

## SITE VISIT 1 – WaterCampus Leeuwarden



### Organisation:

WaterCampus Leeuwarden

### Description of the site visit:

WaterCampus Leeuwarden is a technology development ecosystem that stimulates collaboration between science, applied research and business. The site visit will include:

- Wetsus, Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Water Technology, a facilitating intermediary for trend-setting **scientific know how development**. Wetsus creates a unique environment for strategic **cooperation** for development of profitable and sustainable state-of-the-art water treatment technology. The inspiring and multidisciplinary collaboration between more than 90 global companies and 19 European universities in Wetsus results in innovations that contribute significantly to the solution of the global water problems.
- The Centre of Expertise Water Technology (CEW) is the knowledge and innovation centre for applied research and product development in the field of water technology. The cooperation between public and private bodies combines the strengths of (trade) education, research institutes, governmental organisations and entrepreneurs in order to **train talent** for the Water top sector and accelerates **the valorisation process** for the innovative industry.
- The Water Alliance is a unique partnership of public and private companies, government agencies and knowledge institutes involved in water technology in the Netherlands. The Water Alliance focuses on innovative and sustainable water technology that can be used worldwide. It brings together a complete chain of innovation for water technology, from first idea, research & development, specialised laboratories, a water application centre, various demonstration sites, launching customers to international applications with commercial companies. It is driven by the idea that technological development and innovation is needed to develop new markets and thus create new business opportunities for the water technology industry. In this way the Netherlands will become the European Water Technology Hub, with its focal point at the WaterCampus Leeuwarden

### What is innovative about it?

WaterCampus Leeuwarden is the physical core of the Dutch water technology sector and has the ambition to play a sector-uniting role for the rest of Europe.

WaterCampus stimulates cooperation between national and international businesses, knowledge institutes and governments within the water technology sector, in order to create synergy for world-class innovation, education and entrepreneurship. This strengthens the global position of the European water technology sector. Additionally, WaterCampus offers a unique research infrastructure, and is a meeting point for scientists and companies from all over Europe.

The international cooperation organized and stimulated by WaterCampus Leeuwarden leads to knowledge, talent and entrepreneurship that contribute to solutions for global water problems.



### Time/accessibility/other information:

The visits to Wetsus, the CEW and the Water alliance are planned for one hour, with one tour organized in the morning (10 a.m.) and one in the afternoon (2 p.m.). The tours will start in front of the Sint Johannes de Doperkerk at the core of the water campus.