

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF OPEN MARKET CONSULTATION

1. The National Centre for Research and Development (hereinafter: "NCBR") – the Contracting Authority – hereby informs that on 19 January 2026y., Open Market Consultations (hereinafter: "consultations" or OMC) regarding the future pre-commercial procurement (PCP) for research and development services in the field services on urban water management were completed. Open Market Consultations were conducted pursuant to Article 84 of the Act of 11 September 2019 – Public Procurement Law (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1320, as amended, hereinafter: "PPL Act") and the Notice of Open Market Consultations published on 7th of November, 2025y. on the Contracting Authority's website:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/open-market-consultation-document-for-the-pre-commercial-procurement-for-the-development-of-integrated-urban-water-management-systems-towards-pcp-for-green-and-digital-transition>

2. Based on the content of the market consultation notice, the submitted applications have been reviewed. The following organizations submitted applications that were admitted to participate:

| No. | Name& Address of organisation, website |
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| 1. | vorteX.io, 13 rue André Villet, 31400 Toulouse, France, https://www.vortex-io.fr/en/home/ |
| 2. | Mozaika Ltd. Sofia, region Triadica, SALONIKI, 52, m. 10 h, Bulgaria http://www.mozajka.co |
| 3. | AquaSmart sp z o. o. os. Bohaterów Września 84b/72, 31-621 Kraków, Poland http://aquasmart.com.pl/ |
| 4. | GOSPACE LABS s. r. o. Ilkovičova 8 841 04 Bratislava, Slovakia, https://gospace.tech/ |

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| 5. | Ecol-Unicon Sp. z o.o., ul. Równa 2, 80-067 Gdańsk, Poland www.ecol-unicon.com |
| 6. | GOSPACE LABS Comenius University Science Park, Ilkovičova 8, 841 04, Bratislava, Slovakia Meratch.com |

3. Subject of the market consultations:

The primary aim of this Open Market Consultation, on the one hand, were to inform technology vendors regarding the potential future PCP and, on the other hand, to understand their capabilities to satisfy the procurers' needs and to obtain their input on the viability of the procurement plans and conditions as described in the OMC document and annexes.

In sum, the objectives of this OMC activities were to:

1. Validate the findings of the State-Of-The-Art (SOTA) analysis and the viability of the set of technical and financial provisions.
2. Raise awareness of the industry and relevant stakeholders regarding the upcoming PCP.
3. Collect insights from the industry and relevant stakeholders (including users) to fine-tune the tender specifications.
4. The OMC was published through a PIN in Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) on 6 November 2025. The rules and objectives of the OMC, as well as information about the challenges, the potential public buyers, and the PCP approach, were described in the OMC document with Annexes at the following link:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/open-market-consultation-document-for-the-pre-commercial-procurementfor-the-development-of-integrated-urban-water-management-systems-towards-pcp-for-green-and-digitaltransition>

Market parties and end users were also requested to fill out a questionnaire in the EU Survey. The preliminary deadline to fill out the questionnaire was December the 3rd 2025, which was later extended until December the 10th 2025. The intention of the questionnaire was to explore the market 'as-is', and to find out more about practitioners' needs and requirements regarding the future PCP. Therefore, there could not be wrong or right answers. The responses to the questionnaire could not contain any confidential information. The information obtained will be used as input for the procurement strategy and conditions. This OMC was performed under the law of the NCBR, which is Polish law.

The original languages of these market consultations were English (webinar in English and Polish, e-pitching in English). Open Market consultations were conducted in the form of RFI questionnaires (for Technology Providers and Potential End Users) and e-Pitching sessions.

5. Representatives of the Contracting Authority and representatives of individual applicants, along with the necessary accompanying persons, participated in the market consultations (e-Pitching). The market consultations provided NCBR with valuable information. The entities participating in the OMC and the questionnaire, as well as those taking part in the e-Pitching sessions, shared important data on market capabilities and recommendations for the future

- tender, which is intended to be competitive and based on the pre-commercial procurement approach.
6. The OMC provided a structured overview of the current market landscape, existing solution capabilities, and development perspectives related to integrated urban water resilience systems addressing water scarcity, excess water, and emergency preparedness. The OMC demonstrated that market operators offer a broad range of solutions covering real-time monitoring, early warning, analytics, digital dashboards, and operational decision support for flood and water-stress situations. Respondents reported varying levels of technological maturity, ranging from laboratory-validated systems to fully commercialised and operational solutions, with several distinguishing between the readiness of individual components and that of integrated systems. The majority of respondents indicated that their solutions are modular, scalable, interoperable, and suitable for deployment across municipalities of different sizes and risk profiles. Providers also raised considerations related to implementation conditions, including the importance of integration with existing municipal infrastructure, civil protection systems, and operational workflows. Respondents highlighted the relevance of open standards, APIs, and widely adopted protocols to ensure interoperability, data sharing, and long-term sustainability, while avoiding vendor lock-in. Cybersecurity and data protection were consistently addressed through a combination of technical, organisational, and regulatory measures, with an emphasis on GDPR compliance and secure operation in industrial and municipal environments. For the use case of an Integrated Urban Water Resilience System, the responses indicate that the market is capable of supporting both proactive and reactive approaches, including flood early warning, scenario planning, operational control support, and coordination with emergency services. Several respondents reported experience with public-sector clients, participation in publicly funded projects, and willingness to pilot solutions with municipalities and other public authorities. There was also unanimous interest in participating in innovation procurement processes, such as PCP or PPI, and in engaging in cooperation or matchmaking with other market actors. The discussions highlighted the potential value of structuring a future procurement in a modular and phased manner, allowing incremental adoption of functionalities and the involvement of multiple specialised actors where appropriate. Respondents emphasised that timelines, budgets, and deployment models are contextdependent and should be defined based on local needs, infrastructure, and regulatory conditions. Overall, the OMC confirms the availability of market interest, technical capability, and openness to collaboration to support further development and piloting of innovative solutions in this domain.
 7. Detailed information has been included in the published Consultation Report.

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