Taking action to prevent and mitigate pollution of groundwater bodies

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WELCOME

Welcome to the sixth and final edition of the NINFA Newsletter!

As the NINFA project approaches its conclusion in **September 2026**, we are delighted to share the latest updates and celebrate the achievements reached throughout this inspiring journey. Over the past years, NINFA has brought together partners, stakeholders, and local communities from across Europe to advance sustainable groundwater management and protection, fostering innovation, strengthening collaboration, and promoting the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

As we enter the final stage of the project, this edition highlights key milestones, recent activities, and the legacy that NINFA will leave for the future of groundwater resilience and environmental sustainability.

In this final edition of the newsletter, we showcase the project's closing activities, including the **Final Workshop** and the **Final Event held in Los Alcázares, Spain**. These events provided an opportunity to present the project's main achievements, share key results and lessons learned, and discuss how NINFA's outcomes can continue to support groundwater resilience and sustainable water management long after the project has ended.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to and followed the project throughout this journey. Your commitment, collaboration, and support have been essential to NINFA's success. We invite you to explore this final newsletter, revisit previous editions, and discover the lasting impact that NINFA's work will continue to have on groundwater protection and sustainable water management across Europe.

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NINFA Workshop Highlights

2026 has been a particularly active and productive year for the NINFA project. Building on the momentum of the workshop held in April, featured in our previous newsletter, we recently celebrated two key closing events in Los Alcázares, Murcia, in September. These events brought together project partners, experts, local stakeholders, and representatives from a wide range of sectors to reflect on the project's achievements, share lessons learned, and discuss the future application of NINFA's results.

The first event, conducted in English, focused on presenting the main results and achievements of the NINFA project. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the innovative solutions developed throughout the project and attend two engaging roundtable discussions addressing groundwater management, climate resilience, and the future of sustainable water resources in Europe.

The second event was a workshop held in Spanish and specifically designed for local stakeholders, including professionals from the agricultural, tourism, and water management sectors. During the session, participants explored the NINFA solutions, discussed their potential applications and benefits, and exchanged views on the challenges facing the region. The workshop also included presentations on the project's outcomes and future scenarios aimed at mitigating groundwater pollution, water scarcity, and climate-related pressures in the Mar Menor area.

The work and achievements of all NINFA partners, including Leitat, Aqualia, WINGS ICT Solutions, Deltares, Wetsus, IMT Atlantique, Sapienza University of Rome, and the Municipality of Los Alcázares, were showcased throughout both events, highlighting the project's collaborative approach and its contribution to sustainable groundwater management.

These sessions provided an excellent opportunity for knowledge exchange, stakeholder engagement, and discussion on how NINFA's results can continue supporting decision-making and environmental protection beyond the project's lifetime.

A recap video featuring highlights, interviews, and key moments from the events is now available. We encourage you to watch and share it to discover the main outcomes of the project and the impact achieved throughout its implementation.

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NINFA Final Event

In addition to the workshops held in September, the NINFA consortium successfully celebrated its Final Event, an important milestone that brought together project partners, policymakers, researchers, water sector stakeholders and innovation experts to present the project's key achievements and discuss future challenges and opportunities in sustainable water management.

The event featured a comprehensive overview of NINFA's results across all work packages, alongside discussions on new policy developments and their implications for the sector. Two expert round tables encouraged knowledge exchange and collaboration with other European initiatives, including sister projects such as MAR2PROTECT, WINGS, UPWATER and NPOWER, as well as representatives from leading organisations working on decision support systems, monitoring solutions and water treatment technologies.

Following the technical sessions, participants continued networking during a joint lunch before travelling to the NINFA pilot site, where they had the opportunity to see project solutions in action and gain first-hand insight into their practical implementation.

The day concluded with a boat tour, providing a unique perspective on the local environment and reinforcing the importance of collaborative efforts to improve water resilience and ecosystem protection. The Final Event not only showcased the outcomes of the project but also strengthened connections between research, policy and practice, ensuring that NINFA's legacy will continue to support future innovation in water management.

Video: Final Event

Capturing Voices and Stories: NINFA Podcasts and Workshop Recap Video

Alongside the final project events, NINFA has continued to expand its communication activities to ensure that the knowledge, experiences, and outcomes generated throughout the project remain accessible to a wide audience.

One of the most exciting achievements of the project has been the release of a series of five engaging podcasts recorded in April 2026. Available on both *Spotify* and the *Zenodo* platform, these podcasts capture expert insights, project experiences, and key discussions on sustainable groundwater management, helping to extend NINFA's impact beyond the project's activities and reach a wider audience.

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Through conversations with project partners, technical experts, stakeholders, and invited speakers, the podcast series explores key topics such as groundwater protection, innovative treatment technologies, digital solutions for water management, and the importance of collaboration in addressing environmental challenges.

These episodes offer listeners a unique opportunity to hear directly from the people behind NINFA, providing valuable insights into both the technical developments of the project and the real-world challenges faced by local communities and water management professionals.

In addition to the podcasts, the NINFA team has produced a recap video capturing the key highlights of the workshop held in April 2026, which is available to watch here. We are also currently finalising two additional videos: one covering the Final Event and another showcasing the September Workshop, both of which will be released soon.

Featuring interviews, keynote presentations, stakeholder perspectives, and memorable moments from the sessions, these videos highlight the project's achievements and reflect the strong collaboration and collective effort that have contributed to NINFA's success. They also serve as a valuable resource for sharing the project's results and ensuring its legacy continues beyond the project's lifetime.

Together, these multimedia resources help tell the story of NINFA's journey, its innovative solutions, and its contribution to more sustainable groundwater management across Europe.

Stay connected through NINFA's communication channels and follow us on LinkedIn, X (Twitter), Instagram, Facebook and YouTube (new content available) to discover the latest content, project results, and inspiring stories from the people who have shaped NINFA over the past four years.

A Message from the Technical Coordinator

As the NINFA project comes to an end, I would like to thank all partners, stakeholders, and communities who have contributed to this journey. Together, we have developed innovative solutions, strengthened collaboration, and advanced knowledge for more sustainable groundwater management across Europe.

The results achieved throughout NINFA demonstrate the value of combining research, technology, and stakeholder engagement to address groundwater pollution and water scarcity challenges.

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While the project officially concludes in September 2026, its outcomes and legacy will continue to support future initiatives and contribute to more resilient water management practices.
Thank you for being part of NINFA's success.

Ainhoa Gaudes
Technical Coordinator, NINFA Project

Looking Ahead: Thank You for Being Part of the NINFA Journey

As we close this final edition of the NINFA Newsletter, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the project over the past years. Partners, stakeholders, researchers, public authorities, end-users, and local communities have all played a key role in making NINFA a success.

This project has demonstrated the power of collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing in addressing groundwater pollution and water scarcity challenges. Together, we have developed valuable solutions, generated new knowledge, and strengthened connections that will continue to support sustainable groundwater management beyond the project's lifetime.

While NINFA officially concludes in September 2026, the challenges it has addressed remain highly relevant. The project's results, tools, and lessons learned will continue to inspire future initiatives and contribute to building more resilient water systems across Europe.

Thank you for following our journey and supporting NINFA from beginning to end. We hope the knowledge and experiences shared through the project will continue to create a positive impact for years to come.

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