**Skills exchange and mentoring platforms**

In the framework of task 7.4 a set of tools have been analysed that allow for companies, researchers, decision makers, public and private users and stakeholders at various levels to share knowledge and exchange ideas.

The list of tools were first identified through an informal survey at water sector level amongst water practitioners. This survey was complemented with a list of the most used internet website not oriented to a specific sector. Almost all of them (a part OpenIdeo) are European Union solutions. We added also OpenIdeo because is widely used in European projects.

The results are two group of tools:

* The water sector skill exchange and mentoring tools:
  + [www.aquaknow.net](http://www.aquaknow.net)
  + <http://aquaspe.com/>
  + <https://www.viawater.nl/>
  + <http://www.emwis.org/>
* Platforms that are not specific for the water sector but can also be used for that:
  + <http://openideo.com/>
  + <http://www.climate-kic.org/>

The platforms can only be grouped in commercial and institutional. Institutional platforms are free of charge and sometimes based on open source software while subscription and use of commercial platforms are paying. Below the list:

Institutional (free):

* + [www.aquaknow.net](http://www.aquaknow.net)
  + <https://www.viawater.nl/>
  + <http://www.emwis.org/>

Commercial (paying):

* + <http://openideo.com/>
  + <http://www.climate-kic.org/>
  + <http://aquaspe.com/>

In this e-learning tutorials the different features of these platforms will be illustrated with some videos on their use or promotional video explaining why they are useful.