## **SEQNOM**

## Microbiological Analytics for Drinking and Recreational Water Use and Circular Economy

Infectious diseases caused by bacteria, viruses and parasites are the most common health risks associated with drinking water worldwide. The basis of the project is on technologies that enable the detection of microbes in water samples faster and more widely than conventional methods and using them to help avoid water-borne epidemics. The techniques can also be utilised in environmental samples and circular economy more extensively.

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