

# What is the aim of a UK-SA Innovation Network?



# Accelerate innovation adoption in industry and solving global challenges

## Example Ecosystem Challenges

**Businesses unaware of benefits** of adopting innovative products, services or processes - benefits proven in other sectors.

**Businesses aren't sufficiently investing in R&D** in the topic of the network

**Businesses with solutions are unaware** of market opportunities in other sectors

**Lack of solutions**, compounded by lack of collaboration between different sectors, business/academics or along supply chains

**Limited sharing of knowledge** between different parts of the innovation ecosystem

## Typical Innovation Network Outputs

**Thought leadership & case studies** showcasing benefits in other sectors

**R&D funding support** and awareness in support of cultural change

**Cross-Sector collaborations** via events, speed networking, online platform

**Collaboration building** activities with an international focus

**Connecting** larger companies with innovative solution providers

# Why Water Security?

Scoping the  
need

Exploring  
partnerships

Validating  
the value

Launching  
the Network

# Focus of the UK-SA Water Security Network

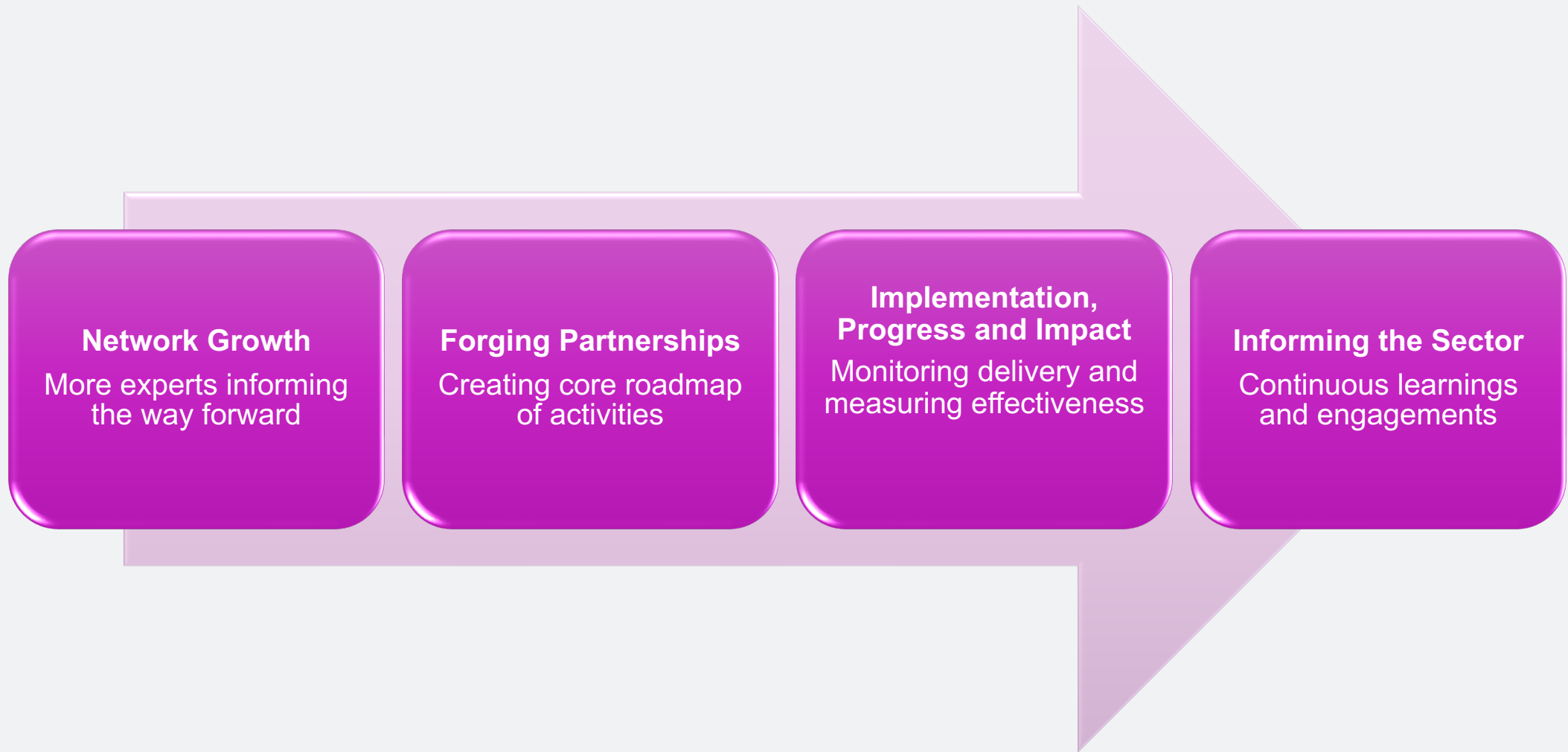
## Identified Mutual Challenges

- Increasing water scarcity and aging infrastructure.
- Pollution of water bodies and the need to promote resource recovery and circular economy principles.
- Risks associated with climate variability and extreme weather events.
- Gender disparities.

## Network Focus Areas

- Innovative Tech for Water Security
- Smart Solutions for Wastewater
- Data-Driven Water Management
- Empowering Women in the Water Sector

# What's Next?



**Let's turn leaks  
into leaps and  
seal the gaps in  
Water Security  
Together!**

*Join Our Innovation  
Network and Help us  
create positive change!*

