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ABBREVIATIONS

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| ADE | Algérienne des Eaux (Algeria) |
| AFD | Agence Française de Développement |
| ANPE | Agence Nationale de Protection de l'Environnement (Tunisia) |
| ASWWC | Asyut Water and Wastewater Company |
| BATs | Best Available Techniques |
| BlueGreen MedCS | BlueGreen Mediterranean Civil Society |
| BMP | Best Management Practice |
| C | Component |
| CB | Capacity Building |
| CITET | Centre International des Technologies de l'Environnement de Tunis (Tunisia) |
| COPIL | Steering Committee Meeting |
| CSOs | Civil Society Organisations |
| C&D | Construction & Demolition |
| C&DW | Construction & Demolition Waste |
| DG NEAR | Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations |
| DZ | Algeria |
| DZ | Distribution zones |
| EC | European Commission |
| EG | Egypt |
| EEA | European Environment Agency |
| EEAA | Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| ELVs | Emission Limit Values |
| EN | English |
| ENI | European Neighbourhood Instrument |
| ENP | European Neighbourhood Policy |
| EPR | Extended Producer Responsibility |
| ESD | Education for Sustainable Development |
| EU | European Union |
| EUD | Delegation of the European Union |
| FP | Focal Point |
| FR | French |
| GG-NAP | Green Growth National Action Plan |
| GIZ | German Agency for International Cooperation |

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| GIS | Geographic information system |
| GWP-Med | Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean |
| IL | Israel |
| IMAP | Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme |
| JNKE | Junior Non-Key Expert |
| JO | Jordan |
| JRC | Joint Research Centre |
| KE | Key Expert |
| LB | Lebanon |
| LoE | Level of Effort |
| MCSD | Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development |
| MEDPOL | Assessment and Control Programme for marine and coastal pollution of the Mediterranean |
| MENA | Middle East and North Africa |
| MO | Morocco |
| MoE | Ministry of Environment |
| MoEP | Ministry of Environmental Protection |
| MoEW | Ministry of Energy and Water (Lebanon) |
| MP | Member of Parliament |
| MPAs | Marine Protected Areas |
| MSSD | Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development |
| NCWR | Non-Conventional Water Resources |
| NGO | Non-Governmental Organisation |
| NKE | Non-Key Expert |
| NRW | Non-Revenue Water |
| NWRM | Natural Water Retention Measures |
| OSS | Sahara and Sahel Observatory |
| PANAPD | Plan d'Action National des Achats Publics Durable |
| PET | Polyethylene terephthalate |
| PC | Project Country |
| PPP | Public-Private Partnership |
| PS | Palestine |
| PSP | Private Sector Participation |
| P2P | Peer to Peer |
| REG | Regional Training workshop |
| RM | Review and Monitoring |

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| SCM | Steering Committee Meeting |
| SCP | Sustainable Consumption and Production |
| SEA | Strategic Environmental Assessment |
| SEEA-CF | System of Environmental Economic Accounting Central Framework |
| SEEA-water | System of Environmental Economic Accounting for water |
| SG | Secretary General |
| SEIS | Shared Environmental Information System |
| SNKE | Senior Non-Key Expert |
| SOM | Senior Officials Meetings |
| SUP | Single Use Plastics |
| SWIM-H2020 SM | Sustainable Water Integrated Management and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism |
| TA | Technical Assistance |
| TL | Team Leader |
| ToR | Terms of Reference |
| ToT | Training of Trainers |
| TN | Tunisia |
| UfM | Union for the Mediterranean |
| UfMS | Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNECE | United Nations Economic Commission for Europe |
| UNEP/MAP | United Nations Environment Programme |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| WDM | Water Demand Management |
| WEEE | Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment |
| WEFE | Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystem |
| WEM | Water, Employment and Migration |
| WES | Water and Environment Support in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood Region |
| WIT | Water Innovative Technology |
| WWT | Wastewater Treatment |

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| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Sub-Topic 1.1: Marine litter monitoring and management | N-E-DZ-1: “Support for the monitoring and management of marine litter in Algeria”: The main objective of this activity is to concretely support the implementation of the relevant obligations and measures of the Regional Plan for the Management of Marine Litter in the Mediterranean and the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Program of the Barcelona Convention for Algeria. Specific objectives: Generate data adapted to needs on the quantities, types, composition and sources of marine litter on the sea surface and on the seabed; Identify management measures to combat the identified sources and types of marine litter; Contribute to the implementation of measures relating to marine litter covering the entire management cycle, from monitoring and evaluation to prevention and mitigation. | <p>Activity approved but not started yet</p> <p>After checking with UNEP/MAP that the activity does not overlap with any of its activities relating to marine litter, the TOR for the activity was developed in collaboration with the country. The TOR received comments from the FP and the EUD which were addressed by the project team. The final version was approved on the 16th of July 2020. The Focal Point was contacted by the project in early October 2020 to assist in the identification of the local expert and begin the implementation of the activity. However, communications were interrupted due to the change of the Focal Point. Preparatory work for an eventual kick-off meeting is underway, nevertheless. The TL, in coordination with the EUD, mobilised the process of the MoE designating a new FP.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> conduct an on-line kick off meeting. initiate the work remotely by confirming involved stakeholders, mapping of activities and initiatives, identification of sites, etc. |
| Technical Assistance Topic 2: Promotion of Circular Economy Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable Investment Sub-Topic 2.1: Support the shift to sustainable consumption and production | N-E-DZ-2: Support for the promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Production and Circular Economy in Algeria. <p>The activity may include the provision of support for the development of the strategy on Green Economy in line with the new National Strategy for Waste Management (Horizon 2030); improving green banking, expansion of subsidies and available funding mechanisms to the private sector; cooperation with the private sector through the implementation of a "Second generation" of contracts with industrial companies to improve environmental performance, law enforcement and social responsibility including on circular economy and SCP.</p> | <p>Activity under preparation.</p> <p>The Team has been developing the TOR in coordination with the FP. Comments on the first draft TOR were received which included new proposals. The reaction to the revised version that followed is still pending. Communications were interrupted due to the change of the Focal Point. The TL, in coordination with the EUD, mobilised the process of the MoE designating a new FP.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalisation of the TOR with the new FP. submission of the TOR to the EC Task Manager, once the approval of the FP and the EUD is confirmed. |
| EGYPT | N-E-EG-1: Support for sustainable Construction and Demolition Waste management | <p>Activities under preparation.</p> <p>Since the beginning of the project the official nomination of the WES Environment FP was pending, so the selection of the National Activities was pending too. The project team was following up regularly with the EEAA and the EU Delegation. There was no progress until very recently. On October 15th the WES ENV Focal Point was appointed. A formal letter to the EU Delegation from the EEAA on the matter (keeping the WES project in copy) is still pending.</p> | <p>Close collaboration with the new Focal Point is to be sought for elaborating the scope of the activities to be designed</p> |
| EGYPT | N-E-EG-2: Support for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes | <p>The EEAA requested that the project addresses the following themes under the national environment activities of WES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and Demolition Waste Extended Product Responsibility <p>A first coordination meeting (online) with the Focal Point was organized on the 27th of October and the zero draft ToRs were</p> | |



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| | | submitted. Further exchanges with the FP and the team are underway. | |
| Technical Assistance Topic 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Sub-Topic 1.1: Marine litter monitoring and management & Sub-Topic 1.2: Addressing single-use plastic & Sub-Topic 2.1: Support the shift to sustainable consumption and production | N-E-IL-1: Support in Marine litter monitoring and resulting measures implementation (linked to innovation and BATs) | Activity cancelled The activity was cancelled after communications with the FP on November 2019 since the activity on the "sampling protocol for plastic" has been already taken up by UNEP/MAP. Only one activity will be carried out in Israel under Component 1. | |
| Technical Assistance Topic 3: Prevention & Reduction of Industrial Pollution & Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable investment | N-E-IL-1: Marine fossil fuel pollution – coastal preparedness and response | Activity under preparation. The project team proposed making a 3-step TOR approach for this activity, as three different subjects are being considered: - National Contingency Plan for Preparedness and Response to Oil Pollution - Emergency headquarters - Restoration and cleaning of contaminated soils from oil spills. The team has been looking for experts in all the above fields of expertise. The first step would be a desk study to be done by Israeli experts and the relevant TOR were prepared in late April 2020 and shared with the FP while 2 experts were proposed by Israel. Due to the uncertainties and limitations imposed by the pandemic, Israel and WES considered enhancing the first step into a full-fledged activity. The draft TORs are in the hands of the MoEP, but reaction is being hindered by the repeated lockdowns in the country. | Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final decision to be taken by Israel so that ToRs can be adapted and finalised • Assembling the NKEs team • Acquiring approval of the TOR by the FP, EUD and DG NEAR |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 2: Promotion of Circular Economy Sub-Topic 2.1: Support the shift to sustainable consumption and production | N-E-JO-1: Contribution to the development of a joint public-private roadmap to reduce the use of Single-Use Plastics in Jordan | Activity under preparation. The zero draft TOR of the activities were sent to the Focal Point on the 19 th of November 2019. The details of N-E-JO-1 were to be discussed with the country during the N-E-JO-2 inception mission in March, but the mission was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The project continued discussions with the Focal Point remotely in view of the finalisation of the Green Growth National Action Plan 2021–2025 (GG-NAP). | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation of the TOR • assembling the NKEs team • acquiring approval of the TOR |

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| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable investment | N-E-JO-2: Consolidation activities on green banking and support to green investment opportunities (linked to N-E-JO-1) | A video conference with the consortium partners and MoE was carried out on the 8th of September 2020. Following that, a Concept Note was prepared for a “twin” activity on the implementation of a Green Economy roadmap and Green Investment opportunities in the waste sector with focus on Single-Use Plastics and Green Banking. The Concept Note was accepted by the EUD (October 4 th) and the Focal Point (October 19 th) and the drafting of the twin TORs are now underway. | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation of the TOR • assembling the NKEs team • acquiring approval of the TOR |
| Technical Assistance Topic 3: Prevention & Reduction of Industrial Pollution Sub-Topic 3.3: Promote the engagement of civil society | N-E-LB-1: Review of guidelines and comparative study on ELVs for eight industrial activities in Lebanon Through this activity, the project will provide assistance to the Ministry of Environment in Lebanon for the prevention/abatement of industrial pollution through the improvement and updating of the Emission Limit Values for industrial emissions and the revision of guidelines for selected industrial activities in the food and beverages sector (dairy, slaughterhouses, cow farms, meat processing), and the construction sector (C&DW, cutting stone, asphalt, concrete) | Activity under approval stage. Upon agreement on the scope of the activity with the Ministry of Environment, the TOR were jointly prepared. The TOR were shared with the FP on the 6 th of April 2020 and, after an exchange of comments and adaptations, it was approved on the 28 th of April. It was confirmed that the activity can be launched remotely, and the mission foreseen during its inception phase would be carried out should the public health conditions allow it. The TOR was also shared with the EUD on the 28 th of April. The launch of the activity is still pending because of on-going discussions with the EUD about the candidature of the local expert. Exchange are still ongoing on this matter. | Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completing the NKEs team upon agreement on the local NKE (between the MoE and the EUD) • submission of the TOR to the EC Task Manager, once the approval of the EUD is provided • conducting an on-line kick off meeting • initiate the work remotely on updating the national ELVs. |
| Technical Assistance Topic 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Sub-Topic 1.1: Marine litter monitoring and management Sub-Topic 1.2: Addressing single-use plastic | N-E-LB-2: Technical assistance to the MoE in tackling the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by combatting pollution from plastics. Support to the implementation of the national monitoring programme of Lebanon with regards to marine litter (technical assistance to monitor IMAP Common Indicators 22 and 23); This activity will be carried out in close collaboration/ coordination with UNEP - MAP and in synergy with the ECAP III, Marine Litter MED II, and the IMAP - MPA. The latter monitors only the Marine Protected Areas and their vicinity. The activity will also provide support to the Ministry of Environment of Lebanon to address Single-Use Plastics (excluding plastic bags). The core of the activity is to gather baseline information on SUPs in the country, analyse the effects of potential measures, raise awareness and capacity to address SUPs. | Activity under preparation. N-E-LB-2a Marine Litter Monitoring: The Team has been harmonising all national activities on Marine Litter and coordinating with UNEP/MAP and relevant projects to avoid duplication. The TOR are under preparation but are temporarily on hold, as it is not easy to deliver the activity remotely. Priority is given to N-E-LB-1 and N-E-LB-2b that are in a more mature phase. | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation of the TOR • confirmation of the international NKE • acquiring approval of the TOR |
| | | Activity under preparation. N-E-LB-2b Single Use Plastics: The main components of this activity were discussed during the inception mission to Lebanon organized in October 2020. An activity outline was proposed by the project to the MoE and a discussion is underway on the expected results which will lead to the finalization of the referring TOR. This process was slowed down by the restrictions related to COVID-19 and the Beirut Port explosion (August 4 th 2020), which impacted the MoE. | Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation of the TOR • identification of the team of NKEs • acquiring approval of the TOR <p>The activity could be kicked-off remotely and implementation can start with work on defining the baseline situation (production and</p> |

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| | | | consumption) on selected SUPs items in Lebanon. |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable investment | <p>N-E-MO-1: Joint initiative for the establishment of the management chain for PET bottle packaging within the framework of EPR in Morocco</p> <p>This circular economy activity aims to improve the sorting, collection and recovery system for PET beverage packaging waste in Morocco through the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) in the PET sector. This joint initiative, supported and led by all stakeholders involved in the management and recovery of PET bottle packaging as part of a sustainable EPR model, has the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take stock of relevant already existing initiatives • Facilitate effective dialogue among all stakeholders involved in the sector • Set up a monitoring group for the implementation of EPR in the PET bottles sector (COFIL) • Provide technical assistance to establish a roadmap and a work plan, for the establishment of an operational model for the management of PET beverage packaging based on the principle of EPR. | <p>Activity under preparation.</p> <p>The zero draft TOR of the activity was sent to the Focal Point on the 7th of November 2019. The project received a request on the 27th of January 2020 to change the scope of the activity while remaining under the same topic.</p> <p>After a series of internal discussions, the draft ToRs were shared with the partners and were close to being validated. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the scope of the activity had to be adapted to ensure its best chance for success, as initially a demonstration activity to collect PET bottles was planned. After yet another series of discussions, two video calls were organized in October 2020 with all partners, including the EUD, and the new scope of the activity was transmitted to the MoE. It was then validated on November 2nd.</p> | <p>Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation</p> <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation of the TOR • identification of the team of NKEs • acquiring approval of the TOR |
| <p>Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Sub-Topic 1.1: Marine litter monitoring and management</p> | <p>N-E-MO-2: Consolidation activities on the ongoing marine litter activities in Morocco: expanding marine litter monitoring (e.g. in other coastal sites, other marine compartments - sea surface, sea floor); finalise the national action plan based on the consolidated findings of the assessment results; support in implementation of selected priority measures. This activity will support Morocco's efforts to meet its commitments under the Barcelona Convention.</p> | <p>Activity under preparation.</p> <p>The Team has been harmonising all national Marine Litter activities and coordinating with UNEP/MAP and relevant projects to avoid duplication. The Project Team is in communication with the FP for defining the scope and other important elements of the activity.</p> <p>After a series of exchanges with the appointed contact person for defining the scope and other important elements of the activity, the draft TOR was sent to the FP on the 9th of September 2020. The identification of the national expert has also been successful.</p> <p>On the 22nd of October the WES team received the reactions to the TORs which are being addressed, also in light of COVID-19 restrictions and precautions.</p> | <p>Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation</p> <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adapt and finalise the TOR • acquire the approval of the TOR • organise a remote kick off meeting. • |
| <p>Technical Assistance Topic 3: Prevention & Reduction of Industrial Pollution & Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable investment</p> | <p>N-E-PS-1: Technical assistance on sustainable Medical Waste Management</p> <p>The aim of the activity is to provide technical assistance to promote sustainable medical waste management solutions.</p> <p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support Palestine in the update of the Master Plan with its Roadmap for healthcare waste and to reinforce capacities of different actors to improve management practices; | <p>On-going activity.</p> <p>The 1st draft TOR was sent to the FP on the 27th of January 2020. The FP appointed the Contact person for the activity soon after that. The TOR was approved by the EUD on the 29th of September and by the EC on the 23rd of October 2020. Preparations for the Kick-off meeting are underway to take place in early December.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organise the Kick-off meeting remotely. • Initiate work, starting with the tasks that can be carried out remotely (assessment) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> define a set of measures and actions to develop a contingency/emergency plan to be executed in crisis situations (outbreaks, conflicts, earthquakes, pandemic, etc.). | | |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 3: Prevention & Reduction of Industrial Pollution Sub-Topic 3.1: Environmental mainstreaming in sector policies | N-E-PS-2: Assessment and institutional setup for mineral used oil, pharmaceutical and metal painting industries in terms of environmental sound management for hazardous waste. | <p>Activity not started yet.</p> <p>The development of the TOR for this activity would start after the N-E-PS-1 TOR has advanced, so preparations for the TOR will start soon. The 1st draft of the TOR is under development.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalise the scope of the activity and prepare the TOR |
| Technical Assistance Topic 2: Promotion of Circular Economy Sub-Topic 2.1: Support the shift to sustainable consumption and production | N-E-TN-1: Support for the implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement operations <p>The main objective of this activity is the implementation and a concrete application of Sustainable Public Purchasing in the Construction sector as part of the implementation of PANAPD. This involves working on a methodology to be followed for Sustainable Public Purchasing in the Construction sector in a "learning by doing" approach and which can be replicated in other sectors.</p> | <p>On-going activity</p> <p>The TOR was approved by the EC on April 1st 2020.</p> <p>An introductory video-conference was held on the 16th of April between the Experts and CITET. The project's scope and main elements were presented and discussed, amongst which the involved stakeholders and beneficiaries.</p> <p>Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was agreed to launch with a remote kick-off meeting which took place on the 27th of May 2020. Work subsequently commenced.</p> <p>At the end of October, discussions were initiated between the NKEs and the national designated partner (CITET) to adapt the foreseen mission (Task3) in view of the restrictions linked to COVID-19 and the inability of the experts to travel to Tunisia to provide Capacity Building and Technical Assistance under Task 3. A detailed methodology for delivering Task 3 will be proposed to CITET with the option that international experts will deliver and assist remotely.</p> | <p>Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation</p> <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> submit the deliverables under Task 1. propose methodology to deliver Task 3 remotely. |
| Technical Assistance Topic 3: Prevention & Reduction of Industrial Pollution Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable investment | N-E-TN-2: Technical assistance for Industrial pollution prevention and monitoring in a coastal area. <p>Provision of technical assistance for the reduction of environmental impacts linked to the agro-food processing industry of tomatoes in the coastal region rich in biodiversity and highly threatened from Korba to Cab Bon in Tunisia. The activity is particularly aimed at: i) the introduction of measures to optimize the consumption of resources and reduce environmental pollution linked to the industrial processing of tomatoes and the treatment of their effluents; ii) setting up an environmental monitoring system for the tomato processing industries; and iii) the launch of a process for a sectoral framework agreement for the sustainable management of resources and environmental protection of the tomato processing activity in the target region.</p> | <p>On-going activity</p> <p>The TOR was approved by the EC on April 7th. A coordination meeting (online) among the experts was organised on the 15th of April 2020 while the national designated partner (ANPE) organized a first meeting of the COPIL on June 11th 2020 in which the KE Environment and the NKEs took part. The COPIL validated the work methodology.</p> <p>A field visit to the industries of Korba, which also included meetings with key stakeholders, was successfully organised from 14 to 16 July 2020 (all NKEs and ANPE participating). The inception report (Task1) was sent to ANPE on October 19th and the diagnostic report (Task 1) is being finalized to be submitted soon.</p> | <p>Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation</p> <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> submit the diagnostic report (Task 1). |



TABLE 2: PROGRESS IN REGIONAL LEVEL ACTIVITIES (POLLUTION PREVENTION)

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| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Sub-Topic 1.1: Marine litter monitoring and management Sub-Topic 1.2: Addressing single-use plastics | RE-1-REG / RE-1-P2P: Phasing out single-use plastics in the Mediterranean. The overall aim of this activity is to provide technical assistance and strengthen the capacities of the non-EU Mediterranean countries to implement effective measures to phase out Single Use Plastics (SUP). Specific objectives: Support WES Partner Countries in the formulation of the most appropriate and regionally harmonized measures/policy instruments to phase out SUPs and promote a circular economy; Contribute to the co-development of a set of guidelines to address SUPs in the Mediterranean, to be eventually adopted by the Barcelona Convention at the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2021; Facilitate a Peer-to-Peer process for experience sharing and knowledge transfer on SUP reduction among the WES PCs. It is a good activity to combine with 'horizontal' project lines e.g. addressing Youth, young entrepreneurs, networking, gender equality. | On-going activity Coordination with UNEP/MAP, Plastic Busters MPAs, SwitchMed, COMMON and other relevant regional projects has been established (overlaps and synergies with these and other regional projects and processes will be carefully monitored throughout). The regional training was initially scheduled for June 2020 but was postponed due to the COVID-19 health crisis and relevant restrictions. The TOR was initially approved on the 23 rd of June 2020 and its revised version was approved on the 8 th of July 2020. Discussions on the structure, set up and interaction options during the P2P sessions and regional training were carried out between the NKEs and WES team. Also, coordination meetings were carried out for the organisation details of the videoconference environment to support the series of meetings involved (P2P, REG, Study Visit). The details of how the Study Visit can be organized with pandemic restrictions are still to be decided. The Peer-to-Peer process commenced with the request to FPs to appoint peers on the 3 rd and 4 th of September 2020. 14 peers have been appointed in the meantime. The 1st P2P meeting was successfully held on the 9th of November 2020, while the preparations for the webinars that will deliver the Regional training are in full force. | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organising the 2nd P2P meeting in December 2020 Regional Training to be held between mid-January to mid-March 2021 in the form of interactive webinars If possible, hold the Study Visit in a feasible and impactful way considering the circumstances, before March 2021. |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Sub-Topic 1.1: Marine litter monitoring and management Sub-Topic 1.2: Addressing single-use plastics | RE-2-REG: Understanding better microplastics and identifying how to address the issue. Technical assistance to address microplastics intentionally added in products or production processes (including handling plastic pellets) will be provided through a user friendly publication (at least in EN and FR). Targeted participants: The capacity building activity will address mainly policy makers and will aim at giving them an overview of the different aspects of the microplastics issue, from the ones intentionally added in the production processes and products to the ones generated by the fragmentation and deterioration of plastics which constitute the main source of microplastics. It will also highlight specific solutions that could be of relevance particularly for southern Med Countries (from policy to technological developments). It will be combined with the Marine Litter P2P exchange of WES (possibly linked to national activities as well). Overlaps and synergies with other regional projects and processes will be carefully monitored. | The activity's scope and structure are under conceptualisation. | Preparations for the activity are to commence in the 1 st half of the year 2021. |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 2: Promotion of Circular Economy | RE-3-REG / R E-3-P2P: Innovative Circular Economy Business Models in the Mediterranean region A brief user-friendly publication (at least EN and FR) will be produced | The activity's scope and structure are under conceptualisation. | Preparations for the activity are to commence in the 1 st half of the year 2021. |



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| <p>Sub-Topic 2.1: Support the shift to sustainable consumption and production</p> <p>Sub-Topic 1.2: Addressing single-use plastics</p> | <p>targeting policy makers who have an important role to play in order to enable that shift. In addition, successful experiences should be disseminated to encourage others to act. WES will engage with Business Support Organisations to develop national capacities to unlock the circular economy in the Region.</p> <p>The regional event will use the publication as a "concept note" and will highlight effective circular economy solutions already in place (with a focus on business models). It will target mainly Business Support Organisations and policy makers to inspire them to effectively support circular economy businesses. This activity will be coordinated/co-organised with SwitchMed and combined with a P2P process (possibly linked to national activities as well). Overlaps and synergies with other regional projects and processes will be carefully monitored)</p> | | |
| <p>Technical Assistance & Capacity Building</p> <p>Topic 2: Promotion of Circular Economy</p> <p>Sub-Topic 2.2: Waste management schemes and streams</p> | <p>RE-4-REG / RE-4- ST/ RE-4-P2P activity on the Management of Construction & Demolition Waste (C&DW)</p> <p>This regional activity takes up from the groundwork achieved by SWIM-H2020 SM and aims to support the PCs in the implementation of tools to monitor and classify C&DW (and WEEE). A short user-friendly publication (at least EN and FR) will be produced on the tools, targeting policy makers who have a role in enabling the changes. The regional event will use the publication as a "concept note".</p> <p>Furthermore, the regional capacity building will analyse opportunities to locally valorise the materials (circular economy approach), effectively engaging the local stakeholders, using PPPs, etc. It will constitute a field visit and P2P exchange (possibly linked to national activities as well).</p> | TOR under preparation. | The activity is to commence within the 1 st half of the year 2021. |
| <p>Technical Assistance & Capacity Building</p> <p>Topic 2: Promotion of Circular Economy</p> <p>Sub-Topic 2.2: Waste management schemes and streams</p> <p>Topic 3: Prevention and reduction of industrial pollution</p> <p>Horizontal: PPP & Access to sustainable investment</p> | <p>RE-7-REG: Best practices in achieving waste reduction in the Mediterranean</p> <p>Under Strategic Direction 3.4, the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD 2016-2025) contains the Flagship Initiative 3.4.5, as one of the overall 11 MSSD Flagship Initiatives, aiming at the elaboration of a regional assessment of the effectiveness of high-tech and low-tech solutions, including but not limited to awareness-raising and economic measures that have been implemented, with a view to their more widespread utilization in waste reduction efforts. Under WES the following can be implemented: (a) Conduct a regional assessment of high- and low-tech solutions including but not limited to awareness-raising and economic measures, that have been successfully implemented in Mediterranean countries and elsewhere (e.g. in the EU) to achieve waste reduction and promote the principles of circular economy, relevant to the Mediterranean countries' context and needs. (b) develop a 'repository' or on-line tool for facilitated access to the solutions and their more widespread utilization in waste reduction efforts; (c) integrate (a) and (b) above in relevant WES activities (over the duration of the project).</p> | <p>TOR under finalisation.</p> <p>Discussions with the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development - MCS (UNEP/MAP Secretariat) and the UfMS have taken place to begin the preparations for this activity immediately. The UfMS will be providing additional resources in support of this activity.</p> <p>The desk study results of this activity are included for capitalization purposes under a project proposal of CBC-CAP (submission deadline was end of July).</p> <p>ToRs are in their final stage and the identification of the NKEs as well.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation and submission of the TOR • identification of the team of NKEs • complete the regional assessment and develop the repository within the 1st half of the year 2021. |

TABLE 3: PROGRESS IN HORIZONTAL LEVEL ACTIVITIES

| Dimension / Topic | Activity title/Description | Progress made / Challenges encountered | Future Planning |
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| Enhancement of the Enabling conditions Topic: Awareness Raising & dissemination of Information | HE-1-REG: On-line UfM Stakeholder Consultation on the post-2020 Environment and Climate Action Agendas The proposed event aimed to enhance the visibility and public ownership and support (and therefore impact) of the UfM Ministerial meeting (tentatively planned for December 2020 – later postponed to 2021), feeding into its draft Declaration, with inputs of importance to civil society, local authorities and parliamentarians (MPs). The timing, structure and agenda were to be co-developed with the UfMS. WES Youth, gender equality and networking efforts would be linked with this regional activity as well. | <p>Activity completed</p> <p>Initially discussions with the UfM and the EC took place for the type of support to be provided by the WES project. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the activity did not take place as initially planned for September 2020 in Palma (Balearics) as a physical meeting. Therefore, the TOR was developed along these lines and submitted to the EC on the 15th of June 2020 proposing two ways of launching an on-line questionnaire-based consultation: either a video launching or a virtual on-line meeting. It was approved on the 22nd of June 2020 after some clarifications from the Team. On June 25th, the EC approved the video option, and the tasks were launched accordingly.</p> <p>The consultation was successfully implemented (supporting inputs in 3 languages) from July 22nd up till the 31st of August with more than 190 responses. A summary report was prepared (in EN and FR) in cooperation with the UfMS and a UfM consultant. The results were presented by WES at a UfM SOM meeting with very positive reactions and at the UfM Task Force Meeting.</p> | <p>The activity has been completed.</p> |
| Capacity Building & Enhancement of the Enabling conditions Topic: Awareness Raising & dissemination of Information | HE-2-REG: Awareness raising and Education for Sustainable Development: Training of Trainers on campaigns for sustainable consumption This regional training will address Ministries of Education, Environment, Water, Development, etc., agencies and organisations of educators, as well as relevant CSOs/NGOs. It directly supports the UfM SCP efforts in the region (and will therefore be planned together with the UfMS). Through this activity (ToT) a large number of educators of primary and secondary schools in the PCs will be indirectly reached. It also supports the PCs in the implementation of the Action Plan of the Mediterranean Strategy on ESD (see further explanation under horizontal regional activity "Educating for Sustainable Development: focus on WWT for reuse and NCWRs"). The activity is linked with Topic 1 and the 'horizontal' project lines e.g. addressing/engaging Youth, young entrepreneurs, networking, gender equality. Furthermore, it is directly linked with WES Task 1.7: Awareness raising among consumers and producers on the causes and consequences of pollution aiming at behavioural change. In this light, it will link with national activities of WES (to be further defined). | <p>The activity's scope and structure are under conceptualisation.</p> | <p>The activity is to commence within the 1st half of the year 2021 .</p> |

| Dimension / Topic | Activity title/Description | Progress made / Challenges encountered | Future Planning |
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| Enhancement of the Enabling conditions Topic: Legal and Regulatory aspects | <p>HRE-4-REG / HRE-4-P2P: Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean</p> <p>The issue of the provision of timely and accurate environmental information to society (e.g. within the process of EIAs and SEAs) and the encouragement of citizens, organized stakeholders, private sector, municipalities and the media to be involved in activities and initiatives for the protection of the environment and natural resources (water, biodiversity, etc.) is one of the most difficult in the Mediterranean. There are historical socio-political reasons for the reduced participation of citizens in this area. Now many Mediterranean governments try to improve environmental governance and mobilize citizens organizations in becoming constructive allies in dealing with the accumulated environmental and sustainability problems.</p> <p>The Mediterranean Commission of Sustainable Development (MCSD) and the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (2016-2025) encourages all Mediterranean countries to accede to the Aarhus Convention that provides for access to environmental information, active public participation and access to justice on environmental issues. It has approved a flagship programme on this issue and the proposed activity will allow the sharing of experiences between European countries (already members of the Aarhus Convention) and non-European ones.</p> <p>The regional activity will address mostly officials of Ministries of Environment and Water but also governmental departments dealing with International Conventions as well as key environmental NGOs. The Aarhus Secretariat under UNECE has been informed and enthusiastically will cooperate with WES, the MCSD and the UfMS for this regional activity.</p> | <p>Activity under preparation</p> <p>Discussions with the MCSD (UNEP/MAP Secretariat) and the UfMS have taken place to begin the preparations for this activity before the end of 2020 in light of (a) developing a key background document, (b) holding a Peers meeting in mid-2021 and (c) organizing the regional training in late 2021 or early 2022. Strategic partnership/expertise from MEPIELAN is confirmed. The TORs are in an advanced stage.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation and submission of the TOR • identification of the team of NKEs • hold the P2P meeting in first half of 2021 |

COMPONENT 2: EFFICIENT USE OF WATER

TABLE 4: PROGRESS IN NATIONAL LEVEL ACTIVITIES (EFFICIENT USE OF WATER)

| Dimension / Topic / Sub-Topic | Activity title/Description | Progress made / Challenges encountered | Future Planning |
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| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Water Use Assessment, estimation Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost Recovery, Affordability of water services Subtopic 2.2: Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Management | N-W-DZ-1: Conduct a diagnosis for the performance of Non-Revenue Water (NRW) in a pilot utility and develop a plan for NRW improvements focusing on minimum cost of interventions with fast investment paybacks. | <p>On-going activity</p> <p>The activity's TOR was approved by DG NEAR on the 23rd March 2020. Due to the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges brought along, the activity was kicked off remotely on the 11th of June 2020.</p> <p>Following that, a coordination meeting was organized between the NKEs and the ADE to discuss the availability of data. The list of the required data was prepared including a dropbox link in order to centralise the available information and was sent to the Algerian Ministry. As the volume of the data was large, a mission to collect them from the local authorities was organised on the 16th of September. The local NKEs only participated in this mission, as the international NKE was not able to travel due to the pandemic.</p> <p>A second mission was also planned for the beginning of November however due to COVID-19 implications to the local counterparts it was postponed and got transposed into an Inception Workshop for presenting the results of the Inception Phase and defining the requirements and necessary resources of the partner teams (the NRW and GIS team). The workshop was held on the 9th November via tele-conference.</p> <p>It was also planned to be eventually combined with a two-day mission on the 11th and 12th November 2020 for meeting with two members of the ADE GIS team to be established for following the activity. The mission was undertaken but did not achieve its objectives due to the confinement of one of the members of the GIS team, thus necessitating another mission</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reschedule and hold the mission in person or remotely for establishing the framework of collaboration with the local GIS team (end of November 2020). • Proceed to the digital mapping of the network and installations - Preparation of a database of networks, facilities and customers (Task 2) |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Water Use Assessment, estimation Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Subtopic 2.3: Water Demand Management (WDM) | N-W-DZ-2: Potential of Water use efficiency and water saving in municipal water | <p>On-going activity</p> <p>The zero draft TOR of the activity was sent to the Focal Point in October 2019, but was later revised and renamed, to be resubmitted in July 2020. The pilot zone was selected at that point. The TOR was approved on the 28th September 2020.</p> <p>The KOM of the activity was organised remotely on the 27th of October 2020. The work on the activity has been initiated.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organise the data collection process remotely • develop the methodology for holding the survey on the efficiency of residential use of water • establishment of WDM and survey teams • hold survey • hold a consultation and awareness raising meeting at the end of the activity |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Water Use Assessment, estimation Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost Recovery, Affordability of water services Subtopic 2.2: Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Management | N-W-EG-1: Strengthen the water utilities capacities to manage/reduce non-revenue water (NRW) and detect leakage | <p>On-going activity</p> <p>The zero draft TOR of the activity was sent to Focal Point in December 2019 for his feedback. The country's proposed scope required too many resources. Therefore, the project team prepared a counter proposal of a narrower scope, focusing on the division of Asyut water network into Distribution zones rather than District Metered Areas. The counter proposal made was accepted by the FPs and the TOR was built accordingly. The TOR were approved by the EC on the 17th of July 2020.</p> <p>The activity was launched by an online KOM organised on the 2nd of September 2020. A first mission of the local experts to the Asyut Water and Wastewater</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the data collection process, data assessment and evaluation • Organise an inception mission remotely • Prepare the Inception Report • Verification of GIS Maps and Customers database • Calibration of the Hydraulic Model for the network • Preliminary division of the network system into distribution zones (DZ) and design the zones |



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| | | Company (ASWWC) was organised on the 23rd of September 2020 after obtaining an official security approval from the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation. The experts were informed that no data can be disclosed unless approval from the holding Company for Water and Wastewater is obtained. A second mission to the ASSWWC was organised on the 27th and 28th of October 2020. To date no data was provided. | |
| Technical Assistance Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Topic 5: Enhancing Water Efficiency and Productivity in Agriculture Horizontal: PPP & Access to Investment Subtopic 4.1: Agriculture Water Use Efficiency | N-W-EG-2: Assist Egypt in the preparation of a framework related to PPP to provide (in addition to other financing instruments) opportunities to create guarantees for the banking system, allowing the private sector to be involved and improve “water network management and resources efficiency (on-farm and main network)” | Activity under preparation The zero draft TOR of the activity was sent to Focal Point in January 2020 and after several delays, due to COVID-19, the FP shared the proposed scope of work with the team on the 10th of August, which was judged to be very demanding resources-wise. Several online meetings were organised after that, between the partners, the EU water stars project and the experts to discuss the revised ToRs. The TOR are under preparation. | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation of the TOR • identification of the team of NKEs • acquiring approval of the TOR |
| Technical Assistance Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost Recovery, Affordability of water services Subtopic 3.1: Tariffs | N-W-IL-1: Evaluation of new methods to reduce the cross subsidies in the agricultural water tariff in Israel. | On-going activity The zero draft TOR of the activity was sent to the Focal Point on 15/10/2019 and the input of the Focal Point was received on 30/12/2019. Three CVs were sent to the FP for selection upon request. Exchanges with the Focal Point on the preparation of the TOR started soon after but were interrupted with the COVID 19 lock down. All comments received were incorporated in the revised version of the TOR. The latest version was approved by the EC on the 28 th September 2020. The Kick off meeting was organised online on November 5 th 2020. The NKE has initiated his work on the activity and in communication with the Focal Point and WES Key Expert for coordination. | Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initiate data collection process • carry out the activity as per its planning |
| Technical Assistance Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Subtopic 2.1: Non-Conventional Water Resources | N-W-IL-2: Storm water management and Natural Water Retention Measures | On-going activity The project team was in close collaboration with the Focal Point and counterparts for the preparation of the TOR, while comments received by the EU Delegation were incorporated in the final version of the TOR. The TOR was approved on the 13th of May 2020. Following that, the assistance of the FP was requested for identifying a local “Landscape Architect” to participate in the activity, in order to bring in local expertise. The search proved to be challenging and a suitable NKE was identified only in July 2020. The KOM of the activity was successfully organized remotely on the 14th of September 2020. The Team is in coordination with the Ministry and the providers for the organisation of a one-day stakeholder workshop to discuss and evaluate the project team’s initial screening of applicable NWRM measures. A draft of the first deliverable on BMP & NWRM was sent to the partners | Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalise the screening of NWRM by the project team • hold the workshop on the NWRM measures (26 November 2020) • Finalise the BMP & NWRM report to include case studies • Selection of pilot case studies • Basic design of NWRM in the selected pilots |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 1: Water Use Assessment, estimation Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level | N-W-JO-1: Conduct a diagnosis for the performance of Non-Revenue Water (NRW) in a pilot utility and develop a plan for NRW improvements focusing on minimum cost of interventions with fast investment paybacks | Activity under preparation The project was initially in contact with the FP and the USAID project working on the “Water Management Initiative (WMI)” that was expected to guide the NRW reduction activities/project in the country, in order to synergise and have the | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalising the TOR • acquiring approval of the TOR • initiating the work for this activity. |

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| Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost Recovery, Affordability of water services Subtopic 2.2: Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Management | | <p>WES activity aligned with it. However, the USAID project did not commit for the needed procurement in support of the activity due to insufficient budget, therefore the WES team drafted a memo and submitted it to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation for his opinion. The SG approved the memo and requested to include elements of smart metering in the activity. The revised TOR were sent to the FP on the 18th of June 2020. Due to several changes in the management of NRW department in the partner organisation, coupled with lockdowns, the comments on the TORs were delayed until October 2020. Two internet meeting were organised to discuss the TORs with the beneficiaries and the FP in the meantime to discuss open questions.</p> <p>The TOR is currently under finalisation.</p> | |
| Technical Assistance Horizontal: Legal and Regulatory aspects (of mainstreaming WUE) Subtopic 2.1: NCWR | N-W-JO-2: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) at the catchment scale | <p>Activity under preparation</p> <p>Initially the Water KE was in communication with the FP and the two USAID funded projects (WMI project and Water Innovative Technology (WIT) Project) for building an activity on the outcomes of these projects for increasing water efficiency and incentives for rooftop water harvesting and their enforcement. However, following further discussions it was decided that the activity would focus on the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) at the catchment scale.</p> <p>A Concept Note that was prepared describing the main elements of the activity was shared with the FP. The Concept Note was approved and the TOR was prepared on that basis. Following the request of the FP, the TOR is being adapted to add the position of a local NKE.</p> <p>The TOR was recently approved by the EU Delegation (3rd November) and the Focal Point (15th November).</p> | <p>Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation</p> <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring approval of the TOR by DG NEAR • Mobilising the NKEs’ team • Organising an on-line kick off meeting • Initiating the work for this activity. |
| Technical Assistance Topic 1: Water Use Assessment, estimation Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Subtopic 2.1: Non-Conventional Water Resources | N-W-LB-1: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) | <p>Activity put on hold.</p> <p>Under the recommendation of the political leadership of the MoEW and the EUD, the proposed national activity was frozen until the 1st workshop of the AFD/EU technical assistance (TA) project focusing on the water sector reform, in order to ensure there will be no overlap with WES activity and ensure alignment with the sector strategy. WES will allow for minor adjustments to the activity later and be considered also under the overall issue of flood risk reduction.</p> <p>Based on communications with the EUD during mid-June, the TA AFD-EU project that was supposed to be launched around May has been delayed by COVID (and by some internal procurement delays from AFD) and the team was not expected to be on board before September. The organisation of the workshop was eventually further affected by the Beirut port explosion.</p> <p>The WES Key Expert is following up on the progress of the project and possible involvement of the WES project.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WES to follow this up with the EU Delegation in Lebanon. • Initiate the design of the activity when the AFD-EU project is mature enough and adequate information is in place. |
| Capacity Building Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level | N-W-LB-2: National plan for sludge management and treatment focusing on bio digesters and the generation of biogas in a decentralised way. | <p>Activity put on hold.</p> <p>Initially the planned activity was the “Capacity building on WWTPs - planning for wastewater treatment in a pilot area to accommodate possibilities for reuse</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WES to follow this up with the EU Delegation in Lebanon. |



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| Subtopic 2.5: Wastewater Treatment for reuse | | <p>including artificial recharge”. Under the recommendation of the political leadership of the MoEW and the EUD, the proposed national activity was put on hold until the 1st workshop of the AFD/EU project focusing on the water sector reform, in order to ensure there will be no overlap with WES activity and ensure alignment with the sector strategy. The activity is to be replaced with one focusing on the implementation of a national plan for sludge management and treatment focusing on bio digesters and the generation of biogas in a decentralised way.</p> <p>Around the end of June 2020 MoEW’s revised strategy was shared with the project by the EU Delegation together with the TOR for a study about sludge management launched by World Bank in Bekaa, to be used when conceptualising the new activity.</p> <p>Based on communications with the EUD during mid-June, the TA AFD-EU project that was supposed to be launched around May has been delayed by COVID (and by some internal procurement delays from AFD) and the team was not expected to be on board before September. The organisation of the workshop was eventually further affected by the Beirut port explosion.</p> <p>The WES Key Expert is following up on the progress of the project and possible involvement of the WES project.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate the design of the activity when the AFD-EU project is mature enough and adequate information is in place. |
| Technical Assistance Horizontal: Legal and Regulatory aspects (of mainstreaming WUE) Subtopic 2.3: Water Demand Management (WDM) | N-W-MO-1: Support WDM in relation to water scarcity. | <p>On-going activity</p> <p>The zero draft TOR was initially sent to the Country’s FP in October 2019 and included several options to help the country define in more detail the scope of the activity. The Water Key Expert was in close collaboration with the Focal Point and NKEs for building and focusing the scope of the TOR since then.</p> <p>The TOR were submitted to the EU on the 17th of June 2020, while it was approved by DG NEAR on the 26th of June 2020.</p> <p>The activity was launched by an online KOM organized on the 22nd of July 2020. The work on the activity has been initiated, but it is slowed down due to the COVID-19 related restrictions on flights keeping the NKE away from the country, as well as due to data availability and sharing issues.</p> <p>The project team is concerned that the lack of data and the existing difficulties in obtaining the data can limit the added value of the study.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue the data collection process by the local NKE resolve the data sharing issues with the counterparts resuming work on the activity |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost Recovery, Affordability of water services Subtopic 3.3: Water Services Cost recovery | N-W-MO-2: Elaboration of strategies for cost recovery, and development of tools for the evaluations of costs related to water | <p>Activity under preparation</p> <p>The preparation of this activity has just commenced. The first version of the TOR was shared with the country on the 8th of October 2020.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> designing the TOR acquiring approval of the TOR Initiating the work |
| Technical Assistance & Enhancement of the Enabling Conditions Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost Recovery, Affordability of water services Horizontal: PPP & Access to Investment | N-W-PS-1: Design actions/modalities for improved water billing and fees' collection rates also with a view to support outsourcing and PPP and engagement through Micro PSP | <p>Activity under preparation</p> <p>Initially, the Project Team was in communication with the FP and the consortium partners to identify the NKEs to be involved in the activity and help define the scope and other important elements of the activity. The zero draft TOR of the activity was sent to the Focal Point on 3/12/2019. Comments on the TORs were</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> designing the TOR acquiring approval of the TOR Initiating the work |



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| Subtopic 2.2: Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Management | | received on 7 November 2020. The KE is presently coordinating with the NKE to sharpen the scope of work. | |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Topic 4: Enhancing Water Efficiency and Productivity in Agriculture Subtopic 4.1: Agriculture Water Use Efficiency | N-W-PS-2: Capacity building/trainings with pilot farmers' associations and relevant communities on optimal irrigation management and practices | <p>Activity approved - to be launched.</p> <p>The first draft of the TOR was submitted to the FP on the 9th of July 2020. After the inputs of the FP, the updated version was submitted to the EU Delegation for its review. The TOR was also shared with Oxfam as a draft to ensure synergy. Comments from the EU Delegation were incorporated in the final version sent to DG NEAR (Approved on 12th November 2020). The team is in coordination with the Focal Point and stakeholders for the organisation of the Kick off meeting for launching the activity remotely. Proposed date is 2 December 2020.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organising the Kick-Off meeting and launching the activity Mobilising the team of experts Initiating work |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Topic 4: Enhancing Water Efficiency and Productivity in Agriculture Subtopic 4.1: Agriculture Water Use Efficiency Subtopic 2.1: Non-Conventional Water Resources | N-W-TN-1: Improving the efficiency of water use in agriculture | <p>On-going activity</p> <p>The zero draft of the TOR was sent in November 2019 and exchanges with the Focal Point and the local partners (mainly concerning the nature of the training sessions involved lasted until February 2020) when an updated version of the TOR was submitted and a new approach for the training was proposed and was discussed with the FP. A revised version of the TOR was again submitted on 23/3/2020 – the calendar of this version was updated to adapt to the COVID-19 situation and the possibility of postponement of the trainings and missions to the country and of starting with the tasks that could be implemented remotely before effecting the inception mission.</p> <p>The latest version of the TOR was submitted to the FP on the 8th of May 2020. At the same day, the TOR was also sent to the EUD. Comments received referred to requesting to take out a task for preparing the specifications for the exercise of the profession of the supply and installation of water saving equipment, to actively include representatives of the private sector (suppliers of water saving equipment) in the activity and to take into consideration the economic context of the operators and actors of the irrigation networks.</p> <p>All comments were addressed, and the revised TOR was resubmitted to the EUD and then to DG NEAR, thus getting approved on the 25th September 2020.</p> <p>The Activity was renamed to: "Amélioration de l'efficacité de l'utilisation de l'eau en agriculture".</p> <p>The activity was launched on November 4th via an online Kick off meeting. Work on the activity has been initiated.</p> | <p>Activity prioritized given the possibility of remote implementation</p> <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate the work on the Desk study Arrange for data collection process remotely analyse the current situation in the two pilot areas and prepare recommendations for training of trainers hold the Training of Trainers |
| Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Topic 4: Enhancing Water Efficiency and Productivity in Agriculture Subtopic 2.4: Water Supply Productivity | N-W-TN-2: Reservoir Sedimentation Hazard and Mitigation Measures towards Sustainability in Tunisia, Study of the siltation of two Tunisian dams: Siliana and Lebna dams | <p>Activity not started yet</p> <p>The TOR was sent to the FP on the 30th of April 2020 for his feedback. The possibility to hold a remote kick off meeting for launching the activity was discussed while a revised version of the TOR was sent back to the team requesting an additional set of trainings to be carried out in Tunisia.</p> <p>The team organized a conference call with the Tunisian counterparts to discuss the new request and additional issues, such as the languages spoken by the NKEs team. The team communicated to the FP its concern on the availability of data.</p> <p>The Final version of the TOR was sent to the EUD and comments were received on the 8th of September 2020. The Team has been in a long search for a local geologist, requesting the assistance and approval of the Tunisian counterparts.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquiring approval of the TOR by DG NEAR Conducting an on-line kick off meeting Initiating the work for this activity. |

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| | | The final version of the TOR and team of NKEs was submitted to DG NEAR on the 11 th November 2020. | |

TABLE: 5: PROGRESS IN REGIONAL LEVEL ACTIVITIES (EFFICIENT USE OF WATER)

| Dimension / Topic / Sub-Topic | Activity title/Description | Progress made / Challenges encountered | Future Planning |
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| Capacity Building Topic 4: Enhancing Water Efficiency and Productivity in Agriculture Subtopic 4.2: WEFE Nexus | RW-1-REG: Training on the practical application of the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus and related policies and regulations. Activity supports the UfM water agenda on the nexus; namely the output related to the "Knowledge shared and capacity built on Nexus methodologies, policies and technologies". | Activity postponed The TOR was initially designed to hold stand-alone training and the KEs and backstopping team were working on finding the team of NKEs to hold the training, and developed the possible training modules in the initial TOR for this activity. The event was originally planned for early April 2020. It was later decided for this activity to be combined with two events on related subjects co-organized with the UfM in order to make use of mutual experiences, reinforce the representation of Ministries of Energy, Agriculture and Environment (dealing with Ecosystems), as well as the Ministries of Water and economize on resources as well. The first event is the following: the "2nd Regional Roundtable on Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems NEXUS in MENA", foreseen for 23-24 June 2020 in Tunis, (co-organised by GWP-Med, the UfM, the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), GIZ (tbc), the Joint Research Center (JRC) and the League of Arab States. The second was the UfM Task Force Meeting on the Nexus and WEM (Water, Employment and Migration) (originally for the 25 June, Tunis), organized by the UfM, which was proposed by WES to be "extended" by a meeting of representatives from the aforementioned WEFE Ministries (to include representatives of Ministries of Water) and selected regional institutions/organisations. The scientific programme coordination would be under the WES TL's supervision, while the organization/administrative work will be shared by the GWP-Med team and LDK. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the two meetings were postponed with the possibility of being transformed into on-line meetings. | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on the organisation of the training in the near future. Coordinate with the UfM and other potential co-organisers and decide whether to organise it in combination with other similar events or as a stand-alone WES activity. Preparations for the activity are to re-commence in the 1 st half of the year 2021. |
| Capacity Building Topic 3: Water Resources Valuation, Cost-Recovery and Affordability of Water Services Subtopic 3.2: Water Accounting & Valuation | RW-2-REG: Training on water accounting The activity is in line with the Water Financing Strategy of the UfM and is closely connected with the UfM Mediterranean Water Knowledge Platform. It will refer to International Standards – the UN System of Environmental Economic Accounting Central Framework (SEEA-CF), and the UN System of Environmental Economic Accounting for water (SEEA-water) and will ensure complementarity with the ENI SEIS II South Support Mechanism (Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the ENP South region). | On-going activity- Training carried out The project team was in close collaboration with the ENI SEIS II South SM Coordinator for co-developing the training's programme and assembling the team of specialized experts and speakers to contribute to its realization. The TOR was originally submitted to DG NEAR on 1st April 2020 planning for the event to be held between the 29/6 - 3/7, as a 5-day live event. Due to the COVID-19 crisis it had to be postponed for September 2020. However, it was finally agreed to hold it on-line (remotely) to avoid uncertainties related to the public health and travel restrictions. Preparations had to be made for the technical revision of the modules and agenda, as well as for the selection and trial of the online (web) platform to support this event. Five participants were selected by each partner country to follow the training. The WES Team exchanged frequently with the participants for their online registration to the training and the registration to the platform hosting the event. The 5 sessions of the training were successfully organised from 12/10/2020 to 26/10/2020. There were 3 trainers from the side of the WES team, and 7 more trainers contributed with case studies and country examples to the overall programme. 48 participants joined the training in total. The training's duration was 30 hours including homework, representing around 20 hours online. The training sessions were supported by background material such as | Planned work to involve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalise training report. |

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| | | hands-out for breakout sessions, workbooks and other informative documents. Feedback received by the participants was very positive. | |
| Capacity Building Topic 2: Water Efficiency Gains at Decentralised Level Horizontal: Legal and Regulatory Aspects Subtopic 2.3: Water Demand Management (WDM) | RW-3-REG/ P2P: Capacity building on (1) Water demand management (WDM) & methods of water conservation; (2) Policy instruments for water use reduction including tariff models for water/wastewater and agriculture; (3) Cost effectiveness analysis of WDM measures, Rain water harvesting and grey water reuse; (4) Role of the private sector, rebate programs and corporate social responsibility. | The activity's scope and structure are under re-conceptualisation. | The activity is to commence within the 2 st half of the year 2021 . |
| Capacity Building Topic 2: Investigation and Introduction of Water Efficiency Gains at the Decentralized Level Subtopic 2.1: Non-Conventional Water Resources (NCWR) | RW-4-REG/ P2P: CB on NCWR focusing on water harvesting including through retention & aquifer recharge with storm water | The activity's scope and structure are under re-conceptualisation. | The activity is to be held within the 1 st half of the year 2021 . |

TABLE 6: PROGRESS IN ACTIVITIES UNDER OTHER COMPONENTS

| Activity title/Description | Progress made / Challenges encountered | Future Planning |
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| COMPONENT 3 – Support to the Demonstration projects | | |
| Activity 3.1: Support to the selection of demonstration projects | <p>Activity completed</p> <p>In order for the project to support the selection process of the Demonstration projects the Contracting Authority prepared the TOR for “experts to assess grant applications, received in the framework of the Call for Proposals” for the Demonstration Projects. An Evaluation Committee comprising of EC staff was set up by the Contracting Authority. The work of the Evaluation Committee was supported by a team of external assessors provided by the WES project: Two assessors and one Assessors’ Team Leader.</p> <p>European Union Delegations also participated in the evaluation process, giving their scores to the applications evaluated.</p> <p>The administrative assessment of the 17 final applications selected by the Evaluation Committee took place on the 18th to 20th of November 2019 and then the evaluation of the 16 successful full applications was carried out between the 01/12/2019 and the 31/01/2020.</p> <p>A meeting of the Evaluation Committee with the activity's TL was held on Thursday 06/02/2020. On 05/03/2020, the final report on the “Assessment of Grant Applications received in the framework of the call for proposals for Demonstration Projects on Efficient Use of Water - EuropeAid/163941/DH/ACT/Multi” was submitted to the EC together with each assessor's signed Concept Note and Full Application evaluation forms, as per the TOR. The deliverable was approved on 24/3/2020.</p> | Activity completed |
| Activity 3.2: Support to the demonstration project implementation | <p>After the evaluation of all applications submitted, the European Commission awarded 7 Demonstration projects (contract signature of 1 is pending).</p> <p>Following their contract signature, e-mails were sent to all Demo projects from the EC to remind them of the support they will receive from the WES, while a follow up e-mail was sent to all of them by the Project Coordinator.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring the network of WES NKEs to be involved in this activity in contact with the Demo projects |

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| | <p>Exchanges with the Demonstration projects have already commenced. The TOR reflecting the framework of support to be provided by the WES project has been approved and the team of NKEs are being mobilised. As the Demonstration project will be operated in 6 different countries, the WES team has created a network of 6 local experts in these countries, and two International NKEs based in Greece, to carry out the work.</p> <p>A brainstorming meeting is being planned for early 2021 to bring together the previous and current phase Demonstration projects and better inform the new projects about the WES framework philosophy, methodology and expectations and to get exposed to the lessons learned from the previous phase demo projects. WES Water Focal Points are to be invited as they will be kept close to the Demonstration projects' developments.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange information about the projects Organise a brainstorming meeting in early 2021 (online) Put the framework of cooperation in effect |
| COMPONENT 4 - Support to the UfM Water and Environment Agendas | | |
| Activity 4.1: Logistical support to the UfM Horizon 2020 initiative (or its follow-up initiative) | <p>Activity completed</p> <p>Exchanges between the EC, the UfM and WES were on-going from late January to early February, resuming at the end of April 2020 after the COVID-19 shock and impact on physical meetings and gatherings. It was re-confirmed by the EC that WES will not be required to support any more H2020 meetings</p> | The activity is considered completed and relevant activities of the H2020 follow-up (linked to the UfM 2030 GreenerMed) will be covered under 4.3 |
| Activity 4.2: Technical support to the Horizon 2020 Initiative | <p>Activity completed</p> <p>The EEA and UNEP/MAP concluded the draft H2020 Indicator-based assessment Technical report and the Executive Summary (Synthesis) for decision makers. WES provided inputs before the deadline in late May. Meanwhile, with the UfMS and the EC, WES organised an on-line meeting (19 May) of the H2020 Core Group members to decide - on a consensus basis - the characteristics of the 'global' H2020 document. WES, in the period from June-July contributed to the preparation of the 'global' H2020 report. An external consultant contracted by the UfMS also supported the process. The task entailed the editing, layout, digital and printed production of the publication in three languages.</p> | The activity is considered completed and relevant activities of the H2020 follow-up (linked to the UfM 2030 GreenerMed) will be covered under 4.3 |
| Activity 4.3: General support to the UfM Water and Environment work | <p>The ToRs on the "General support to the UfM Environment work in 2020" was submitted to the EC on the 14th of July and approved on the 23rd of July. An updated TOR for 2021 will be submitted early next year based on the outcomes of the UfM Environment Task Force Meeting (November 2020) and in view of the Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Action (postponed to 2021) and further advancement of the UfM's 2030GreenerMed Agenda.</p> <p>The main types of tasks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to the closing of the H2020 Initiative for a Cleaner Mediterranean (this also includes the global H2020 report) Support to the preparations for the 2nd UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Action Coordination with relevant to WES UfM labelled projects <p>The EN and FR versions of the H2020 global report under the title «Reaching the 2020 Horizon: 14 years of Mediterranean cooperation on Environment - the H2020 Initiative for a cleaner Mediterranean» have been finalised and the AR version is underway. An extensive mailing list for the few hardcopies that will be produced in November has been prepared.</p> <p>The document is to be sent to all FPs, EUDs, the EC, H2020 Stakeholders and other key institutions/stakeholders.</p> <p>WES has been closely supporting the UfMS in preparing the UfM ENV Task Force Meeting (17 November 2020). The TL has been invited to prepare a recorded 2-minute message and Anastasia Roniotes will be presenting the On-Line Stakeholder Consultation's results (HE-1-REG).</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support to the UfMS for the Environment Task Force Meeting taking place on the 17th of November (and its follow-up actions) Complete the Arabic version of the H2020 global report under the title «Reaching the 2020 Horizon: 14 years of Mediterranean cooperation on Environment - the H2020 Initiative for a cleaner Mediterranean» Disseminate the hard copies. Develop the ToRs for 2021 |
| COMPONENT 5 - Capitalisation, sharing knowledge and visibility | | |
| Activity 5.2 Support to the Contracting Authority in designing a 'Plastics Award' | Activity put on hold | Activity put on hold until further notice |

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| | <p>The project team developed a Concept Note for the development of a ‘Plastic-Free Mediterranean Award’ (working title so far), which aims to recognize, and reward inspirational models on how key elements of EU’s Plastics Strategy can be operationalized in the Mediterranean. The Concept Note was later (on the 2nd September 2019) revised to reflect discussions with DG NEAR and decisions made concerning the duration of the award process, as well as its design to allow it to be replicable.</p> <p>Following up on that, at mid October 2019, the CA asked from the project team to provide an estimation of costing for the proposed resources for the “Plastic-Free Award”. A compilation of comments on the Concept Notes and cost estimate was sent back to the WES team on 16th December 2019.</p> <p>On December 20th 2019, the team was informed by DG NEAR that the idea of the Award will be put on hold.</p> | |
| Activity 5.3: Organise a networking system between the various stakeholders | <p>WES has operationally linked with the UfMS, Interreg Med Plastic Busters MPAs and the ENI CBC Med COMMON who in November 2019 co-organised a regional meeting also to align and synchronise North and South Med activities on marine litter. The event focused on consolidating collaboration and coordinating methodologies /activities among these projects with a view to bring together other key players and set the basis for further operational synergies, dynamic cross-fertilization and capitalization processes. It was agreed that WES could bring (after consultation and approval of the Task Manager) its Marine Litter ‘Peers’ to Croatia in May 2020, when another coordination meeting of the regional projects would take place again. Due to COVID-19 implications the meeting was postponed and transformed. However, the interest remains high and WES is one of the few projects that can support participation of the Partner Countries and benefit from the findings and experiences of these other projects.</p> <p>At the same time, WES is coordinating with UNEP/MAP’s MEDPOL team on complementarities, synergies and networking of the marine litter community in the region, particularly since they are implementing the EU-funded Marine Litter Med II, EcAP Med II, etc.</p> <p>Networking efforts at national level have not advanced as much as hoped for, since inception missions did not take place.</p> <p>The UfM labelled BlueGreen MedCS networking and engagement mechanism of NGOs working on Environment, Water and Sustainable Development remains committed to support WES, as it did with SWIM-H2020 SM: circulate the calls for trainees, screen and identify the best candidate NGOs for WES to consider, make the links with the GEF Small Grants Programme and other NGO/CSO platforms; consult with the Focal Points and EUDs when necessary on specific NGO participation in WES activities, etc.</p> <p>Networking opportunities are being mapped out for example for Youth organisations that have contributed to the WES Youth Action Plan and womens’ organisations that have contributed to the WES Gender Action Plan.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalise the TOR for the NKE to be involved in this activity |
| Activity 5.7 Ad hoc participation in international, regional or national events, meetings, fora | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Anastasia Roniotes, WES technical Backstopper, participated in the Meeting on the Best Practices on Enforcement and Compliance for Industrial Sectors that took place on 9-10 October 2019 and was organised by UNEP/MAP. The WES Team Leader, Prof. Michael Scoulllos and Dr Emad Adly, WES Stakeholder Engagement Expert, participated in the “EU-UfM Water Governance and Business Forum”, side event of the Cairo Water week, on 20 and 21 October 2019. The Team Leader was invited by the EU Delegation in Egypt to participate in the session on “Strengthening adaptive capacity building and institutional frameworks” The WES Team Leader, Prof. Michael Scoulllos and Ms Roniotes Anastasia, WES technical Backstopper, participated as speakers in the 21st meeting of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) Steering Committee (organized via an on-line platform, on the 13th of May 2020) to briefly present how WES will be supporting the implementation of two "flagship initiatives" of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD 2016-2025) through two regional activities (HE-4-REG/P2P: Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean and RE-7-REG: Best practices in achieving waste reduction in the Mediterranean). The WES Team Leader, Prof. Michael Scoulllos, made an intervention during the "UfM Water Expert Group Meeting on Water Agenda and Financial Strategy in post-COVID 19 context" organized on 9-10 June 2020. The intervention was for Day 2 (10 June), during the forward-looking session and was entitled “The response of the Water and Environment Support Regional Programme in the post-COVID 19 era”. The WES Team Leader, Prof. Michael Scoulllos, participated in the UfM Water Task Force on Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus (4th Meeting) & Water-Employment-Migration (5th Meeting), which took place online on the 23d of July 2020. The WES Team Leader, Prof. Michael Scoulllos and Ms Roniotes Anastasia, WES technical Backstopper, participated in the online ENI SEIS II South closing event, which took place on 21 September and the TL made an intervention during the opening session. The WES Team Leader, Prof. Michael Scoulllos participated as speaker during the EU-UfM Water Governance & Business Forum that was held on Monday, 19 October 2020, in the framework of the 3rd Cairo Water Week, after being invited by the EUD in Egypt. | <p>Planned work involves the ad-hoc participation of members of the WES team in international, regional or national events, meetings, fora.</p> |



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| COMPONENT 0 (Complementary activities) | | |
| 0.9. Communication and visibility action plan | <p>Putting the project's Communication Strategy in effect and in order to implement its Communication and Visibility Plan, for all upcoming WES activities short communication plans were developed for the TOR of those activities in order to ensure that communication and awareness raising is an integral part of the activity. So as soon as the activities start their implementation, communication and visibility actions start according to their short communication plans. These plans are specifically focusing on raising awareness on the activity itself, the issues and problems the activity tackles as well as on communicating on the solutions that are proposed.</p> <p>On our social media platforms Facebook and Twitter, several posts have been made.</p> <p>Two newsletters have been published so far: June 2020 and October 2020. The Newsletter October 2020 issue, covering the project's latest news, was sent to 3.363 stakeholders. Two articles, regarding this Newsletter October 2020 were published: 1. "Jordan Daily.net", Jordan 2. "Josour 2030" (journal for sustainable development in the Arab region, RAED, Egypt).</p> <p>A short 2 page 'WES at a glance' was published in English, French and Arabic.</p> <p>Emails to all EU Delegations in the Partner Countries (Press Officers) were sent, for updating the project's media database and journalists' contacts</p> <p>News releases are sent as soon as our activities are kicked off or there is important information to be shared with our contacts.</p> <p>Social media posts are also being published for different activities' developments.</p> | <p>Every latest development on the project's activities to be communicated to the stakeholders via email and WES social pages. The list of the project's stakeholders is being regularly updated.</p> |
| 0.15 Gender and Youth Action Plans | <p>Under this activity, Gender and Youth action Plans will be developed, aiming to provide input and guidance on how WES can integrate gender and youth considerations in a practical, strategic and effective manner throughout the implementation of the WES programme, at national and regional levels. It would also aim to ensure that the project's system captures gender and youth-related results.</p> <p>The ToRs for the development and monitoring of the Gender and Youth Action Plan were approved on the 15th of April 2020.</p> <p>A request was sent to the EC on the 15th of July 2020 to approve the preparation of a reader-friendly presentation of the WES themes included in the work-programme in the form of a fact-sheet (or 1-pager) with a graphic representation, at a glance, of the key themes. The one pager was prepared and translated in FR and AR and sent with the questionnaires sent to the lists of targeted organisations in an extensive survey conducted both for gender and youth. Two reports (WES Gender and Youth Action Plans) are under finalization.</p> | <p>Planned work to involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalise the draft reports and • finalise the Action Plans |

TABLE 7: NEXT 12 MONTH WORKPLAN

| WES WORKPLAN OCTOBER 2020 - OCTOBER 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2020 | | | 2021 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Implementation Phase | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Component 1: Pollution prevention | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regional activities on key topics related to pollution prevention | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RE-1-REG/P2P: Phasing out single use plastic items in the Mediterranean | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RE-2-REG: Understanding better microplastics and identifying how to address the issue | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RE-3-REG/P2P: Innovative Circular Economy Business Models in the Mediterranean region | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RE-4-REG/ ST / P2P: Management of Construction & Demolition Waste (C&DW) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RE-5-REG: Supporting countries to implement NAPs (2016-2025) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RE-6 -REG / ST / P2P: Decentralized management of organic waste | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RE-7-REG: Best practices in achieving waste reduction in the Mediterranean | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horizontal Regional Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HE-2-REG: Awareness raising and Education for Sustainable Development: Training of Trainers on campaigns for sustainable consumption | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HE-4-REG/P2P: Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities at national level on key topics related to pollution prevention | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-DZ-1:Support for the monitoring and management of marine litter (ALGERIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-DZ-2: Support for the promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Production and Circular Economy (ALGERIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-EG-1 Support for sustainable Construction and Demolition Waste management | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-EG-2 Support for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-IL-1: Marine fossil fuel pollution – coastal preparedness and response (ISRAEL) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-JO-1: Contribution to the development of a joint public-private roadmap to reduce the use of Single-Use Plastics in Jordan (JORDAN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-JO-2: Consolidation activities on green banking and support to green investment opportunities (JORDAN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-LB-1: Revision of guidelines and comparative study on ELVs for eight industrial activities in Lebanon | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-LB-2a: Technical assistance in tackling the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by combatting pollution from plastics: Marine Litter Monitoring (LEBANON) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-LB-2b: Technical assistance in tackling the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by combatting pollution from plastics: Single Use Plastics (LEBANON) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-MO-1: Joint initiative for the establishment of the management chain for PET bottle packaging within the framework of EPR in Morocco (MOROCCO) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-MO-2: Consolidation activities on the ongoing marine litter activities in Morocco: expanding marine litter monitoring (MOROCCO) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-PS-1: Technical assistance on sustainable Medical Waste Management (PALESTINE) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-PS-2: Assessment and institutional setup for mineral used oil, pharmaceutical and metal painting industries in terms of environmental sound management for hazardous waste (PALESTINE) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-TN-1: Support for the implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement operations (TUNISIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-E-TN-2:Technical assistance for Industrial pollution prevention and monitoring in a coastal area (TUNISIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IA 1.0 Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Component 2: Efficient use of water | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regional activities on key topics related to the efficient use of water | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RW-1-REG: Training on the practical application of the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus and related policies and regulations WEFE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RW-2-REG: Training on water accounting (October 2020) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RW-3-REG/ P2P: Capacity building on (1) Water demand management (WDM) & methods of water conservation; (2) Policy instruments for water use reduction including tariff models for water/wastewater and agriculture; (3) Cost effectiveness analysis of WDM measures, Rain water harvesting and grey water reuse; (4) Role of the private sector, rebate programs and corporate social responsibility. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RW-4-REG/ P2P: CB on NCWR focusing on water harvesting including through retention & aquifer recharge with storm water | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horizontal Regional Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HW-1- REG / P2P :Capacity building on PPP, green/blue economy entrepreneurship and banking for the water/wastewater sector | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities at national level on key topics related to the efficient use of water | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-DZ-1: Conduct a diagnosis for the performance of NRW in a pilot utility and develop a plan for NRW improvements focusing on minimum cost of interventions with fast investment paybacks (ALGERIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-DZ-2: Potential of Water use efficiency and water saving in domestic water (ALGERIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-EG-1: Strengthen the water utilities capacities to manage/reduce NRW and detect leakage (EGYPT) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| WES WORKPLAN OCTOBER 2020 - OCTOBER 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| N-W-EG-2: Assist Egypt in the preparation of a framework related to PPP to provide (in addition to other financing instruments) opportunities to create guarantees for the banking system, allowing the private sector to be involved and improve "water network management and resources efficiency (on-farm and main network)" (EGYPT) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-IL-1: Evaluation of new methods to reduce the cross subsidies in the agricultural water tariff in Israel (ISRAEL) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-IL-2:Storm water management and Natural Water Retention Measures (ISRAEL) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-JO-1: Conduct a diagnosis for the performance of Non-Revenue Water (NRW) in a pilot utility and develop a plan for NRW improvements focusing on minimum cost of interventions with fast investment paybacks (JORDAN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-JO-2: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) at the catchment scale (JORDAN) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-LB-1: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) (LEBANON) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-LB-2: National plan for sludge management and treatment focusing on bio digesters and the generation of biogas in a decentralised way (LEBANON) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-MO-1: Support WDM in relation to water scarcity (MOROCCO) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-MO-2: Elaboration of strategies for cost recovery, and development of tools for the evaluations of costs related to water (MOROCCO) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-PS-1: Design actions/modalities for improved water billing and fees' collection rates also with a view to support outsourcing and PPP and engagement through Micro PSP (PALESTINE) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-PS-2: Capacity building/trainings with pilot farmers' associations and relevant communities on optimal irrigation management and practices (PALESTINE) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-TN-1: Improving the efficiency of water use in agriculture (TUNISIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-W-TN-2:Reservoir Sedimentation Hazard and Mitigation Measures towards Sustainability in Tunisia (TUNISIA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IA 2. 0 Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Component 3: Monitoring and supporting Demonstration projects | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.2: Support to the demonstration project implementation | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.3 Capitalisation of the lessons learned from the demonstration project activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.4: Dissemination of the lessons learned from the demonstration projects | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.5: Invite the demonstration projects to WES activities (Component 2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.6: Involvement of the WES Water FPs in following the demonstration projects | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Component 4: Support to the UfM Water and Environment agendas | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 4.3: General support to the UfM Water and Environment work | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Component 5 - Capitalising the lessons learnt, good practices and success stories | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 5.3: Organise a networking system between the various stakeholders | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 5.4: Production and dissemination of material on pollution prevention and the efficient use of water | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 5.5: Development of a high-quality WES website | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 5.6 Organisation of national meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 5.7 Ad-hoc participation in international, regional or national events, meetings, fora | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IA 5.0 Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04. Mapping of recent relevant projects and initiatives and updating Needs Assessment of PCs (including occasional trips to the PCs) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.9 Communication and Visibility Action Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.10 Steering Committee Meetings Preparations and Implementation (excluding the Closure Conference) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.15 Gender and Youth Action Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Legend: non-continuous involvement/ activity | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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