



What is AQUACARE?

AQUACARE is a European project that brings together Spain, France, and Portugal to protect water resources against emerging microcontaminants.

Coordinated by the University of Cádiz and funded by Interreg SUDOE.

It brings together administrations, companies, research centers, and citizens.

It works on innovative solutions and common strategies to care for our rivers.

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BENEFICIARIES



AQUACARE

IDENTIFICATION, QUANTIFICATION AND ELIMINATION

OF EMERGING CONTAMINANTS IN RIVER BASINS



PRIORITY

1 - Preserving the natural capital and strengthening adaptation to climate change in the Sudoe area

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Why AQUACARE?

The rivers of Southwestern Europe (SUDOE) are at risk from microcontaminants (pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, microplastics).

The new European Directive on urban wastewater requires improved treatment and control of microcontaminants.

Climate change and human pressure worsen the problem.

Acting now is key to ensuring clean and safe water!

What do we do and how?



We detect microcontaminants in wastewater and rivers.

We develop innovative solutions to reduce their impact.

Pilots in 5 river basins: Guadalete, Duero, Têt, Adour, and Nivelle.

Advanced technology to identify and treat contaminants.

Workshops and seminars to train and raise awareness in society.

Good practices for all stakeholders.

We support the implementation of the new European Directive, helping SUDOE regions adapt to new legal requirements.

Results and Benefits

1

Cleaner and healthier rivers.

2

Better water management.

3

Compliance with European regulations.

4

Greater awareness and social participation.

5

A sustainable future for SUDOE regions.

