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# Tools for wastewater management

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# Alicante: Background and motivation

- Alicante is a Mediterranean coastal City in the Southeast of Spain
- Pop. 335,000 inh. (> 500,000 in the summer)
- Aguas de Alicante manages all the urban water cycle:
  - Drinking water production and supply
  - Waste water collection and treatment
  - Recycled water treatment and supply
- Alicante is subject to **extreme weather events**:
  - Long drought periods
  - Torrential rains and fast flood episodes
- Sensitive coastal waters:
  - Economic relevance of beaches for tourism
  - Valuable sea and cost ecosystems





## NAIADES: Use Cases for Waste Water Management

#### Sewerage Saline infiltration detection

- Detect, locate and monitor saline infiltrations of phreatic water into the sewer mains which cause:
  - Sewer deterioration
  - Increased waste water treatment costs
  - Barrier for waste water regeneration for reuse



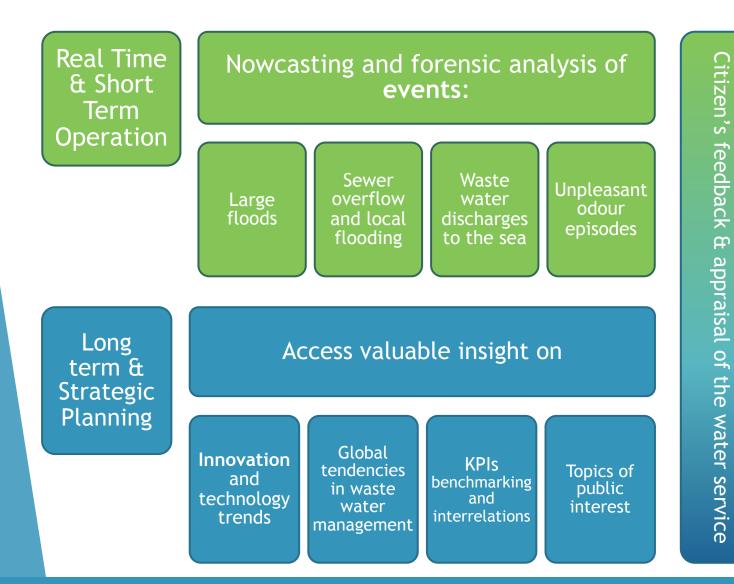
#### NAIADES Water Observatory

- Extract knowledge from all available online sources
- Real time and long term management of the sewerage and drainage networks
- Event detection and analysis





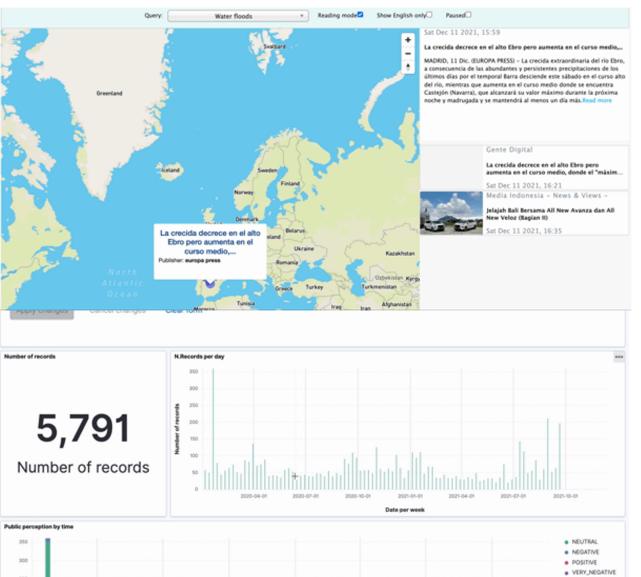
#### NAIADES Water Observatory for Waste water: Objectives







## Real-time awareness of wastewater-related events



- A real-time stream of news on wastewater-related water events, e.g., floods can help us monitor specific topics
- Explore best practices from news and research worldwide using multilingual capabilities to learn from similar cases
- Twitter dashboard with data vizualisation modules for research (to explore what is useful to show)
- Nowcasting from Twitter triggered by weather can be used to define alerts based on thresholds
- We can learn relations between Twitter-News-weather to from historical events and investigate causality



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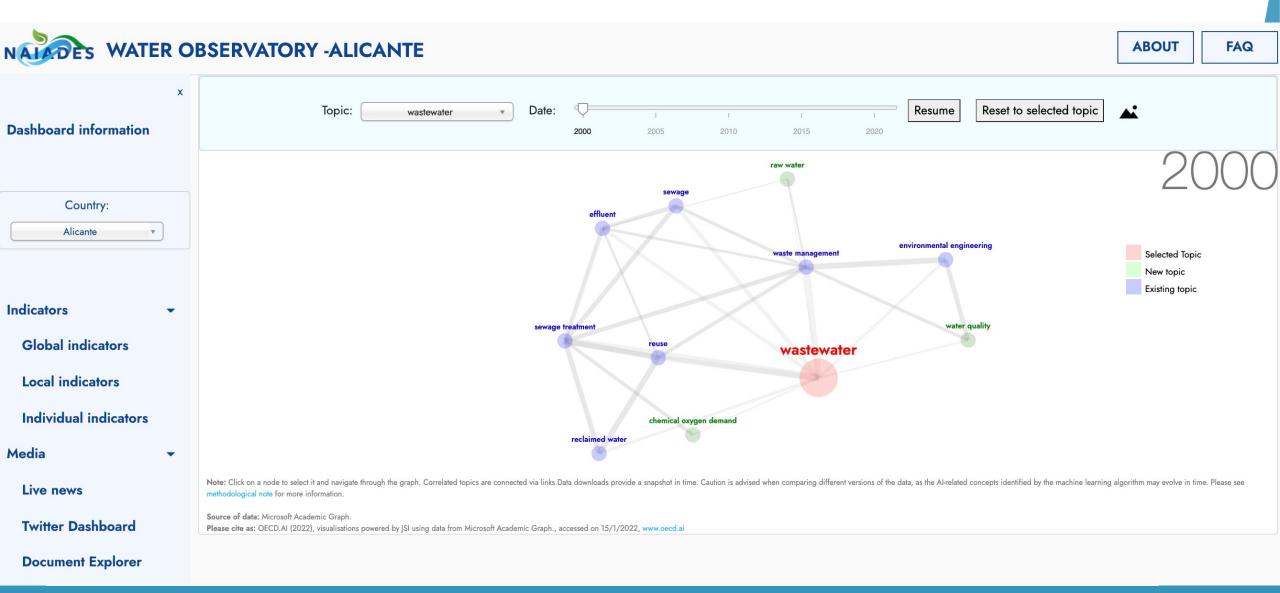


## Further Exploring Wastewater News

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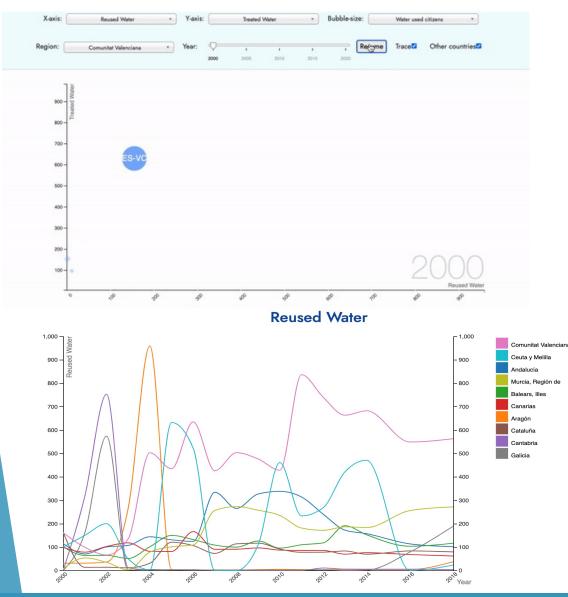


## Exploring Best Practices & Innovation on Wastewater





#### **Observing Progress Through Indicators**



- Identifying relevant datasets to clean & ingest into the system allows us to understand the wastewater progress in local statistics and compare regions
- Understanding what indicators matter can be helped by the analysis of a single time series for one indicator
- We can use this data also to try and predict causality between indicators



#### **Challenges of Implementation**

- Difficulties to appropriately acquire the appropriate local statistical data to feed the Water Observatory
- Low adherence to the social media Twitter in Spain and consequent lack of data ingested
- Need to add additional local news sources that complement the information collected on water-related events
- Relevance of the configuration of the data ingested and the appropriate key phrases used to better capture the event and know what to monitor