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# Going digital in Water Resource Management: the H2020 FREEWAT project results

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# Water resource management and planning



Although a lot of science is produced on Water Resource Management (WRM), especially in the ICT sector, **WRM is still** today poorly addressed via scientific means

#### **REASONS**

- underrated importance is given at political and decisionmaker level
- low-capacity of the research environment to transfer the results to the real world
- missing digital capacity at agencies and governing authorities



#### Water and data

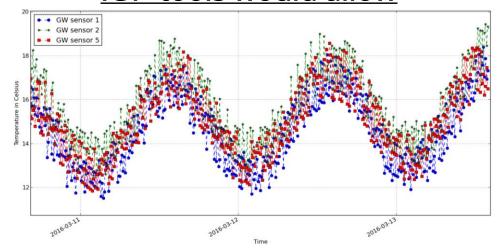


Many countries are now producing water related data:

- in EU Countries case:
  - >>>> massive amount of data
- in developing Countries
  - >>>> less data are available

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## Information CONTENT of this data not fully exploited as today ICT tools would allow





## The H2020 FREEWAT project 🥰



**FREEWAT (FREE and open source software tools for WATer resource management)** is an ICT project for improving Water Resource Management (WRM)

#### MAIN EXPECTED RESULT

Open source and public domain, GIS-integrated modelling platform for promoting WRM by simplifying and strengthening the application of WFD, GWD and other water related Directives

#### FREEWAT expected main impact →

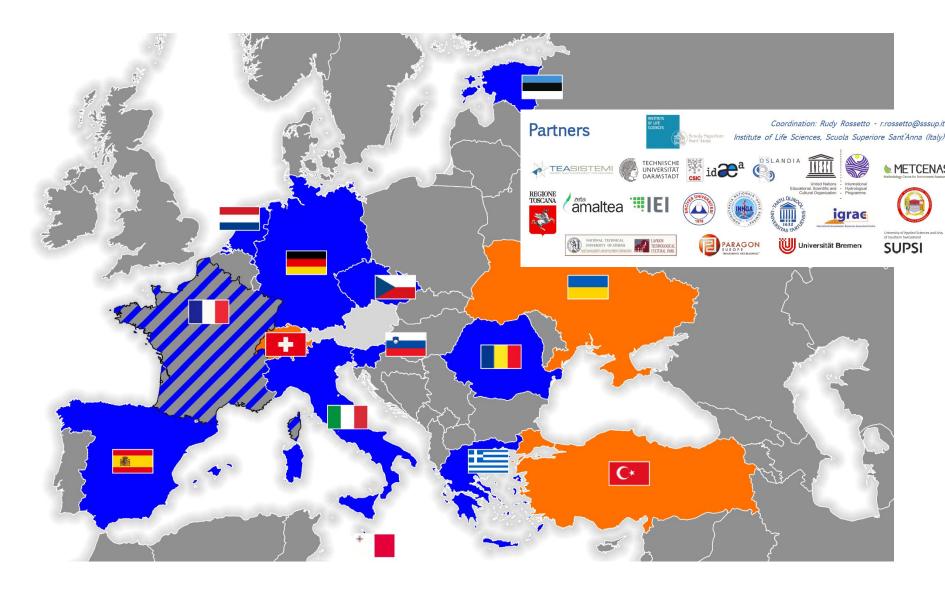
help producing scientifically and technically sounding decision and policy making based on:

- data and innovative data analysis tools and
- including participatory approach



### **FREEWAT Consortium**



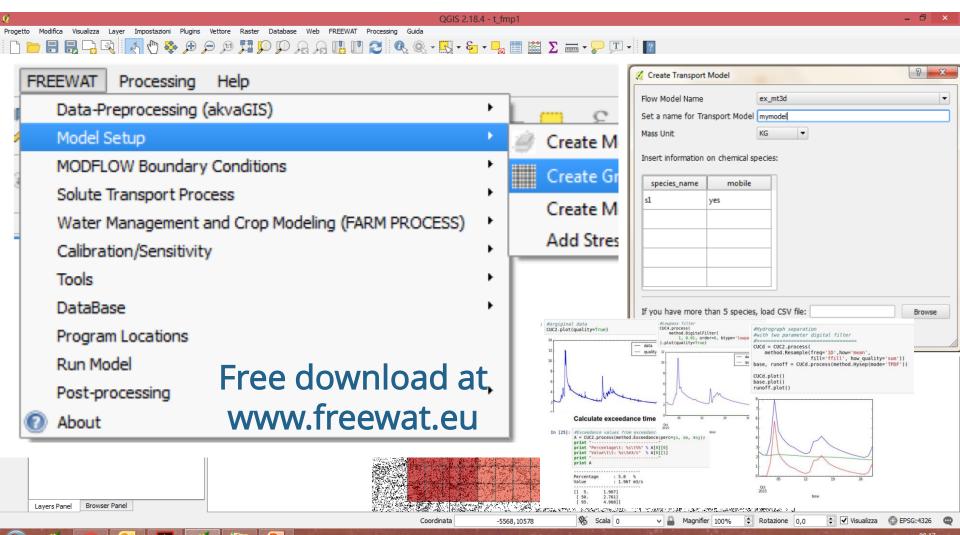




#### WHAT IS FREEWAT TODAY?



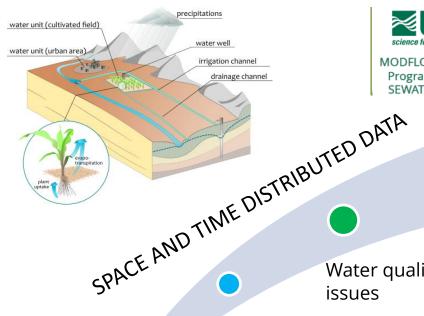
## A QGIS integrated modelling environment in its v.1.0 age along with User Manuals and tutorials





#### FREEWAT architecture





MODFLOW and Related Programs (MT3DMS, SEWAT, UCODE, etc.)

**UPSCALING** from cell results

**WATER MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING** MODULE

Surface and

Groundwater Flow Simulation

Water quality

simulation and analysis tools

Rural water management module

Sensitivity **Analysis** 

Calibration

**Parameter** estimation

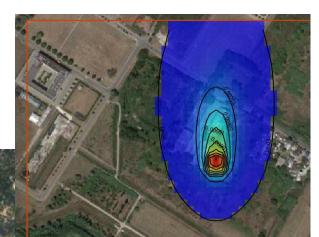


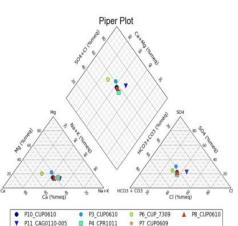




**GIS AND SPATIAL DATABASE** 









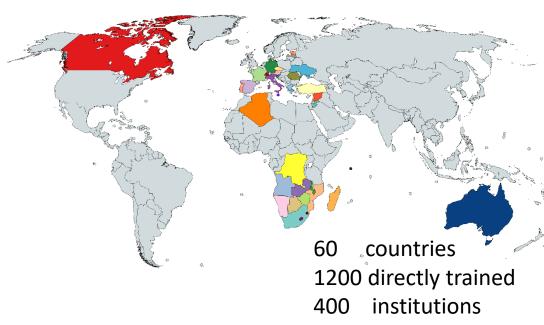
## FREEWAT capacity building



Large stakeholders involvement (>>>500 stakes involved)

Growing web social and professional networks (linkedin group >700 followers – twitter: >865 followers @h2020freewat)

More than 3000 downloads so far (from 15<sup>th</sup> april 2017)



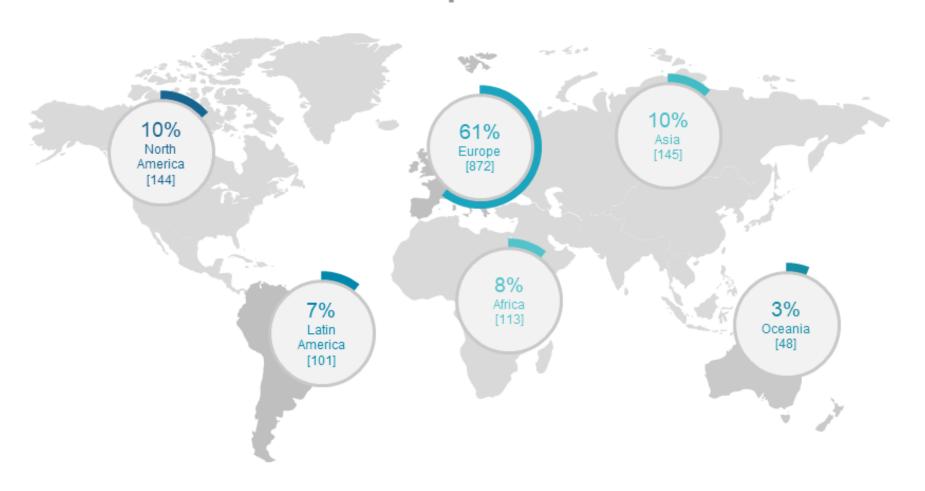




## The state of the play/1



#### Downloads per continent

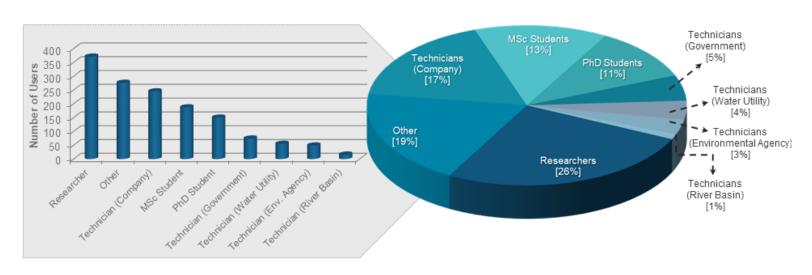




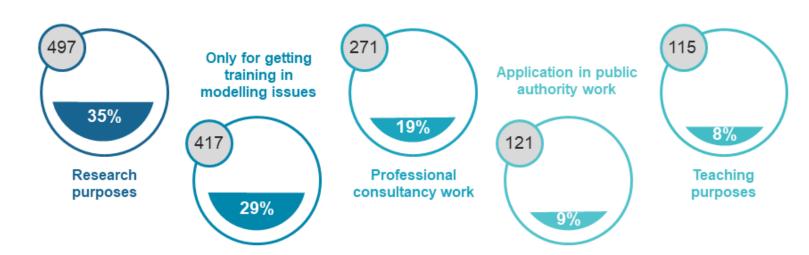
## The state of the play/2



#### Role of FREEWAT Users



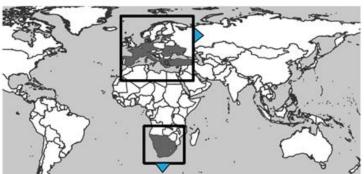
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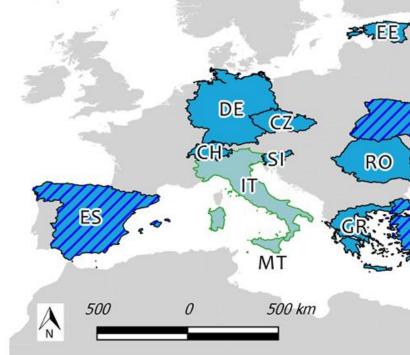




# FREEWAT case studies within a participatory approach



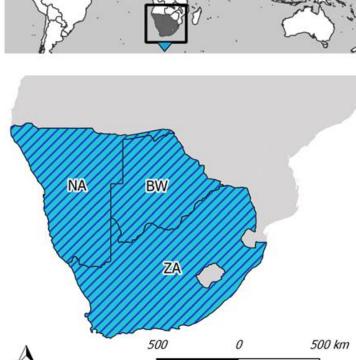




Rural water management

Both of the above cathegories

Implementation of the Water Framework Directive

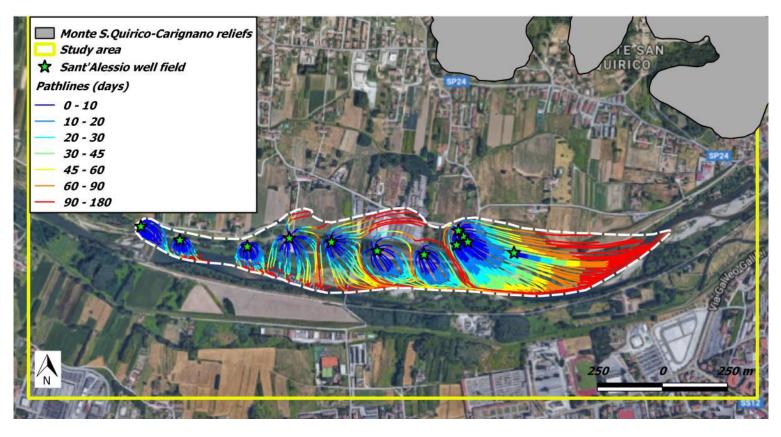




## Analysing water supply issues











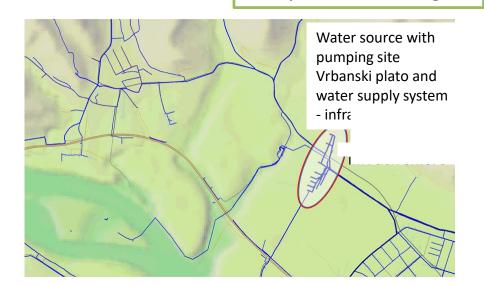
QGIS – INTEGRATED
OPEN SOURCE and PUBLIC DOMAIN
MODELING SOFTWARE

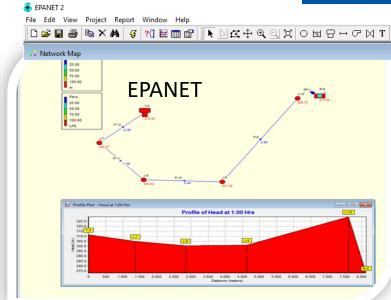
**WATER SOURCES** 

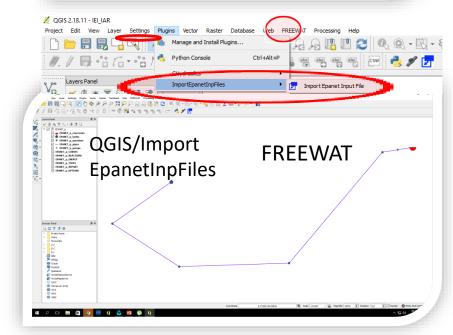
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

**FREEWAT** 

GHYDRAULICS Import EPANET for hydraulic modeling



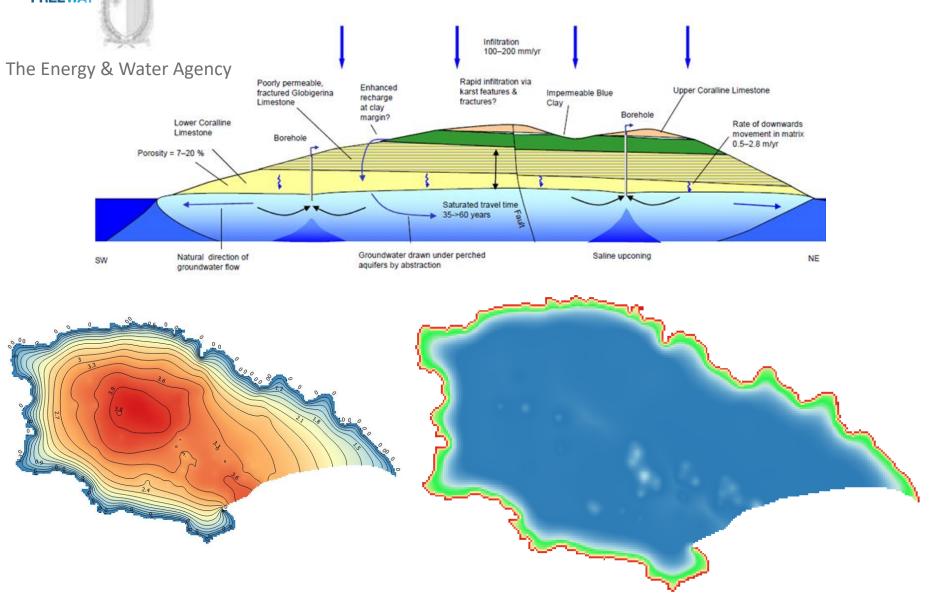






## GOZO mean sea level aquifer







#### Conclusions



- Unite the power of GIS geo-processing and post-processing tools in spatial data analysis to that of simulation software
- Public authorities have the chance to build high informative and dynamically growing SHARED representation of hydrologic systems where perfoming planning analysis
- No cost for licences (money can be moved to development of client tailored applications>>>> new companies and jobs>>>SDG8)









#### Thanks!





MAR Solutions - Managed Aquifer Recharge Strategies and Actions (AG128)

