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#### **Action Plan**



- Shift from ERDF 2014-2020 to ERDF 2021-2027
- Process towards ERDF2021-2027 several meetings between Watercampus/Wetsus, Fryslan and SNN (MA)
- Better understanding and more options for funding water technology in ERDF2021-2027
- And other funds, such as JTF en REACTEU

# Several projects granted from ERDF en REACTEU, JTS 1st call under revision

- 1. A project aimed at cleaning medicine residues from water
- 2. A project aimed at researching the working of bioactive carbon in relation to the re-use decentralized waste water
- 3. A project at waste water purification with UV lights

... and more



## Critical Mass Development Model (CMDM)

- The CMDC was written in 2016 with the knowledge and insights of that time and formed the basis of iWATERMAP in 2018. It is a blueprint for European innovation ecosystems.
- Meanwhile the European education, research and innovation policy and funding landscape evolved.
- Place-based innovation ecosystems and ERA-Hubs were mentioned by DG RTD.
  Addressing the innovation divide has become a priority.
- European Partnership Water4All has been launched, WaterCampus highly involved.
- Wetsus obtained new public funding from national government for the next 10 years. Providing a stable foundation for breakthrough research.
- Centers of Vocational Excellence are in full swing.
- The World Bank expressed interest to work with WaterCampus in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- An updated version of CMDM would surely include these new developments and insights.

### Looking ahead...



- Active role in European Partnership Water4All
- Optimizing water technology innovation ecosystem in Leeuwarden
- Bridging the innovation divide (recent visit of DG RTD 2-3 March)
  - European level East-West
  - Global level North-South
  - Regional level, connecting from Leeuwarden to other municipalities in Friesland (Europa Pact Fryslan)
- New European programmes and opportunities







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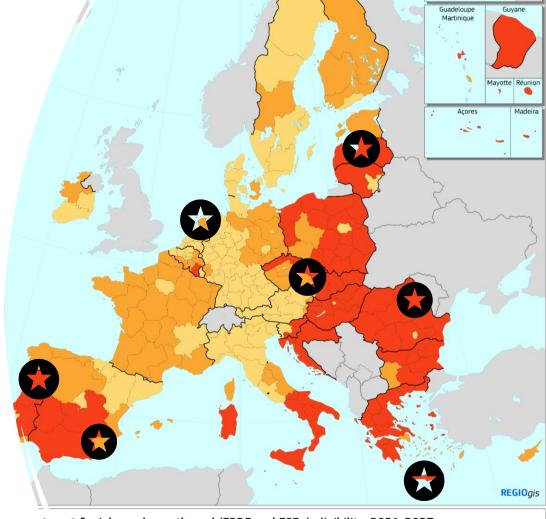
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# **Bridging Innovation Divide in EU**

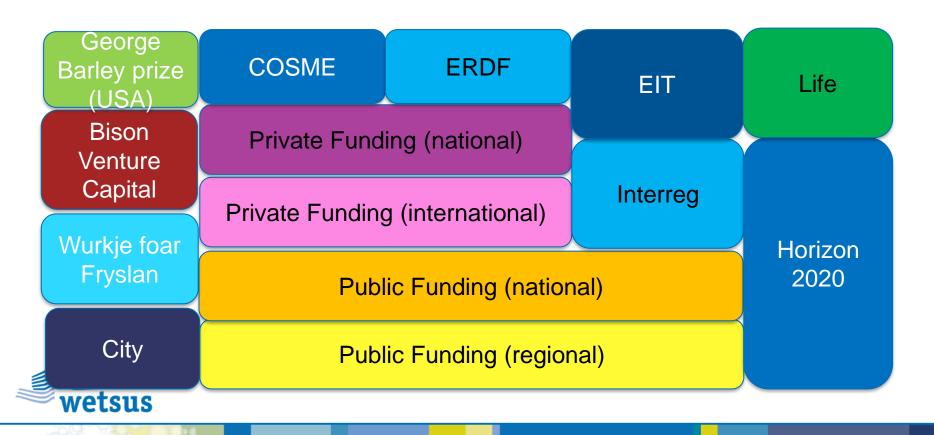
#### iWATERMAP:

- 3 Transition regions (Fryslan, South-Moravia and Murcia)
- 4 Less Developed / Widening regions (Latvia, NE-RDA, Norte and Crete)
- 5 Widening Countries





# **Critical Mass Development Model**











Education project



**Cluster Cooperation** 



Research project











Education project







Cluster Cooperation







Research project







# **New European funding instruments**

• 13: Interregional Innovation Investments (ERDF from EU level). Regions as application, building new value chains across Europe 70% funded.

 European Regional Innovation Ecosystems, European Deep Tech Innovation Valleys. Horizon Europe, regions as application and coordinator, 50% funded)

