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About Us

Paragon Europe is a Maltese organisation focused on **R&I**, **Project Management and Transfer of Innovation**. Following Malta's accession in the European Union in May 2004, Paragon Europe has implemented as partner and coordinator an extensive number of European projects submitted under FP6, FP7, CIP (IEE, EIP and ICT-PSP), Life, eContentplus and EuroMed.

Paragon Europe has ensured a professional involvement by bringing an important added value to the project in different areas, such as Project Management, Feasibility Studies, Commercialisation of project results, Pilot testing, Stakeholders Engagement, Development of e-Services, Research & Analysis, Capacity building, Quality monitoring.

Paragon Europe's main activities are:

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R&D	Innovation	Services
Project management	Commercialisation & Business Exploitation of projects results	Strategic consulting
Technology transfer	Pilot testing of ground-breaking solutions	Capacity-building training
Field Research and Analysis	Business development	Feasibility & Pre-deployment studies
Market studies & business plans	Synergies with innovative financial instruments	IT solutions
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Ongoing Water Initiatives

Paragon Europe is currently tackling in Malta the challenge of water through the creation of an Excellence Cluster on Water which will be launched next 24-27 March 2014. At European level, **Paragon Europe** is currently engaged in:

FP7 Projects

<u>WE@EU</u> (Water Efficiency in European Urban Areas) funded under FP7-REGIONS-2012-2013-1 has been conceived to coordinate European innovation in the water efficiency market of products and services by boosting cooperation among different European regions represented in research-driven clusters.

<u>MARSOL</u> (Demonstrating Managed Aquifer Recharge as a Solution to Water Scarcity and Drought) funded under FP7-ENV-2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO focuses on methods for water re-use and groundwater quality amelioration.

H2020 Projects

<u>FREEWAT</u> (FREE and open source software tools for WATer Resources Management) funded under WATER-2a-2014 will start a process aimed at filling the gap between EU and US on widespread-standardised ICT tools and models for water quantity and quality management setting a well recognisable and flagship initiative.

EIPs on Water

<u>FinnoWater</u> intends to explore, develop and implement new approaches to increase financial flows in the water sector, particularly by incentivizing public innovation (PCP, PPP and PPI) of new technologies and services.

<u>City Blueprints</u> is developing a radar chart for each city through a City Blueprint survey, which will provide a quick visual representation of each city's water stewardship status.

Industrial Water Re-use and Recycling develops new methodologies for industrial water re-use and recycling and with the aid of these new methodologies it aims at implementing innovative technical, social- and environmental solutions at local level.



<u>MAR(solutions)</u> to <u>MAR-ket</u> has become the best technique within the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) framework, to palliate Climate Change adverse effects.

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