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PRESS RELEASE

Greek Scientific Leadership in Europe's Strategy for Sustainable Water Management: Aristotle University Joins the Largest Water Innovation Network in the European Union

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The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)—an EU body managing €10 billion in research and innovation funds—has selected the Allwaters consortium, in which Aristotle University participates as a founding partner, to lead EIT Water, the new Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) focused on addressing critical challenges related to water, marine and coastal ecosystems, and sustainable resource management.

EIT Water aims to accelerate the development of solutions responding to the growing environmental, economic, and social pressures on Europe's water supply systems, marine ecosystems, and circular water use.

The Allwaters research team at Aristotle University includes Professor Efstratios Stylianidis (School of Spatial Planning and Development Engineering), Professor Leonidas Ntziachristos (School of Mechanical Engineering), Professor Thodoris Karapantsios (School of Chemistry), and Professor Thanasis Tsikliras (School of Biology).

"We are proud that Aristotle University is participating as a key partner in this pioneering consortium, which seeks to address Europe's and the planet's most pressing challenges concerning water, marine and coastal ecosystems, and the sustainable management of water resources. Sustainable water management is, after all, a matter of vital importance for our country as well," stated the members of the Allwaters research team.

Recognized for its long-standing contribution to environmental and sustainability research and innovation, Aristotle University plays an active role in this major European initiative as a member of the Steering Committee of the consortium, helping to shape the strategy and priorities of this new European innovation platform.

EIT Water brings together more than 50 leading organizations—including universities, research centers, companies, and public bodies—from 24 European countries, with the goal of creating an integrated ecosystem of knowledge, education, and entrepreneurship for water management and the transition to a circular “blue” economy.

Aristotle University’s participation in this high-impact initiative of European and global reach underscores its leadership in the international scientific community and strengthens its position at the forefront of research for sustainable development.

“Aristotle University’s participation in EIT Water is not just another European project—it is a life project, a milestone in our collective effort to safeguard the planet’s most precious resource: water. Through this initiative, our University actively contributes to shaping the future of a European knowledge, innovation, and sustainability ecosystem,” emphasized the Allwaters research team.

Through its involvement in EIT Water, Aristotle University will contribute significantly to developing solutions for water scarcity, flooding, pollution, and climate impact mitigation, while fostering new technologies, skills, and business opportunities in one of the most vital sectors of modern sustainability.

“We sincerely thank the Region of Central Macedonia, which, as a member of the consortium, provided substantial support to this initiative, contributing to the exploration of solutions for sustainable water management in Thessaloniki, Central Macedonia, and Greece,” concluded the Allwaters research team.

More information: [https://www.eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/Water%20Factsheet winning%20consortia.pdf](https://www.eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-11/Water%20Factsheet%20winning%20consortia.pdf)

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