

Drinking Water in Europe – Challenges, Opportunities, & Innovation

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There are two water futures for
Europe ...

& the choices we make now will
determine the path we follow



Challenges:

- Safe reliable drinking water
- Protection of water sources
- Balancing supply and demand
- Net zero carbon
- Environmental enhancement
- Financial stability
- Democratised water
- Enabling Innovation
- Ensuring resilience
- Maintaining the assets



Maintaining the assets

- *Nature based solutions*
- *Remote sensing*
- *Leakage*
- *AI*
- *Robots*
- *Distributed infrastructure*



Ensuring resilience

- *Nature based solutions*
- *Catchment approaches*
- *Environmental/social/fiscal*
- *Climate proofing*
- *Distributed assets*
- *Emerging pollutants*



Enabling Innovation

- *Testbeds*
- *Procurement*
- *Collaboration*
- *Regulation*
- *Culture*
- *Support*



Democratised water

- *Engagement*
- *Collaboration*
- *Open data*
- *Transparency* >>>>
- *Workforce*

Democratised water



Financial stability

- *Public v private*
- *Capex v Opex*
- *Long term*



Environmental Enhancement

- *Nature based solutions*
- *Demand reduction*
- *River restoration*
- *Catchment management*



Net Zero

- *Measurement*
- *Scope*
- *Renewables*
- *Demand reduction*
- *Nature based solutions*



Balancing supply and demand

- *Water efficiency*
- *Public engagement*
- *New sources of water*
- *Water reuse*



Protection of water sources

- *Physically*
- *Legally*
- *Socially*



Safe reliable drinking water

- *Supply – demand balance*
- *Pollution*
- *Emerging contaminants*



The future of European Water

- *Innovative*
- *World leading*
- *Publicly engaged*
- *Nature enhancing*

