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### **WES Activity on the improvement of Non-Revenue Water management in Algeria was concluded with a national consultation workshop**

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Since June 2020, the EU-funded “Water and Environment Support (WES) in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region” project, has been engaged in the implementation of an activity in cooperation with the Ministry of Water Resources of Algeria, to assist the public water service ‘L’Algérienne Des Eaux’ (ADE) to target the reduction of non-revenue water (NRW) and to pursue its efforts to improve NRW management in the country.

During the last phase of this activity, a national consultation workshop with stakeholders was organised on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 in Algiers, Algeria.

The team of WES water experts presented the summary of the tasks accomplished during the activity as well as the results, conclusions and recommendations on the subject.

Most importantly, a set of actions to reduce NRW in the metering pilot zones by prioritizing measures to be implemented was recommended. These cost-effective measures that would also provide a rapid return on investment were verified with the stakeholders.

Mr Farid KARDACHE, Assistant Director of the Tizi Ouzou Zone/Algérienne des Eaux, expressed his satisfaction with the results of the activity: “We had the opportunity to discuss the best practices regarding the management of detection and repair of leaks, as well as metering. We have also shared with water experts their experience on this issue. Finally, the workshop was overall successful as the interventions were plenty and beneficial for the engineers who participated.”

More than 40 stakeholders such as managers responsible for operation and maintenance of non-revenue water working in the pilot area of ADE Boumerdes Unit-Tizi Ouzou Zone, the Directorate of Drinking Water Supply (Ministry of Water Resources) and the Direction of Water Resources of the Wilaya of Boumerdes, along with the local authorities participated in this workshop.

A productive dialogue, an exchange of experiences and information among the participants on this activity and other relevant activities in the country was also established.

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