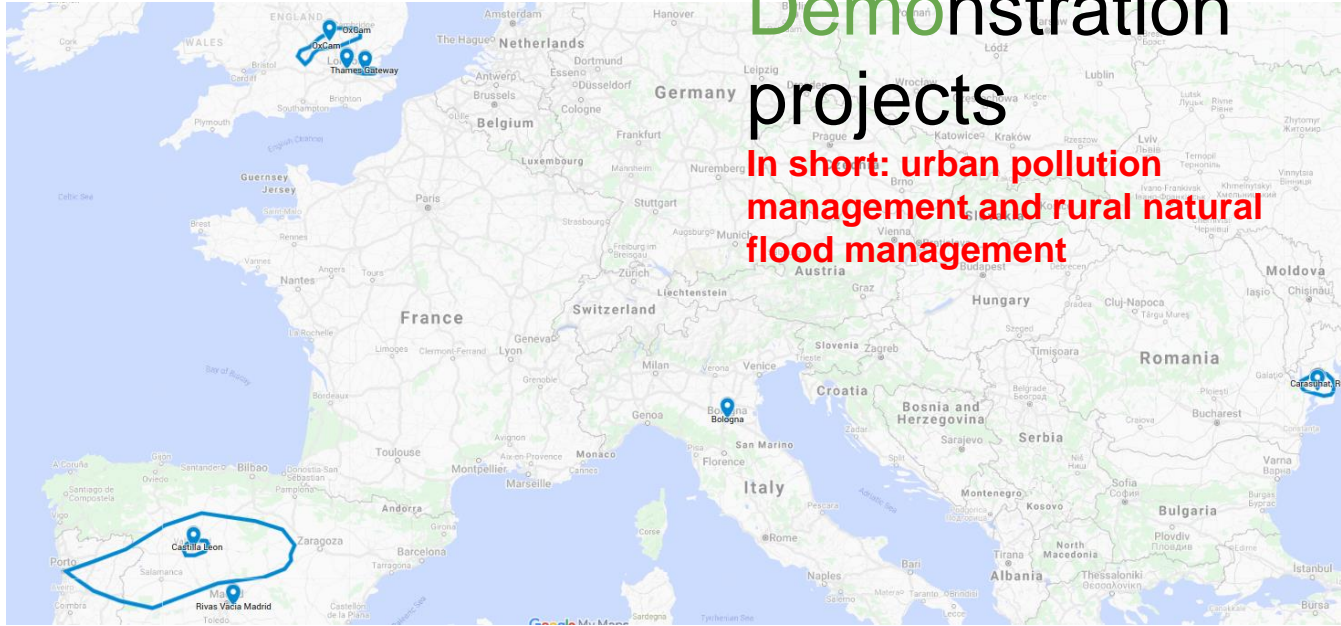


- Green/Grey, net zero and post-COVID recovery **investors**
- **Developers** with active urban and rural development projects
- Impacted **citizens** and citizen scientists
- **Farmers**, landowners, councils
- Hazard, resilience **managers**
- **Insurers**
- **Conservation** and environmental orgs
- **Teachers** and their students



Demonstration projects

In short: urban pollution management and rural natural flood management



- **Carasuhat** - impact of boat traffic on air, noise and light pollution (focus on impacts on wildlife)
- **Bologna** - impacts of potential investments on reducing personal exposure to thermal extremes
- **Cuenca del Duero** - NFM and floodplain management techniques. Hypothetical Regen Ag. investments may come back on to the list if monitoring equipment can be installed by Spring 2022 to parameterise modelling for RA.
- **Rivas Vaciamadrid** - investments to reduce personal exposure to air and noise pollution.
- **Europe** - ecosystem restoration scenarios
- **Thames Gateway** - focus on NFM, leaky dams as a flood mitigation strategy, impacts of Regenerative Agriculture
- **OxCam Arc**, including Spains Hall Estate - nature-friendly farming techniques for NFM within the context of
- **London, including Strand-Aldwych** - pedestrianisation investments to reduce personal exposure to noise and air pollution

Vă mulțumesc pentru atenție!

Join and share your views, expectations and suggestions

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