Score: **5.00** (Threshold: 3.00/- , Weight: -)

Note: The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the topic description in the work programme. If a proposal is partly out of scope, this must be reflected in the scoring, and explained in the comments.

Clarity and pertinence of the objectives

Credibility of the proposed approach

Soundness of the concept

Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures

The overall objective of the proposal is to create a marketplace as a way to enhance the exploitation of EU-funded ICT models, tools, protocols and policy briefs related to water, taking into account the assessment of the level of standardisation and interoperability of these outcomes.

The concept of the project is presented clearly and it is relevant to the scope of the call. The idea of merging outcomes of existing ICT tools inorder to create a marketplace which fosters knowledge sharing is defined with enough detail. The scope of the project is well built upon the results of other EU projects related to the water domain. The final platform is complementing existing portals dedicated to the water domain such as the WISE RTD and the EIP Water online marketplace. Not only ICT tools will be developed but also services using an enterprise as an agent, and these services are seen as a strong element of innovation. The effort made on standardisation will have the potential to transform a fragmented sector into a more suitable environment where better solutions can be found.

The objectives are clearly defined and well presented. The way the proposal intends to deal with different types of information present in the market makes the overall approach more credible and is expected to increase the speed of adoption of already tested solutions. The feedback facility proposed to all actors is expected to optimise the process of choosing one specific solution for the water sector. The proposed coordination and support measures directed towards water management authorities and enterprises are solid and well matching the objectives of the proposal.

The methodology is solid and defined with enough detail. The proposal includes well selected pilot-use case studies, in two river basins with different climate conditions and levels of industrialisation.

Score: **5.00** (Threshold: 3.00/- , Weight: -)

Note: The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent to which the outputs of the project should contribute at the European and/or International level:

The expected impacts listed in the work programme under the relevant topic

Effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), to communicate the project, and to manage research data where relevant

The planned impact of the project matches well the expected impacts listed in the work program. The proposed marketplace has a high probability of ensuring better flow of information between innovation providers and decision makers, enabling rapid market uptake of research results and enhancing the interface between water and innovation policies. The project is expected to ensure the flow of knowledge andinformation between the management and the research sector, with the two parties having the option to give and receive feedback and work together towards the improvement of the overall process. This feedback may also help developing enhanced models and methodologies.

The project will improve public awareness of water issues. The dissemination and communication activities are addressing different stakeholder groups and are tailored to their needs. However, more dissemination activities specifically addressing research institutions would have been appreciated.

The exploitation plan is convincing and promotes well the developed virtual marketplace. A draft Data Plan (DP) is presented in the WP5, and ùgiven its complexity, a new version of the DP will be proposed at the end of the WP5.

The proposal includes an appropriate Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) management plan. Moreover, the planned publication of the marketplace software under open source license will further increase the project impact. This will also ensure that the marketplace is maintainable after the conclusion of the project.

The project goes beyond promoting the results within the EU by taking part in global events, such as the World Water Forum. Furthermore, theproposal includes a key pillar that consists of the application of international agreed standards into ICT tools and policy briefs. This is expected to contribute to the wider use and applicability of EU research outcomes at a global level.

Score: **4.50** (Threshold: 3.00/- , Weight: -)

Note: The following aspects will be taken into account:

Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources

Complementarity of the participants within the consortium (when relevant)

Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management

The presented work plan is coherent, detailed and adequately structured. The iterations foreseen for some crucial tasks during the development of the prototype are expected to improve the quality of results.

Deliverables are generally in line with the objectives and the expected outputs.

An efficient management structure is described, and the management plan and procedures are clear. The role of the coordinator is well defined and appears appropriate. In general, resources are appropriately allocated, even if additional details would have been appreciated with regard to the allocation of Man Months (MMs), in particular for ICT development and management tasks.

The consortium as a whole is well balanced and complementary, and shows a relevant knowledge and expertise in the water domain.

Risk management is generally well addressed and presented. However, the risk mitigation measures for delays in WPs implementation should have been outlined with more details and some additional intermediate reporting would have been beneficial, in particular for long lasting Work

Packages (WPs) like WP6.

The management procedures are well defined and appropriate.