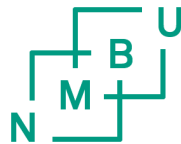




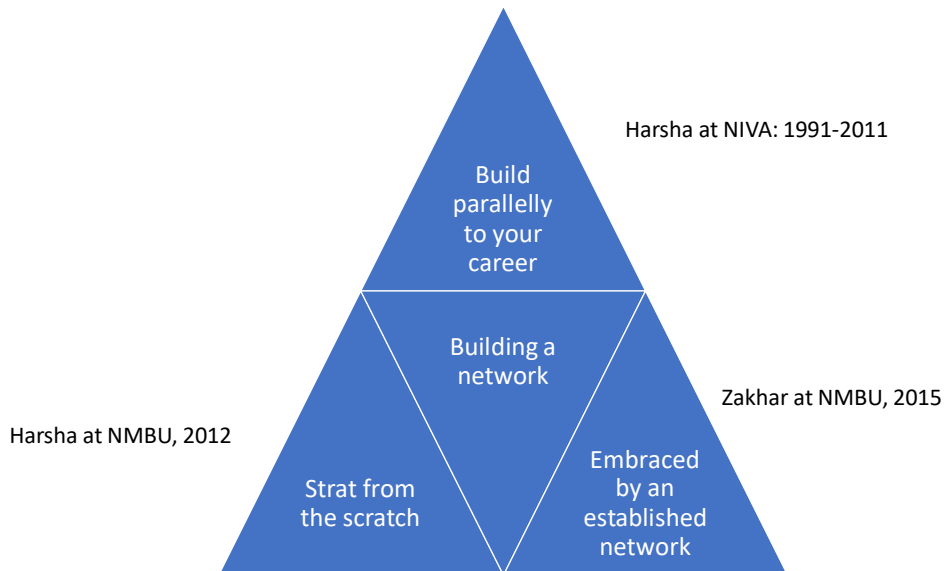
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## Building a network- where/how to start?



## Strengths and advantages

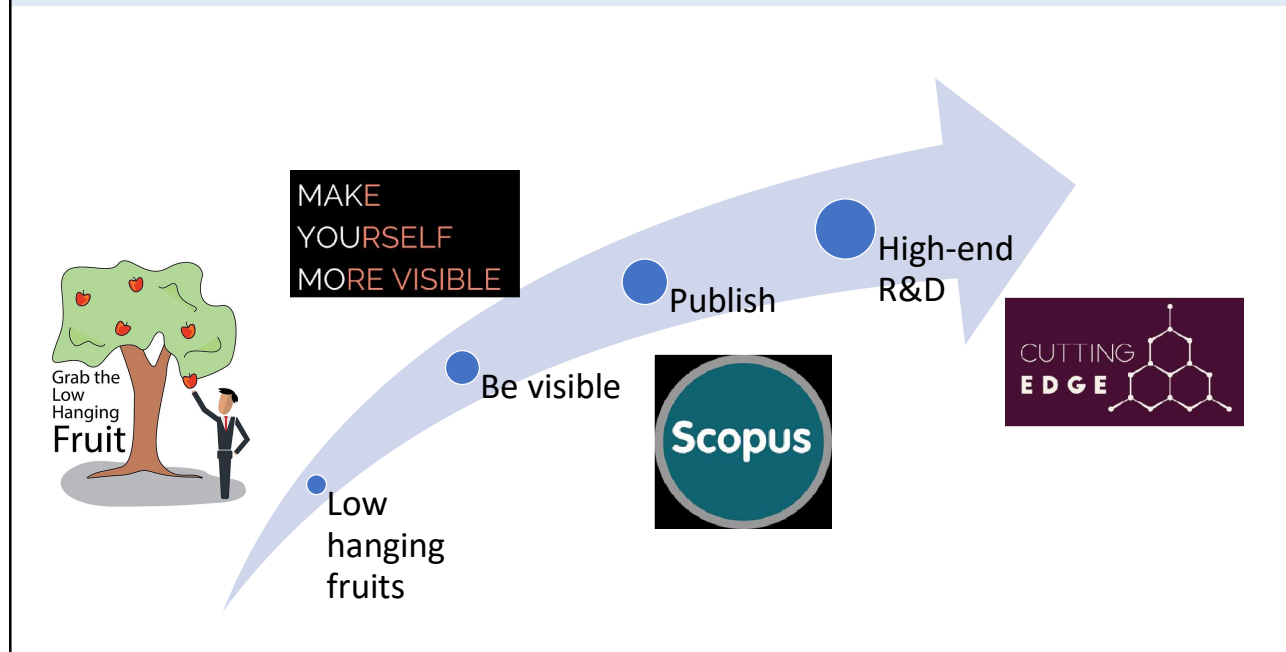
- Why does some research groups “always” get invited to proposal consortiums?
- The start is difficult; you are not confident and no one knows you
- But with time things change – the project references score in proposals
- And... you can finally choose from the best options to proceed
  
- A team of colleagues highly professional, knowledgeable, capable and even influential...
  
- A unique possibility to compare, and learn from different projects, project teams – to become better and more competitive

## Need and potential

- There are many paths to choose from:
  - Teaching
  - Consultancy
  - Make yourself visible
  - Cutting-edge research
  - Serving national needs
  - Collaborating networks
  - For a worthy cause (water for all)
  - Giving a hand to colleagues (in other countries)
  - Personal preferences / reasons



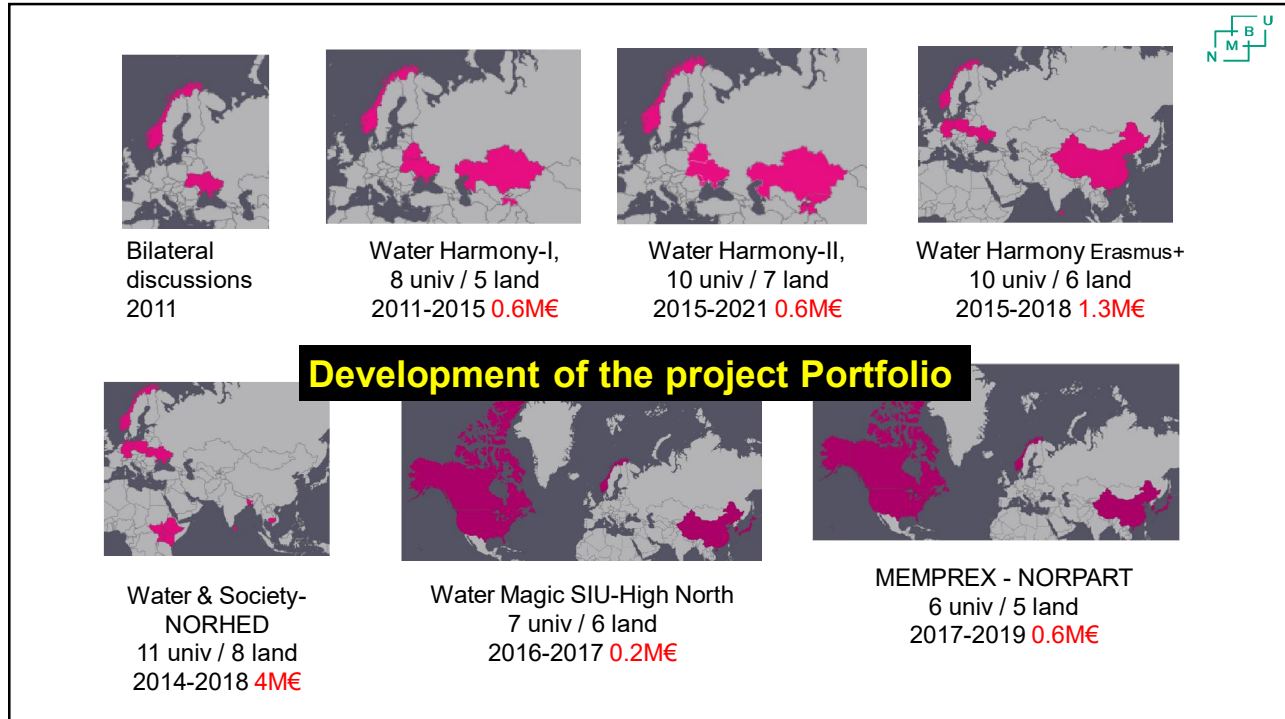
## The path we chose ....



## Low hanging fruits

- «**Low-hanging fruits**» can be both cutting-edge projects (EU H2020, RCN-INPART etc) and projects funded by DiKU, NORAD, RFF etc.
  - If you are in a team where there is **an established project portfolio and good international contacts**, the EU H2020 and RCN high-end projects would be «low-hanging fruits» for you.
  - If you are in a research group with **less projects and less contacts**, it will be certainly be wise to start with project where you have a competitive advantage (for example, language, previous contacts, limited calls, Seed money Calls etc)













## Water Harmony - a global network

**75 universities and research organisations**  
across **45 nations**  
since 2012


A portfolio of 6-10 mil €

co-funded through projects granted by:

## Internationalisation

### International conferences organised by Water Harmony

2020	Harbin, China	2 <sup>nd</sup> EWA/IWA conference on Water Management in Cold Climates 
2019	Oslo, Norway	EWA Green Capital Conference: Sustainable urban drainage solutions
2018	Norway-Germany	NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Physical and Cyber Safety in Critical Water Infrastructure (CYBERWATER)
2016	Spitsbergen, Norway	1 <sup>st</sup> EWA Conference on Water Management in Cold Climates
2016	Oslo, Norway	IWA Particle separation conference





## Educational collaboration

### Academic courses

Water and wastewater treatment technology (15 ECTS)


Water and wastewater treatment engineering (15 ECTS)

Water resources management and treatment technologies (10 ECTS) 

Water management in cold climate (5 ECTS) 


### International Water Summer Schools

Organised annually in June-July in Norway

International participants are funded through collaborative projects 

### International Water Schools co-organised with other universities

International Arctic School, Summer and Winter, Harbin, China with UArctic 

Arctic Water Sanitation and Health, Danish Technical University 





## The way forward

- Build a group with strong and dedicated members
  - PostDocs, Admin secretaries, PhDs, MScs
- Find a colleague who can take over you when the time is approaching
- Social networking is crucial, especially when you can't compete with financial benefits from other projects



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