



During the first half of the 2nd year of the project, TRANSCEND consortium got to the heart of the two pillars, monitoring and modeling, through strong collaboration among partners with different expertise.

### 1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The University of Uppsala hosted the **1st General Assembly** on the 13-14th of February, giving the consortium the rare and priceless opportunity of meeting in person. Participants focused on addressing uncertainty and advancing in modeling, monitoring and stakeholder involvement, all with the overarching goal of transformative adaptation to water scarcity within the TRANSCEND project.



### 1ST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

In June, the International Launching Workshop on 'Digital Transformation for advancing Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus in the Mediterranean' was held in Lisbon. This event was organized by TRANSCEND, PRIMA ACQUAOUNT and TALANOA-WATER projects and was an occasion for strengthening their deep collaboration and for advancing the realization of the strategy.

### POLICY BRIEFS



The General Assembly boosted the advancement towards assembling, calibrating and validating the modeling suite for each living lab; these steps were preceded by a conceptual understanding of uncertainty quantification and the protocol-based modular approach, as well as the key methods available in the literature. This information is presented in **deliverable 3.2**, Modeling blueprint and sourcebook, while a synthesis for policymakers is offered in the respective policy brief. Both documents are available on the project website.

### KNOWLEDGE SHARING



This is an essential aspect of TRANSCEND and lately, it has been widely carried out through participation in networking events and dissemination activities on social media. At the end of January, TRANSCEND took part in the **1st Thematic Annual Programming (TAP) Action** of the Water4All Partnership which aims to establish a network of nationally funded projects. In February, TRANSCEND was at the **5th Mediterranean Water Forum** in Tunisia, with a session co-organized with TALANOA-WATER and AQUAOUNT projects on "Transformative management of water resources in the Mediterranean region". TRANSCEND then attended the **Climateurope2 Festival** in Venice in March, and finally, the **EGU General Assembly** held in Vienna at the end of April.

### FUTURE EVENTS



The next few months will be appointed to organise the **2nd round of local workshops**. In Autumn the seven living labs will hold a meeting with the local stakeholders to advance in the co-creation process. Considering the challenges and gaps identified during the 1st workshops, it is time now for lab leaders and stakeholders to identify together vulnerabilities and discuss possible TAPs; this will be done through **Scenathons**, a type of serious game that, referring to the modeling suite, shows possible future scenarios in the river basins; this methodology encourages participants to take different point of views and understand the overall complexity of the system at stake. Meanwhile, partners will keep working on the advancement of modeling and monitoring and will take part in conferences and networking events. New project materials will be translated into all the languages spoken in the river basins and published and disseminated on the **Virtual Forum**.