

Over 20 companies meet in Madrid to exchange on innovative solutions for water metering

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More than 20 companies, including water utilities, SMEs and large companies active in the water and ICT sectors met yesterday in Madrid to discuss smart water metering. The meeting was organised by the project consortium of the EU-funded SMART.MET project, which seeks to steer the development of new smart metering solutions for water through innovation procurement.

The Madrid meeting was the first of four meetings that are being organised during the month of September with the objective of checking the technological state of the art and availability of smart water metering solutions and identifying market risks that could affect potential suppliers of innovative solutions. Ultimately, these meetings will help prepare a public tender aiming at procuring research and development (R&D) services for smart water meters that should be published at the end of this year.

The SMART.MET project is funded by the European Commission under its Horizon2020 research programme. Its objective is to drive the development of a new cost-effective, efficient and interoperable smart metering system for water that is based on open standards. This will be done through a Pre-Commercial Procurement procedure, through which public authorities can buy R&D services to steer the development of solutions that cover their needs.

As underlined by the director of Promedio Badajoz, one of the water utilities organizing the Madrid meeting, the aim of this R&D procurement is to make water metering more efficient by helping to better detect leaks, better manage networks and reduce energy consumption, which will result in a better service provided to the final user.

The SMART.MET project will be running until the end of 2020 with a budget of over 3 million euros dedicated to procuring R&D services. The project partners include a group of 7 public water utilities from 5 different countries, serving over 10 million people, plus several technical partners.

Find out more on the project website:

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