



2nd WES Steering Committee Meeting

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**Water and
Environment Support**
in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region

Overview of the WES national and regional activities over the 1st year and in the pipeline

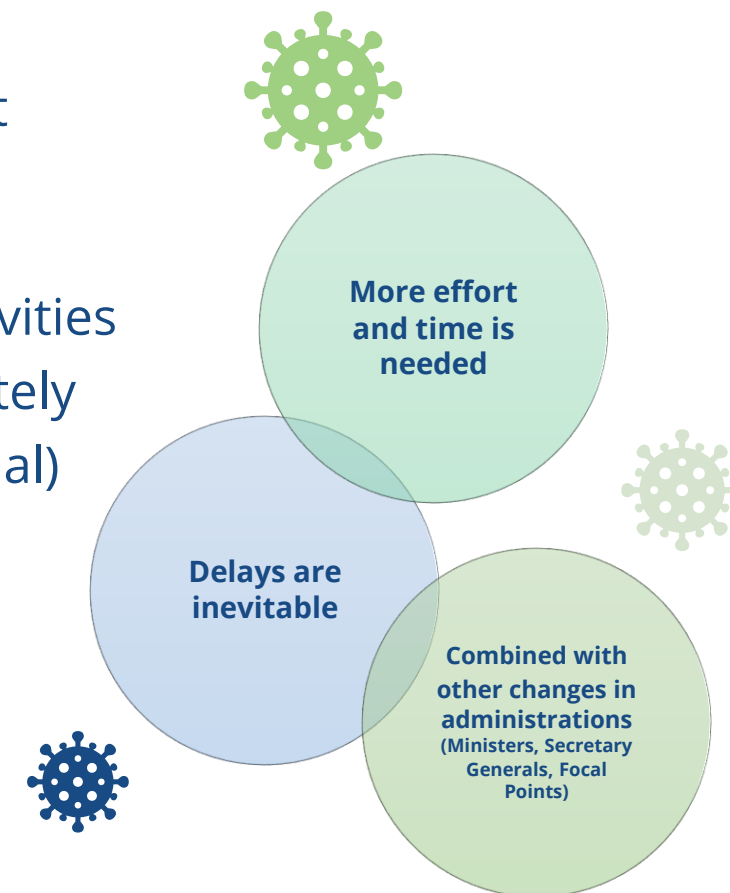
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WES response to the impacts of COVID-19

- Even closer collaboration:
 - ✓ at Project Team level (Key Experts, backstopping team, Project Manager)
 - ✓ at consortium partner level
 - ✓ with the FPs and appointed national persons in charge of activities
- Prioritising the design of activities that could be carried out remotely
- Transformation/adaptation of activities (e.g. from physical to virtual)
- Re-design of activities to be implementable in the new reality
- Re-assessment of progress, step by step
- and the cycle begins again.





Regional & Horizontal activities

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Overview

C1: Environment



Activity	Training/ Technical Assistance	Study tour	P2P
RE-1-REG / RE-1-P2P: Phasing-out single-use plastics in the Mediterranean	x		x
RE-2-REG: Understanding better microplastics and identifying how to address the issue	x		
RE-3-REG / RE-3-P2P: Innovative Circular Economy Business Models in the Mediterranean region	x		x
RE-4-REG / RE-4-ST/ RE-4-P2P: Management of Construction & Demolition Waste (C&DW)	x	x	x
RE-5-REG: Supporting countries to implement NAPs (2016-2025)	x		
RE-6-REG/ RE-6-ST / RE-6-P2P: Decentralized management of organic waste	x	x	x
RE-7-REG: Best practices in achieving waste reduction in the Mediterranean	x		
HRE-1-REG: On-line UfM Stakeholder Consultation on post-2020 Environment and Climate Action priorities in view of the 2nd UfM Ministerial Conference	x		
HRE-2-REG: Awareness raising and Education for Sustainable Development: Training of Trainers on campaigns for sustainable consumption	x		
HRE-3-REG: Educating for Sustainable Development: focus on WWT for reuse and NCWRs	x		
HRE-4-REG / HRE-4-P2P: Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean	x		x
Sub-total	11	2	5
Total	17		

Regional & Horizontal activities

Progress to date

C1: Environment



Activity / Status	ToRs not started yet	ToRs under development	ToRs approved	Activity launched or completed
RE-1-REG / RE-1-P2P: Phasing-out single-use plastics in the Mediterranean			✓	<i>Launched</i>
RE-2-REG: Understanding better microplastics and identifying how to address the issue	✓			
RE-3-REG / RE-3-P2P: Innovative Circular Economy Business Models in the Mediterranean region	✓			
RE-4-REG / RE-4-ST / RE-4-P2P: Management of Construction & Demolition Waste (C&DW)		✓		
RE-5-REG: Supporting countries to implement NAPs (2016-2025)	✓			
RE-6-REG / RE-6-ST / RE-6-P2P: Decentralized management of organic waste	✓			
RE-7-REG: Best practices in achieving waste reduction in the Mediterranean		✓		
HRE-1-REG: On-line UfM Stakeholder Consultation on post-2020 Environment and Climate Action priorities in view of the 2nd UfM Ministerial Conference			✓	<i>Completed</i>
HRE-2-REG: Awareness raising and Education for Sustainable Development: Training of Trainers on campaigns for sustainable consumption	✓			
HRE-3-REG: Educating for Sustainable Development: focus on WWT for reuse and NCWRs	✓			
HRE-4-REG / HRE-4-P2P: Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean		✓		
	6	3	2	2

Regional & Horizontal activities

Overview

C2: Water



Activity	Training/ Capacity Building	Study tour	P2P
RW-1-REG: Training on the practical application of the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus	x		
RW-2-REG: Training on water accounting	x		
RW-3-REG / RW-3-P2P : Capacity building on Water demand management (WDM)	x		x
RW-4-REG / RW-4-P2P : CB on NCWR focusing on water harvesting	x		x
RW-5-REG/ RW-5-ST: CB on WWT for reuse	x	x	
RW-6-REG / RW-6-ST/ RW-6-P2P: Training on Non-Revenue Water in addition to a study tour	x	x	x
RW-7-REG / RW-7-ST: Study tour and training(s) of WUAs on optimal irrigation management and practices for improved irrigation efficiency and soil fertility	x	x	
HW-1- REG/ HW-1-P2P: Capacity building on PPP, green/blue economy entrepreneurship and banking for the water/wastewater sector	x		x
Sub-total	8	3	4
Total	15		

Regional & Horizontal activities

Progress to date

C2: Water



Activity / Status	ToRs not started yet	ToRs under development	ToRs approved	Activity launched or completed
RW-1-REG: Training on the practical application of the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus (TOR developed then methodology changed)		✓		
RW-2-REG: Training on water accounting			✓	<i>Training completed</i>
RW-3-REG / RW-3-P2P : Capacity building on Water demand management (WDM)	✓			
RW-4-REG / RW-4-P2P : CB on NCWR focusing on water harvesting	✓			
RW-5-REG/ RW-5-ST: CB on WWT for reuse:	✓			
RW-6-REG / RW-6-ST/ RW-6-P2P: Training on Non-Revenue Water in addition to a study tour	✓			
RW-7-REG / RW-7-ST: Study tour and training(s) of WUAs on optimal irrigation management and practices for improved irrigation efficiency and soil fertility	✓			
HW-1- REG/HW-1-P2P: Capacity building on PPP, green/blue economy entrepreneurship and banking for the water/wastewater sector	✓			
	6	1	1	1



National activities

National activities

Main topics

C1: Environment



Subtopic	Algeria	Egypt	Israel	Jordan	Lebanon	Morocco	Palestine	Tunisia
Topic 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Topic 2: Promotion of Circular Economy	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Topic 3: Prevention and reduction of industrial pollution			x		x		x	x
Topic 4: Mainstreaming Integrated Environmental Management		x	x				x	x
Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable investment	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

National activities

Progress to date

C1: Environment



Activity title / Status	ToRs not started yet	ToRs under development	ToRs Approved	Activity launched or completed
N-E-DZ-1: Support to marine litter monitoring and management in Algeria			✓	launched
N-E-DZ-2: Support for the promotion of all aspects of SCP, green and circular economy		✓		
N-E-EG-1: Support for the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes		✓		
N-E-EG-2: Support on the sustainable management of Construction and Demolition waste		✓		
N-E-IL-1: Marine fossil fuel pollution – coastal preparedness and response		✓✓		
N-E-JO-1: Joint public-private roadmap to transition to reducing Single-Use Plastics		✓		
N-E-JO-2: Consolidation activities on green banking and support to green investment		✓		
N-E-LB-1: Abatement of industrial pollution		✓✓		
N-E-LB-2a: Marine Litter Monitoring / N-E-LB-2b: Single Use Plastics		✓✓		
N-E-MO-1: Joint initiative for the management of the PET packaging waste within the framework of EPR		✓✓		
N-E-MO-2: Support to marine litter monitoring and management in Morocco		✓✓		
N-E-PS-1: Technical assistance on sustainable Medical Waste Management			✓	launched
N-E-PS-2: Technical assistance on Hazardous Waste Management	✓			
N-E-TN-1: Sustainable Public Procurement operations			✓	launched
N-E-TN-2: Industrial pollution abatement of tomatoes processing industry			✓	launched
	1	10	4	4

National activities

Main topics

C2: Water



Topic	Algeria	Egypt	Israel	Jordan	Lebanon	Morocco	Palestine	Tunisia
Topic 1: Water Use Assessment, estimation	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost Recovery, Affordability of water services	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Topic 4: Enhancing Water Efficiency and Productivity in Agriculture		x					x	x
Horizontal: PPP & Access to Investment; Legal and Regulatory aspects (of mainstreaming WUE)		x				x		

National activities

Progress to date

C2: Water



Activity title / Status	ToRs not started yet	ToRs under development	ToRs Approved	Activity launched or completed
N-W-DZ-1: Diagnosis for the performance of NRW in a pilot utility and develop a plan for improvements			✓	Launched
N-W-DZ-2: Potential of Water use efficiency & water saving in domestic water			✓	Launched
N-W-EG-1: Strengthen the water utilities capacities to manage/reduce NRW and detect leakage			✓	Launched
N-W-EG-2: PPP for the banking system to improve irrigation water network management and efficiency		✓		
N-W-IL-1: Evaluation of new methods to reduce the cross subsidies in the agricultural water tariff in Israel			✓	Launched
N-W-IL-2: Storm water management and Natural Water Retention Measures			✓	Launched
N-W-JO-1: Conduct a diagnosis for the performance of Non-Revenue Water (NRW) in a pilot utility		✓✓		
N-W-JO-2: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) at the catchment scale			✓	
N-W-LB-1: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM)	onhold			
N-W-LB-2: - CB on WWTPs / Replaced with National plan for sludge management and treatment	replaced			
N-W-MO-1: Support WDM in relation to water scarcity			✓	Launched
N-W-MO-2: Elaboration of strategies for cost recovery, and development of tools for the evaluations of costs		✓		
N-W-PS-1: Design actions/modalities for improved water billing and fees collection		✓		
N-W-PS-2: CB of pilot farmers' associations and communities on optimal irrigation management			✓	
N-W-TN-1: Improving the efficiency of water use in agriculture			✓	Launched
N-W-TN-2: Study of the siltation of two Tunisian dams: Siliana dam and Lebna dam			✓	
	2	4	10	7



Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment

The groundwork has been laid:

- ✓ WES methodology fully developed and shared with FPs.
- ✓ FPs and experts informed of what is expected of them (as TORs are progressively approved).

Measuring direct results during the implementation of activities is underway:

- quizzes, exercises, etc.
- evaluation form
- commitment form (being realistic but also be ambitious on what one can commit to achieve by 2023)





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Support to Demonstration Projects (C3)

- **Support to the selection process**
 - ✓ Team of external assessors provided by the WES project
 - ✓ Assessment of Grant Applications received
 - Administrative checks
 - Concept Notes of applications
 - Full Application packages (16 successful applications evaluated)
 - Evaluation scoring table submitted to the EC
- **Support to the Demonstration projects' implementation**
 - ✓ 7 Demonstration Projects awarded
 - ✓ Framework of support set up (TOR just approved, WES network in place)
 - ✓ Dedicated meeting with all Demo projects to be organized in early 2021 (SWIM-H2020 SM (previous) and WES projects) for liaison, technical assistance, exchange of lessons learned



WES Support to the UfM (C4)



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- ✓ Wrap up of the H2020 Initiative with the Core Group & compilation of the Final Report
- ✓ Support to the UfM Environment Task Force meeting & preparations for the 2nd UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Action
- ✓ Coordination with relevant to WES UfM labelled projects
- ✓ Participation in UfM meetings (Water and Environment)





Capitalising on progress (C5)

Still very early in implementation to have lessons learned, best practices, etc.), but:

- ✓ Tracing and following impact of previous phases, demonstrating successes by many WES Partner Countries.
- ✓ Preparation of the supporting system (WES website, web-based applications/tools, etc.) for dissemination.
- ✓ Participation in meetings (physical up till February 2020 and then virtual).
- ✓ Networking:
 - with other projects (Marine Litter Med I and II, SwitchMed, Plastic Busters MPAs, etc.)
 - among targeted stakeholder groups (e.g. Peers, Youth, womens' associations, etc.)

**The 1st round of
National
Meetings
planned for 2020
has been
postponed**



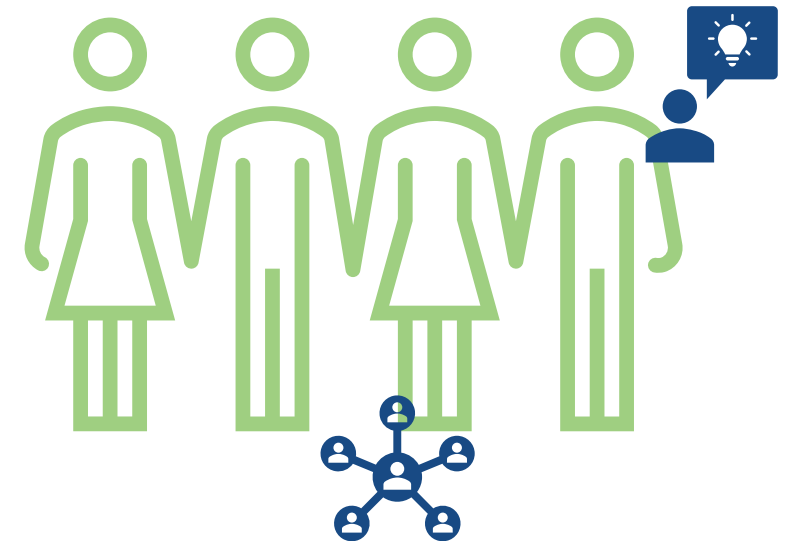
Gender and Youth in WES



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The WES Gender and Youth Action Plans (2021-2023) are under finalization. They aim to:

- ✓ support mainstreaming gender and youth within the WES activities
- ✓ be useful to the Partner Countries, EUDs and other stakeholders
- ✓ enrich the agendas of women and youth organisations with environmental protection and sustainable development issues





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WES Communication in the first year



**2 issues of the
WES Newsletter
in EN, FR, Arabic**



**WES factsheet in EN,
FR, Arabic (shorter
than the WES
Brochure)**



**WES
social media**



**9 WES news
items/press
releases**



**Communication
plans for all
approved activities
within the TORs**



**Library system on
WES website**





WES Communication in the first year



WES factsheet

WES newsletter





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