



Water for Tomorrow

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Water for Tomorrow: what is the problem?

- Eastern England faces water **deficits**, Water Resources East (WRE) estimate this at a worst-case scenario of almost 844 Mm³ per year (2021).¹
- This deficit is **shared** across agriculture, water companies, public water supply, industries, the environment and others.
- Our current planning and operational frameworks for managing water resources are **insufficient** to address existing and growing demand for and supply of water.
- We need improved environmental and economic **resilience** and will face increasing **uncertainties** and **challenges** in the future such as climate change and population growth.

¹ <https://wre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WRE-RPS-report-March-2021-FINAL.pdf>

The case for the Water for Tomorrow project

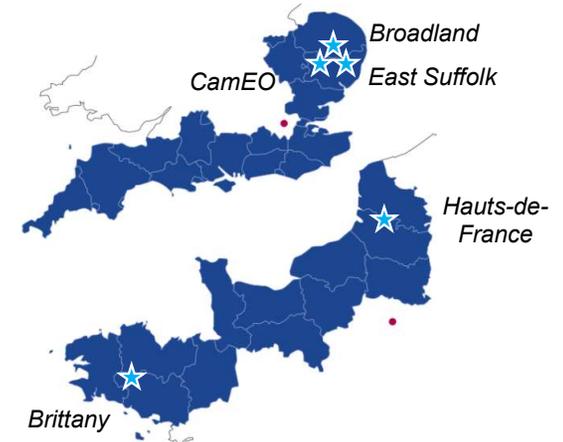
- The overall project solution is to develop and implement new multi sector adaptation **strategies** to facilitate **sustainable management** of water resources.
- Improved planning to address **shared water deficits** is crucial. The project's strategies will be underpinned by **participatory** processes (shared understanding and endorsement).
- The project aims to adapt **ways of working** and use innovative **tools and data** processes to provide improved **insight, visibility** and **decision-making** about shared water resources' uses.
- Securing the water needs of the **environment** fundamentally underpins the sustainability, resilience and availability of water resources for our use.



Project key information

- Commenced in January 2021 to run until March 2023
- Total project budget of €4M
- UK partners: The Rivers Trust (lead partner), Water Resources East, Environment Agency
- French partners: Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières, Communauté d'Agglomération Béthune Bruay Artois Lys Romane

FCE Programme Area: 5 project pilots



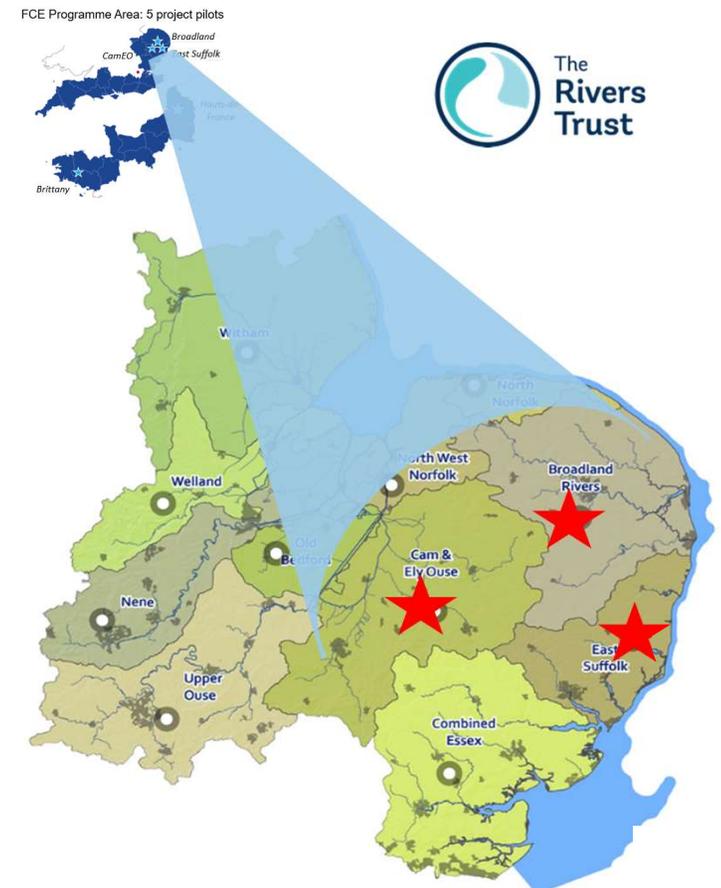
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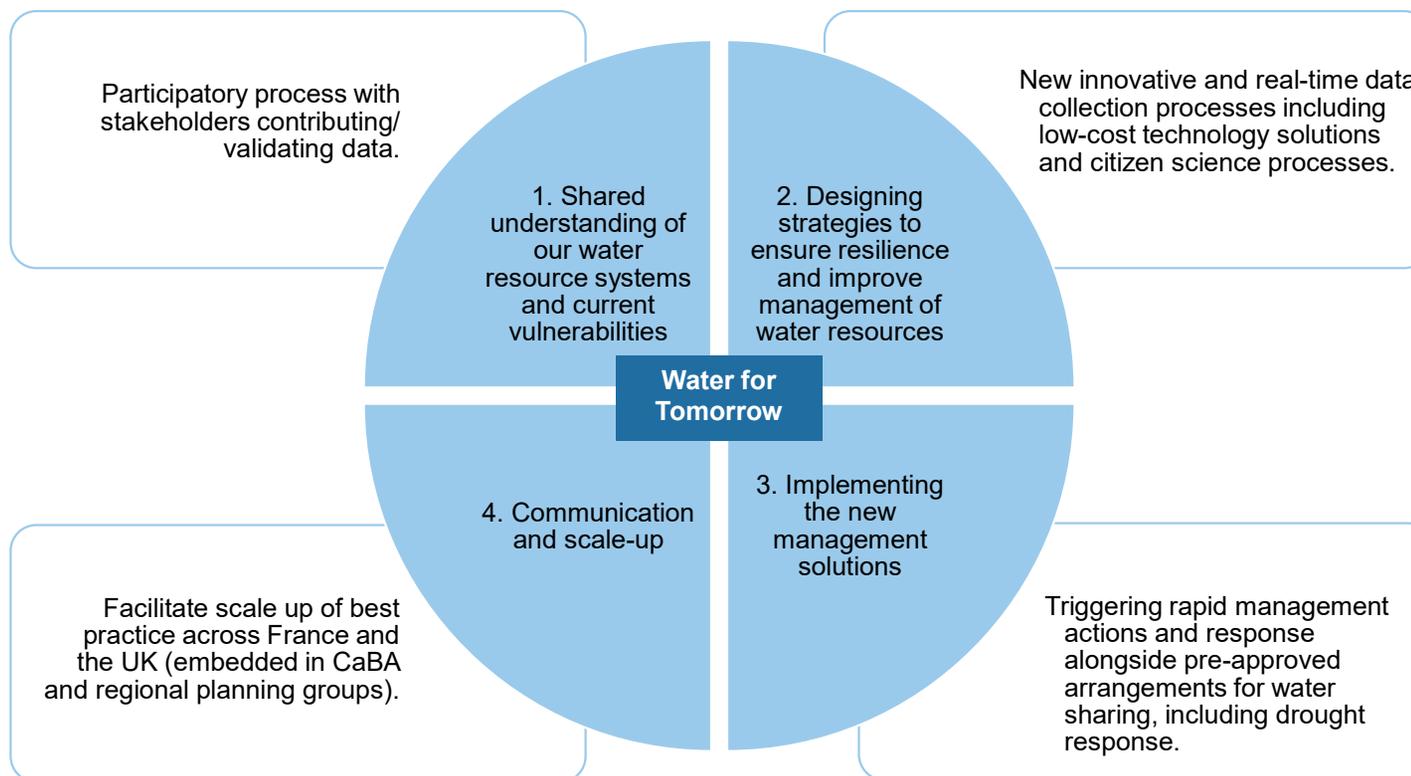
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What will the project deliver?

- EU Interreg (Channel) funded project implementing multi-sector water resource management strategies at the catchment scale.
- New management tools and approaches piloted in 5 catchment and water management areas in France (Brittany and Hauts-de-France) and England (Broadland, CamEO & East Suffolk).
- Outcome - increased 'system' resilience for the benefit of environment, business and society.



Key project activities



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