### **PROJECT CONSORTIUM**

The inter- and transdisciplinary project consortium includes 10 partners from Europe and North America. It integrates fundamental research as well as applied research and innovation to realize a feedback cycle between science and application, integrating natural and social sciences, humanities, engineering, data management and modelling as well as stakeholders from civil society, administration and policy, and eco nomy. It intends at the same time to close research gaps and to provide transformative knowledge. The consortium includes these perspectives by integrating research institutions, public authorities as well as companies and NGOs.

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Building capacity for integrated governance at the Food-Water-Energy nexus in cities on the water

#### **CREATING INTERFACES**

Food, water and energy present critical resources and complex socio-technical systems. The concept of "nexus" describes the interlinkages and inter- dependencies of these systems.

The project "Creating Interfaces" (2018 - 2021) addresses capacity building for the urban foodwater-energy (FWE) nexus, facilitating cooperation and knowledge exchange among the stakeholders (city government, science, business and citizens/ civil society). It develops and tests innovative approaches for local knowledge co-creation and participation in three mid-size cities on water: Tulcea (Romania), Wilmington (USA) and Slupsk (Poland).



#### **OBJECTIVES**

Capacity building for the urban FWE nexus through creation of science-citizen-policy interfaces:

- Fostering knowledge exchange and cooperation among local stakeholders on the FWE nexus
- Development and testing of innovative approaches for local knowledge co-creation and participation
- Enhancing of the visibility of the FWE nexus

# **EXPECTED RESULTS**

The outcomes will contribute to science and to practice and enable integrative transformative urban governance. Recommendations will be formulated for potential users including local government, public authorities, or non-governmental organizations.



# **PROJECT METHODS**

The project adopts a co-creative Urban Living Lab approach (ULL) and Citizen Science methods. Research questions, problems, and solutions are defined and implemented with stakeholders themselves:

- Urban Living Labs with workshops and other knowledge co-creation methods, e.g. public participatory GIS and participatory modelling
- Citizen Science approaches
- · Development of socio-technical interfaces
- Interviews, surveys

# **INVOLVED CITIES**

