**Annex 5**

**Templates for Mid-Term Evaluation Report**

**(Individual and Consensus)**

**Water Joint Programming Initiative**

**2018 Joint Call**

*Closing the water cycle gap - Sustainable management of water resources*

These Project Management Guidelines will be effective from the date of the National funding decisions and shall remain in force until the last final project report is approved in 2022.

**The Mid-Term Consensus Report will be made available to the Consortium as well as CSC and JPI Water GB.**

**MID-TERM INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION REPORT**

**PROJECT TITLE AND ACRONYM**

Name of Coordinator:

Project code: WaterWorks2017-EviBAN

Duration of project:

Start date: End date:

**DETAILS OF THE EVALUATOR**

Name: Mi-Yong Becker

Organisation:

Date of review: 11. April 2021

### **Scientific and technological progress** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please describe the work performed and the results obtained during the lifetime of the project, and the conformity of work progress within the initial schedule. Take into account the following aspects:** *Has progress been achieved towards reaching the project objectives according to the original description and milestones?*

The deliverables that have been prepared with some delays compared to plan. However, there are no outstanding deliverables in the reporting period. All milestones due in the reporting period have also been achieved. The progress seems to be satisfactory, but the report states deviations from the original plan which have not been made transparent in this report. If those deviations concern the quality (depth, range, etc.) of the research, it should be known. * *Detailed update on methodology & results*A detailed update on the performed tasks and results is provided. However, the authors do not provide information on progess according to the milestones, but state that all milestones have been achieved within the reporting period.
* *How has the progress of the project promoted a multi-disciplinary work?*

The connection between the different tools and case studies has not been depicted clearly in the mid-term report. Even though it may be difficult to integrate the different case studies and tools, the project’s effort to do so should be transparent. * *Dissemination of the results (publications, patents, other)*

Output at this stage ist rather small.  |

### **Collaboration, coordination and mobility within the Consortium** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please evaluate the collaboration, coordination and mobility within the Consortium* *Take into account the following aspects:** *Efficiency on the coordination and organization of the projects*

The report does not provide information on the efficiency of the coordination beyond the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic* *Collaboration effective between the partner*

Active management of collaboration under conditions of Covid-19 is not addressed in the report (digital clouds, forums/platforms, project intranet, etc.) * *Mobility of the research between the consortia*

Mobility has been limited and all meetings have been held online from March 2020. Efforts to acquire additional funding for mobility have been made, but from the wording it is unclear whether the proposal in the PROTEA call has been successful.* *Does the project meet the transnational nature and its added value?*

The provided information transnational benefits (transferability of case study results among partner countries) is rather vague, i.e. missing specific examples. |

### **Coordination with other international project funded by WaterWorks2017, or other instruments** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please evaluate the external collaboration of the Consortium,* *Take into account the following aspects:** *Collaboration effective with other projects funded by WaterWorks2017*The report does not provide information on collaboration with other projects of WaterWorks2017.
* *Collaboration effective with other projects or consortia*

The report does not provide information on collaboration with other projects. |

### **Coverage of the themes and sub-themes of the call** (Maximum *250 words)*

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| *Please evaluate the relation within the project results and the themes and the sub-themes of the call.*The project focuses on Theme 1 (Enabling sustainable management of water resources) and is particularly devoted to sub-theme 1.2.( NWRM). In addition, it claims to generate outcome for sub-theme 2.2. (the reuse of water). The project seems to be on track and in line with the purpose of the JPI research agenda. However, it is diffiuclt to say, whether the project’s outcome will be well developed to form one integrated and practical knowledge base on management and technologies that will be beneficial to the different case studies and stakeholders of the project. |

1. **Stakeholder/industry engagement** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please evaluate the participation of stakeholder/industry on the project and the added value of this participation.*The report states that stakeholder workshops for all case studies have been conducted. Informationen on the stakeholder setting (types, numbers, workshop/communication methods, etc) are not provided. Most importantly the feedback from the stakeholders is not reported.  |

### **Recommendations for improvements/amendments of the report** (Please complete Table below)

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| 3-17 | Differentiate clearly between outcomes/results and remaining/future tasks, link tasks to milestones and deliverables, indicated changes in methodolgy/procedures where applicable and by partner | Allow for transparency about actual performance in the project. |
| 3-17 | Provide information on changes/adaptations in the research design (depth, range, time devoted, case study design, etc.) | Allow for transparency about actual performance in the project. |
| 17 | Provide detailed information on stakeholders (types/roles, relevance for project, numbers, etc.) as well as concept and outcomes of stakeholder workshops. | Allow for transparency about actual benefits of stakeholder engagement in the project. |

1. **Recommendations/ problems and risks** (Maximum *250 words)*

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| *Please include problems identified or specific risks to the projects, deviations in relation to the planned work or budget, as well specific recommendations/feedback with could be relevant to the Consortium.*From reading the report it is not clear, whether the consortium has a sufficient understanding of an integrated project outcome, i.e. how the outcomes of the case studies and the different technologies, may be combined and how different partners and stakeholders in the project may benefit from each other. There is a major risk of the project that partners and stakeholders may not capitalize fully on its results and outcomes.  |

**MID-TERM EVALUATION CONSENSUS REPORT**

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**PROJECT TITLE AND ACRONYM**

Name of Coordinator:

Project code: WaterWorks2017-CONSORTIUM ACRONYM

Duration of project:

Start date: End date:

**FOLLOW-UP GROUP**

Please include the data of the FG members reviewing the report

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### **Scientific and technological progress** (Maximum *250 words)*

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* *Detailed update on methodology & results*
* *How has the progress of the project promoted a multi-disciplinary work?*
* *Dissemination of the results (publications, patents, other)*
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### **Collaboration, coordination and mobility within the Consortium** (Maximum *250 words)*

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### **Coordination with other international project funded by WaterWorks2017, or other instruments** (Maximum 250 *words)*

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| *Please evaluate the external collaboration of the Consortium**Take into account the following aspects:** *Collaboration effective with other projects funded under the 2018 Joint Call:*
* *Collaboration effective with other projects or consortia.*
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### **Coverage of the themes and sub-themes of the call** (Maximum 250 words*)*

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| *Please evaluate relation within the project results and the themes and the sub-themes of the call.**Theme 1. Enabling sustainable management of water resources.*The overall aim for this theme is to develop new governance and knowledge management approaches.* *Sub-theme 1.1. Promoting adaptive water management for global change:*

The aim of sub-theme 1.1 is to increase knowledge and to develop evidence-based methodologies and technologies for monitoring the cumulative impacts of human activities and climate change on the water cycle, but also to develop management options on the water cycle (considering all cycle compartments) and water / ecosystem services. This knowledge must be applicable for the adaptive management of water resources on a regional scale, while enabling downscaling to address local or catchment situations.* *Sub-theme 1.2. Integrative management by implementing Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) such as Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR):*

The aim is to increase the knowledge and develop NWRMs such as MAR in a multidisciplinary way, to protect, prolong, sustain and augment freshwater supplies. Evidence of their effectiveness and on the multiple benefits they deliver should be demonstrated.* *Sub-theme 1.3. Mitigating water stress in coastal zones and urbanized areas:*

The aim is to develop and demonstrate a comprehensive coastal zone management system based on monitoring and modelling to ensure the provision of freshwater security under a range of conditions including saline intrusion, sediment management, storms, floods and droughts, but also specific coastal water uses. Please, refer to H2020 calls on nature-based solutions to propose complementary actions.*Theme 2. Strengthening socio-economic approaches to water management.*The overall aim of this theme is envisaging education and communication initiatives to raise social awareness of consumption habits and water scarcity and to increase the levels of social acceptance and use of recycled water.* *Sub-theme 2.1. Integrating economic and social analyses into decision-making processes:*

The aim is to increase the knowledge the effectiveness and efficiency of existing economic mechanisms and policy instruments related to water management, with a special emphasis on implementation of water policies (such as the EU Water Framework Directive) and development of a circular and green economy. The approach should aim to break boundaries between services valuation including more flexible pricing and charging mechanisms, management tools and institutions, and the employment of economic and social sciences to develop best practice management guidelines for efficient water uses, including under extreme events such as droughts and floods.* *Sub-theme 2.2. The reuse of water:*

The aim is to develop integrative methods and cost-effective technologies for the implementation of acceptable and sustainable solutions on a large scale for different reuse cycles, spanning from irrigation, via livestock drinking water, to human consumption. Furthermore, goals include assessments of social acceptance for the use of recycled water and the development of integrated approaches combining technological solutions with social-psychological acceptability, economic viability and appropriate governance approaches. Research into the removal of emerging contaminants must consider the cost of the technology vs yield and realistic options for reuse of the recovered water. Please refer to projects funded under previous Water JPI Joint Calls (2013, 2015 and 2016) to avoid any duplication. See Joint Calls on Water JPI website.* *Sub-theme 2.3. Connecting science to society:*

The aim is to increase understanding of the role of socio-economic approaches to water uses in hydrological cycles. Knowledge building should address stakeholders' and public awareness of water challenges and values, and how perception of policy measures and technological solutions are formed and how stakeholders can be steered towards desirable behaviour. Local and/or regional context (attitude, social norms, cultural context, etc.) should be taken into consideration. The value of improved water stewardship overall should be considered by developing sustainable business models.* *Sub-theme 2.4. Promoting new governance and knowledge management approaches:*

The aim is to develop innovative water management tools and approaches suitable for decision-making based on an analysis of the limitations of current practices. These approaches should involve the broad participation of stakeholders (including public monitoring, communication and education), multidisciplinary research, and short and long-term water cycle scenarios to support decision-making and the integration of water policy into other policy fields. In effect, governance capacities for implementation of water policies at the local and regional levels should be enhanced.*Theme 3. Supporting tools for sustainable integrative management of water resources.*This theme aims to complement the actions developed under the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) and other European initiatives. Emphasis should be on establishing networks and information sharing among existing research facilities/field labs, analytical methods, monitoring tools and programmes, access to databases and platforms, exploring the use of big data solutions and establishing reliable hydrological standards. Across the globe, there is a large body of knowledge, methodology and data related to hydrology and the water cycle that has the potential of being beneficial for a wide range of the world's regions. The alignment of water-related research and sharing of data and results will serve to avoid duplication of research, support progress based on previous finding, and thus facilitate the establishment of water management policies addressing rapid climatic changes. |

1. **Stakeholder/industry engagement** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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### **Recommendations for improvements/amendments of the report** (Please complete Table below)

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1. **General Assessment Comments** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please include a summary of the key points of this evaluation.* *Problems identified or specific risks to the projects. As well recommendations/feedback, which could be relevant to the Consortium.*  |