

SCOPE PROVIDES TELEMETRY FOR UISCE ÉIREANN



THE CHALLENGE

Major reform of water services in the Republic of Ireland includes implementing a centralised telemetry system that will help manage thousands of assets, writes **Alan Cunningham**, software delivery manager at Ovarro. Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water) is undertaking a major reform of water services in the Republic of Ireland, having moved from a 31 local authority structure to a single national utility.

The utility is now delivering a National Telemetry Programme, which involves the implementation of a new National Telemetry System to support centralised and standardised asset monitoring activities and interconnect previously disparate systems. This will enable remote monitoring, management, and data collection and analysis for over 2,000 water and wastewater assets. Having a central telemetry system linked to one operations management centre will also support critical asset oversight, incident management, troubleshooting and strategic planning.

THE SOLUTION

Ovarro's SCOPE SCADA telemetry solution was chosen by Uisce Éireann (UÉ) to provide centralized operational oversight and management of water and wastewater networks, including supply, treatment, leakage detection, and real-time alerts. SCOPE (Secure Configurable Online Process Executive) allows real-time asset monitoring and includes tools for configuring dataloggers and RTUs. Significant enhancements were developed by Ovarro to meet UÉ's requirements, and the system was successfully installed and tested across multiple data centers. In the field, Seprol S2000 RTUs are being deployed to connect UÉ's operational sites to SCOPE, using the Water Industry Telemetry Standards (WITS) protocol. To ensure compatibility, Ovarro integrated protocols within SCOPE to facilitate communication with legacy RTUs, which were validated during Site Acceptance Testing.



Seprol S2000



WATER



MONITORING
& CONTROL



RTU'S



REPORTS

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John Flaherty, operational technology manager at Uisce Éireann IT



OPERATIONAL BENEFITS

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