

SMART.MET project: Selected providers move on to develop prototypes of their innovative smart metering solutions

25 July 2019 – The first phase of the SMART.MET project concluded in March 2019: the competing economic operators **have presented their proposals for a new smart metering solution, along with the feasibility evaluation, from technical, financial and commercial points of view.** The project consortium carefully evaluated each of the reports and validated the proposals of four companies.

In view of the next stage of the pre-commercial procurement (PCP), the providers proposed their technical and economic offers for **prototyping**. Based on a thorough assessment, the SMART.MET consortium awarded **four contracts for the development of smart meter prototypes:**

- **Dynamic Consulting, Aberg Contadores de Agua, Gomez Group Metering** (Spain)
- **Hydroko, Ng** (Belgium)
- **Fast S.P.A** (Italy)
- **Telereading** (Italy)

Until April 2020, economic operators will have the **opportunity to demonstrate the functionality of their solutions**, as well as the **validity of the prototypes in all their components:** meter, communication infrastructure and control systems.

Subsequently, the final phase will take place from July 2020 to May 2021 and will see the field testing of the proposed solutions.

Funded under the Horizon 2020 research programme, the SMART.MET project aims to promote demand-driven research into the development of new innovative smart meter solutions that fully cater to the needs of water utilities, in terms of readability, battery lifetime, interoperability and cost.

The consortium is composed of **seven water utilities from five different EU countries** which came together in the SMART.MET project with the objective to launch a pre-commercial procurement (PCP) to guide the development of new technologies based on open technological platforms for the remote reading of water meters.

Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) provides the support for research and development services to be directed to specific needs. It is a unique instrument to foster competition for the development of a high quality product whilst providing an adapted answer to common needs and opening new markets for companies.

Carried out under Italian law between 2018 and 2021, the PCP will include a total of three phases: solution exploration and design, prototyping and field-testing.

Driving the development of new solutions for smart water metering data collection and management.

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