

# 5<sup>th</sup> WES Steering Committee Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> of February 2024, online



**Water and  
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in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region

## Progress overview of the WES National and Regional Activities over the 4<sup>th</sup> year - Challenges and Achievements

Presented by:

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# WES in a Snapshot



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- WES aims at protecting the environment and improving the management of scarce water resources in the Mediterranean.
- It strives to address the country needs for creating the enabling environment and enhancing the capacities of stakeholders in the Partner Countries (PCs) to tackle problems related to pollution prevention and water use efficiency.
- WES capitalises on previous successful EU funded regional projects (Horizon 2020 CB/MEP; SWIM SM; SWIM-Horizon 2020 SM).



# WES Identity



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## **Partner Countries:**

8 Countries in North Africa and the Middle East



**Duration:** May 2019 – November 2024 (66 months)



**Budget:** 9.508.054 Euros



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## Our Consortium



LDK Consultants Global EEIG (Leader)



Mediterranean Information Office for  
Environment, Culture and Sustainable  
Development  
(MIO-ECSDE)



Arab Network for  
Environment and Development (RAED)



Association of Cities and Regions for  
Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+)



CIHEAM – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute  
of Bari (CIHEAM Bari)



Gopa Infra GmbH



MedWaves the UNEP/MAP Regional  
Activity Centre for SCP



Ramboll Denmark A/S



Royal HaskoningDHV



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# WES progress at a glance






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## 29 Regional activities:

- ✓ All 5 Study Visits carried out
- ✓ 12 Regional Trainings completed  3 ongoing
- ✓ 5 Peer-to-Peer exchanges  2 ongoing
-  1 Combined Triple Training planned

## 10 Horizontal activities:

- ✓ 4 Trainings completed  2 ongoing
-  1 Peer-to-Peer Exchange ongoing
-  2 Trainings and 1 Peer-to-Peer Exchange planned

## 33 National activities:

- ✓ 16 completed
-  14 ongoing
-  3 more planned



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Project beginning  
May 2019  
Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

5<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting  
(58<sup>th</sup> Month)

End of Project  
November 2024

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# Progress in the past year



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Booming year of important, impactful, large, **physical** meetings, missions, trainings and study tours!

-  12 National Consultation Meetings
-  7 National Trainings
-  8 Regional Trainings and Meetings
-  4 Study Tours
-  2 Field Missions



# Progress in the past year



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## 2 National Meetings carried out:

- WES achievements, challenges, potential follow-up actions discussed
- Platform for other projects/donors to share their actions/insights



**Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 2023**

55 stakeholders took part



**Tunis, Tunisia, Nov. 2023**

76 stakeholders took part



# Highlights



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 High appreciation by partners and beneficiaries.

 Evaluation of events organised are always high.

 **Average satisfaction rate: 3,6/4**





# Challenges



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**Major conflict in the region** since October 2023 has also affected the project.

- Activities that are ongoing are affected: slowed down or put on hold – no physical meetings, missions - feedback from stakeholders pending – mostly emergency actions on the ground;
- Communication and feedback from the Focal Points slowed down;
- Participation of trainees in the project's events hindered/not possible;
- Communication and exchanges with the Demonstration projects based in Gaza affected;
- Risk of very limited time being available for the eventual completion of these activities when conditions will allow it.
- Impact of completed/advanced activities may be affected.

**The project has strong adaptation mechanisms and mentality to navigate the project during its final year.**



**It will be monitoring the situation closely, in collaboration with the Programme Manager, putting its available skills and resources to full use.**



# Challenges



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**Three activities cancelled after preparations made and delays experienced already, due to change of prioritisation in the countries:**

- two activities in Algeria on plastics recycling - one Activity in Lebanon on marine litter monitoring



**Resources will be shifted to other WES activities.**



**Visa granting procedure turned heavier and slower:**

- setting appointments with the embassies takes in most cases more time than in the past;
- a second step often introduced to the process with a letter from the project addressed to the embassies;
- documentation submission takes longer.



**We need to start the participants' visa procedure and other preparations, at least 3,5 months before the event's time.**



# Regional & Horizontal Activities



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# Regional Environment activities Overview and status



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Activity	Training/ Technical Assistance	Study tour	P2P	Status in Feb 2024
RE-1-REG / RE-1-P2P: Phasing-out single-use plastics in the Mediterranean	x		x	Completed
RE-2-REG: Understanding better microplastics and identifying how to address the issue	x			Completed
RE-3-REG /RE-3-P2P: Innovative Circular Economy Business Models in the Mediterranean region	x	x	x	Completed P2P on-going
RE-4-REG / RE-4- ST/ RE-4-P2P: Management of Construction & Demolition Waste (C&DW)	x	x	x	Completed
RE-5-REG: Supporting countries to implement NAPs (2025-2035)	x			On-going
RE-6-REG/ RE-6-ST / RE-6-P2P: Decentralized management of organic waste	x	x	x	Completed P2P on-going
RE-7-REG: Best practices in achieving waste reduction in the Mediterranean	x			Completed
RE-8-REG: Mediterranean “Champions” of plastic pollution prevention	x			On-going
RE-9-REG: SUPs-free coastal and Marine Protected Areas	x			Planned for July 2024
RE-10-REG: Enhancing the number of responsible Tourism and Recreation related businesses in coastal areas	x			Planned for July 2024
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 out of which 11 are completed</b>			

# Regional Horizontal Environment activities Overview and status



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Activity	Training/ Technical Assistance	Study tour	P2P	Status in Feb 2024
<b>HE-1-REG:</b> Regional Stakeholders' Consultation in view of the 2nd UfM Ministerial Conference on Environment and Climate Change	x			Completed
<b>HE-2-REG:</b> Awareness raising and Education for Sustainable Development: Training of Trainers on campaigns for sustainable consumption	x			Completed
<b>HE-2b-REG:</b> Awareness Raising and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and campaigns for sustainable consumption – Phase 2	x			Ongoing
<b>HE-3-REG:</b> Educating for Sustainable Development: focus on WWT for reuse and NCWRs	x			Completed
<b>HE-3b-REG:</b> Educating for Sustainable Development: focus on WWT for reuse and NCWRs - Phase 2	x			Ongoing
<b>HE-4-REG / HE-4-P2P:</b> Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean	x		x	Completed P2P on-going
<b>HE-5-REG:</b> Knowledge Management; Science/Policy interface; citizen science	x			Planned for July 2024
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 out of which 4 are completed</b>			



# Regional Environment activities Progress Overview over the last year



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RE-3-REG/P2P Innovative Circular Economy Business Models:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training & Study tour: Barcelona, Spain	 P2P
RE-6-REG/ST/P2P Decentralized management of organic waste:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study tour & Workshop: Cagliari, Italy	 P2P

 RE-5-REG: Supporting countries to implement NAPs (2025-2035)

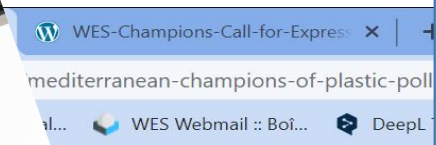
 RE-8-REG: Mediterranean “Champions” of plastic pollution prevention



# The Champions of Plastic Pollution Prevention mechanism up and running!



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109 applications submitted  
84 "Candidate Champions" (3 have withdrawn):  
46 Cooperation Agreements to date  
38 Cooperation Agreements underway

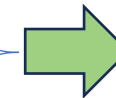


# Regional Environment activities Upcoming



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-  **RE-9-REG: SUPs-free coastal and Marine Protected Areas**
-  **RE-10-REG: Enhancing the number of responsible Tourism and Recreation related businesses in coastal areas**
-  **HE-5-REG: Knowledge Management; Science/Policy interface; citizen science**



**Back-to-back  
and integrated  
on  
9-12 July 2024  
Thessaloniki**



**Completed**



**Ongoing**



**Planned**





# Horizontal activities

## Progress overview over the last year




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**HE-4-REG Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean**

 **Training:  
Athens, Greece**

 **P2P**

**We have entered in a more deepening phase for some activities:**

 **HE-2b-REG: Awareness Raising and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and campaigns for sustainable consumption – Phase 2**

 **HE-3b-REG: Educating for Sustainable Development: focus on WWT for reuse and NCWRs - Phase 2**



# Regional & Horizontal Water Activities Progress overview and status



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Activity	Training/ Capacity Building	Study tour	P2P	Status in Feb 2024
<b>RW-1-REG:</b> 1st Regional Roundtable on WEFE Nexus in the Med (organised by WES and GWP-Med)  A new task was added to report on the meeting's discussions and develop the Annotated Structure of the Nexus Strategic Framework Document to be produced.	x			Completed
<b>RW-2-REG:</b> Training on water accounting	x			Completed
<b>RW-3-REG / RW-3-P2P :</b> Capacity building on Water demand management (WDM)	x		x	Completed
<b>RW-4-REG / RW-4-P2P :</b> CB on NCWR focusing on water harvesting	x		x	Completed
<b>RW-5-REG:</b> CB on WWT for reuse focusing on decentralised wastewater treatment and reuse + supporting manual	x	manual		Completed
<b>RW-6-REG / RW-6-ST/RW6-P2P:</b> Training on Non-Revenue Water in addition to a study tour & P2P exchange	x	x	x	Completed
<b>RW-7-REG / RW-7-ST:</b> Study tour and training(s) of WUAs on optimal irrigation management and practices for improved irrigation efficiency and soil fertility	x	x		Completed
<b>HW-1-REG:</b> Capacity building on PPP, green/blue economy entrepreneurship and banking for the water/wastewater sector	x			Planned for 2024
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 out of which 13 are completed</b>			

# Regional & Horizontal Water Activities Progress overview over the past year



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>RW-1-REG 1st Regional Roundtable on WEFE Nexus in the Mediterranean “Promoting innovations, investments and upscaling of solutions:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>1st Roundtable Rabat, Morocco</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>RW-6-REG/ST/P2P Training on Non-Revenue Water:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Study Tour: Athens, Greece</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>P2P</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>RW-7-REG/ST Study tour and training(s) of WUAs on optimal irrigation management and practices:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Study Tour &amp; Trainings: Bari, Italy</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>HW-1-REG PPP, green/blue economy entrepreneurship and banking for the water/wastewater sector:</b>	<b>(online)</b>	



# National Activities



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# National Pollution Prevention activities Progress Overview



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## Activity code and title

- N-E-DZ-2: Support for university training on green entrepreneurship and circular economy in Algeria (ALGERIA)
- N-E-JO-1: Contribution to the development of a joint public-private roadmap to transition to reduce the use of single-use plastics (SUPs) (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 ten industrial activities in Lebanon (LEBANON)
- N-E-LB-2: Policy support to address single-use plastic items in Lebanon (LEBANON)
- N-E-MO-1: Joint initiative for the establishment of the management chain for PET bottle packaging within the framework of EPR (MOROCCO)
- N-E-PS-1: Technical assistance on sustainable Medical Waste Management (PALESTINE)
- N-E-TN-1: Support for the implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement operations (TUNISIA)
- N-E-TN-2: Industrial pollution prevention and monitoring from the tomatoes transformation industry in the coastal area of Korba (TUNISIA)









**9 completed**



# National Pollution Prevention activities Progress Overview



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Activity code and title	
	N-E-DZ-1: Support for the monitoring and management of marine litter in Algeria (ALGERIA)
	N-E-MO-2: Consolidation actions for the ongoing marine litter activities in Morocco: expanding marine litter monitoring (MOROCCO)
	N-E-IL-P1: Contribution to the development of a joint public-private road map to effectively recycle plastic polymers (ISRAEL)
	N-E-LB-PL-P2: Investigating and developing a compendium with successful approaches of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system for plastics (LEBANON & PALESTINE)
	N-E-LB-PS-P3: Identify small scale “model” approaches of separate collection and recycling for further replication, (LEBANON & PALESTINE)
	N-E-TN-P4: Enforcement of political and legal measures undertaken by Tunisia for the reduction and prohibition of certain types of single-use plastic packaging (TUNISIA)
	N-E-PS-2: Development of a draft strategy for plastic waste management with focus on single-use plastics (PALESTINE)
	N-E-P7: Preparation of public awareness campaigns material (on plastic pollution management) (JORDAN & MOROCCO)



# National Water Use Efficiency activities Progress Overview



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## Activity code and title

- 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)
- N-W-EG-2: Assist Egypt in the development of financing mechanisms allowing the private sector to be involved and improve "water network management and resources efficiency at the on-farm level" (EGYPT)
- N-W-IL-1: Evaluation of new methods to reduce the cross subsidies in the agricultural water tariff in Israel (ISRAEL)
- 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)

**7 completed**












# National Water Use Efficiency activities Progress Overview



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## Activity code and title

-  N-W-MO-3 Study tour on Water Saving in Jordan
-  N-W-IL-2: Storm water management and Natural Water Retention Measures (ISRAEL)
-  N-W-JO-1: Elaboration of non-revenue water policy for Jordan (JORDAN)
-  N-W-JO-2: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) at the catchment scale (JORDAN)
-  N-W-MO-4 Water efficient buildings
-  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 water use efficiency in agriculture (TUNISIA)
-  N-W-TN-2: Reservoirs sedimentation risk and mitigation measures in favor of sustainability in Tunisia





# Demonstration Projects



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monitoring Report out and disseminated
- Some of the Demonstration Projects received an extension to their duration in this period. The last ones will be ending in July 2024. In order for the WES monitoring team to continue its support to the Demonstration Projects, the monitoring and dissemination activity was extended for one more year.
- The monitoring experts' team is in regular contact with the Demonstration Projects' representatives for collecting reports and information, conducting interviews, visiting the sites
- Demonstration project representatives joined our Regional Trainings and shared their experiences and lessons learnt (RW-6-REG on Non-Revenue Water, in Athens, RW-7-REG on Optimal Irrigation Management, in Bari)
- Currently on 3<sup>rd</sup> monitoring round
- Mini diaries to be developed by WES with achievements and lessons learnt for each project.



# Other Components



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WES continues to provide support to the UfM in many different ways:

- ❖ Support to the UfM ENV and CC Working Group and ENV Task Force meetings
- ❖ Advancing the Med Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus Strategy
- ❖ Support to the Water Expert Group (WEG) and other meetings in support of advancing the UfM Water Agenda
- ❖ Mobilising Mediterranean Champions in Plastic Pollution Prevention, together with UNEP/MAP
- ❖ Development of a policy paper on the UfM and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)
- ❖ Advancing the Mediterranean Accession Agenda to the Aarhus Convention (good environmental governance)
- ❖ Development of video guidelines on how to monitor macrolitter on the seafloor with visual census via scuba/snorkeling
- ❖ Support in the organization of the Webinar on “COP15 Biodiversity-Outcomes, follow up and way forward” (07/03/2023) (logistically and in terms of content).
- ❖ Support in the development of other UfM policy papers (e.g. on Circular Economy in the Mediterranean)
- ❖ Contribution to the UfM's 2030GreenerMed monitoring of implementation process



WES gender equity and youth engagement efforts are horizontal to all WES activities.



Networking and synergies with regional and national partners are continually enriched and strengthened.



# Our achievements!



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<b>Case studies/best practices updated/adapted or developed and disseminated:</b>	<b>Under pollution reduction/prevention: 92</b>
	<b>Under water use efficiency: 61</b>
<b>Proposed revisions of legal and institutional framework in the field of pollution prevention developed or introduced:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>National stakeholders' actions influencing / contributing to national policies and laws successfully initiated:</b>	<b>Under pollution reduction/ prevention: 12</b>
	<b>Under water use efficiency: 9</b>
<b>Operational partnerships, synergies and networking achieved or influenced by the project:</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Tailor-made materials and dissemination activities:</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Best practices and success stories transferred or replicated through the WES DEMOs:</b>	<b>12</b>





# Thank you for your attention



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# Communication and Outreach

Presented by:  
Ms Lisa Papadogeorgaki, Key Expert  
Communication and Networking

# WES Comms Actions delivered I



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## for 35 WES Activities

- 26 Press Releases (English, French and Arabic) sent out to 700 media contacts from 10 countries
- 27 Announcements
- 15 Information Bulletins (English and French) sent out to 3.420 stakeholders contacts from 43 countries and 700 media contacts
- 3 Newsletters (English, French and Arabic)
- 132 Facebook posts (English, French and Arabic)
- 132 LinkedIn posts (English, French and Arabic)
- 128 X posts (English, French and Arabic)
- 2 Informational media material on the National Events in Egypt & Tunisia
- News items for stakeholders



# WES Comms Actions delivered II - Results



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3 Videos

5 Communication Presentations

5 Communication Plans for ToRs of activities

1 Promo for WES LinkedIn page

4.120 Contacts of stakeholders & media from 43 countries

## Results:

1.312

Press Clippings published via news platforms, newspapers, newsletters, social media and sites, in 10 countries

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Tunisian National TV extensive coverage on the National Meeting



# WES Press Releases / Press Clippings



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## نشرة إخبارية من مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة (WES)

تم عرض أنشطة البيئة والمياه WES في تونس خلال الاجتماع الوطني

أثناء 29 نوفمبر 2023

نظم مشروع "دعم المياه والبيئة (WES) في المنطقة الجنوبية لجوار الجوار الأوروبي" الممول من الاتحاد الأوروبي بالتعاون مع الحكومة التونسية (وزارات البيئة والزراعة والموارد المائية والصيد البحري) ووفد الاتحاد الأوروبي في تونس، اجتماعاً وطنياً لمشروع WES في 28 نوفمبر 2023 في تونس، لتقديم لمحة عامة عن أنشطة WES التي تم تطويرها في تونس ومناقشة سبل المضي قدماً.

اكتسب أكثر من 300 من أصحاب المصلحة التونسيين الرئيسيين معرفة وخبرة قيمة من خلال المشاركة الفعالة في 5 أنشطة وطنية (3 للبيئة و2 لقطاع المياه) و12 نشاطاً إقليمياً و3 أنشطة أفقية للمياه والمناطق.

وقد تم تكريم هذا الحدث من قبل وزير البيئة معالي د. السيدة ليلي الشخاوي المهدياوي وكتابة الدولة في مجال المياه بوزارة الفلاحة والموارد المائية والصيد البحري السيد رضا نجوج.

هو. أكدت السيدة ليلي الشخاوي المهدياوي، في كلمتها الافتتاحية، على حقيقة أنه تم تصميم وتنفيذ ثلاثة أنشطة بيئية للمياه والصيد البحري بالتعاون مع الوزارة، وسلطت الضوء على مواءمتها الناجمة مع الاستراتيجيات الوطنية التي تتناول المجالات الحيوية مثل إدارة النفايات، وخاصة في إدارة النفايات البلاستيكية والمناخ والتخفيف من آثار التغير، والتحول الأخضر، فضلاً عن تعزيز الأجندة الوطنية لإنشاء خدمات المشتريات العامة المستدامة.

هو. أشاد السيد رضا نجوج بمساهمة WES في تنفيذ نشاطين مائتين ناجحين فيما يتعلق بالاستخدام الفعال لمياه الري في تونس، وإدارة خزانات المياه، بالتنسيق مع الوزارة.

أكد السيد جيانفرانكو بوشينسيو، نائب رئيس البعثة الأوروبية في تونس، على أهمية مشروع WES الممول من الاتحاد الأوروبي لتطوير عدد كبير جداً من الأنشطة الإقليمية المؤثرة في مجال المياه والبيئة بمشاركة نشطة من العديد من التونسيين إلى جانب خبراء من البلدان الشريكة الأخرى في WES في منطقة الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا، منذ عام 2019.

لقد كانت نتائج الأنشطة الوطنية للبيئة والمياه في WES في البلاد مهمة بالفعل.

وشملت الأنشطة البيئية: جلسات التدريب؛ ورش عمل؛ زيارات ميدانية؛ إنتاج الأداة والأدلة التقنية؛ خرائط الطريق؛ مقترح مشروع لتسهيل ومذكرات السياسات في ثلاثة قطاعات رئيسية وهي:

النشاط البيئي 1، حول الإدارة المستدامة لمخلفات البناء والهدم.

النشاط البيئي 2، حول الممارسات المتعلقة بزراعة الطماطم وتصنيعها في سبع وحدات صناعية.

النشاط البيئي 3، بشأن تعزيز التدابير السياسية والقانونية للحد من وحظر أنواع معينة من المواد البلاستيكية ذات الاستخدام الواحد (SUPs).

## نافذة مصر البلد بوابة الحقيقتية للخبير

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## وفد الاتحاد الأوروبي يجتمع في تونس لمناقشة تطورات مشروع "دعم البيئة والمياه"



كتبت سماح سعيد:

نظم الاتحاد الأوروبي وحكومة تونس اجتماعاً لاستعراض أبرز الأنشطة التي تم تطويرها، بمشاركة أكثر من 300 مواطن لديهم معرفة وخبرة قيمة في 5 أنشطة وطنية للبيئة والمياه وأكثر من 15 نشاطاً إقليمياً.

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1.312	Press Clippings
1	TV Coverage



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## COMMUNIQUÉ SUR WES

**Le projet WES a conclu avec succès son activité sur l'efficacité de l'utilisation de l'eau et la consommation d'eau domestique en Algérie**

Athènes, le 27 octobre 2023

Depuis octobre 2020, le projet « Appui dans les domaines de l'eau et de l'environnement (WES) dans le voisinage Sud de l'instrument européen de voisinage (IEV) », financé par l'UE, s'est engagé dans la mise en œuvre d'une activité intitulée « potentiel de l'efficacité de l'utilisation de l'eau et de la consommation d'eau domestique » pour soutenir le service public de l'eau « L'Algérienne Des Eaux » (ADE) dans le développement de stratégies d'intervention efficaces visant à réduire la consommation d'eau domestique.

Après deux formations et l'enquête sur l'efficacité de l'utilisation de l'eau dans le secteur résidentiel, le WES a conclu avec succès son activité en organisant un atelier de consultation, le 23 octobre 2023, dans la ville de Ramia, dans la commune de Bejaia, en Algérie.

Au cours de la consultation, l'équipe d'experts en eau du WES a présenté une vue d'ensemble de l'activité nationale du WES en Algérie. A la fin de la présentation des résultats de l'activité, la feuille de route pour la mise à l'échelle des résultats de l'activité, et les opportunités de mise en œuvre de mesures/programmes d'utilisation rationnelle de l'eau et leurs avantages, ont fait l'objet d'un débat approfondi entre les parties prenantes. Une série d'actions possibles à mettre en œuvre par le pays, au-delà de la durée du projet, a été proposée.

L'un des thèmes clés de cet événement, concernait la sensibilisation des partenaires, des bénéficiaires et des parties prenantes aux options disponibles pour réduire la consommation d'eau et aux moyens d'y parvenir.

La projection de la vidéo du WES « Aidez-nous à économiser les gouttes » sur la gestion de la demande et l'utilisation de l'eau, ainsi que la présentation d'un plan d'action de communication, se sont avérées être des outils de communication efficaces pour assurer la diffusion optimale des résultats de cette activité.

Outre de M. Kamel DJELOUAH Point Focal WES et Directeur Adjoint des Infrastructures d'Approvisionnement en Eau, à la Direction de l'Approvisionnement en Eau Potable et Industrielle du Ministère des Travaux Publics, de l'Hydraulique et des Infrastructures de Base, cet atelier a impliqué 44 acteurs représentant des institutions liées à la planification et à la gestion des ressources et approvisionnement en eau telles que le service public de l'eau de « L'Algérienne Des Eaux » (ADE) des Unités de Direction des Zones de Béjaia, Tizi Ouzou, Bouira et Bermoudes, les autorités locales, ainsi que les professeurs et étudiants de l'Université de Béjaia.

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## WES project has successfully concluded its activity on water use efficiency and domestic water consumption in Algeria

Oct 27 2023

Since October 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 titled "Potential of Water use efficiency and water saving in domestic water" to support the public water service "L'Algérienne Des Eaux" (ADE) in the development of effective intervention strategies [...]



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WES is developing an activity titled "Strengthen the water utilities capacities to manage/reduce Non-Revenue Water (NRW) and detect leakage in Egypt".  
As part of the work under the said activity, the WES team of water experts have successfully prepared and organised a 3-day Training on 13-15/02/2023, at the headquarters of the Asyut Water and Wastewater Company (AWWC) in Egypt.  
During the Training of Trainers, 15 experts of AWWC were introduced to issues such as NRW, Mapping ... **Δείτε περισσότερα**



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Depuis juillet 2020, le projet WES soutient le ministère de l'Équipement et de l'eau du Maroc et l'Office national de l'électricité et de l'eau potable afin de faire face aux fortes demandes en eau qui devraient encore augmenter à l'avenir, notamment sous l'effet du changement climatique, et en vue d'améliorer la gestion de la demande en eau (GDE) pour des usages spécifiques, y compris les usages domestiques, publics et touristiques.  
Il y a quelques jours à peine, le 13 juillet 2023, un deuxième atelier de consultation de WES hybride a suivi, au cours duquel un cadre de référence pour l'utilisation de l'eau au Maroc et le guide d'audit de l'eau ont été présentés, ainsi que des recommandations et la proposition du plan d'action visant à faire anticiper la GDE dans le pays à court, moyen et long terme.  
<https://lnkd.in/exfydHyD>  
[See translation](#)



**WES-MED**  
477 posts

WES-MED @WesMed19 · Dec 7, 2023

تم اختيار 87 مرشحا لأبطال #الوقاية\_من\_التلوث\_البلاستيكي في #البحر\_المتوسط. تعكس الالتزامات المقدمة المجموعة الكبيرة من #الحلول\_المبتكرة التي يمكن للجهات الفاعلة في منطقة البحر المتوسط حشدتها ضمن سياقاتها المحلية. [WES-MED.EU](https://www.wes-med.eu) الصفحة الرئيسية



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December 2023

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NON FACTURÉE (ENF) DANS UN SERVICE PUBLIC PILOTE ET  
DEVELOPPER UN PLAN POUR LES AMELIORATIONS D'ENF EN SE  
CONCENTRANT SUR LE COÛT MINIMUM DES INTERVENTIONS  
AVEC UN RETOUR SUR INVESTISSEMENT RAPIDE »

janvier 2024



# WES Comms for 2 National Meetings



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المؤتمر الصحفي للاتحاد الأوروبي  
مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة WES

أسبوع القاهرة للمياه 2023

الخميس 2 نوفمبر 2023  
فندق النيل ريتز  
قاعة الزمالك الدور الأول  
من الساعة 10:00 إلى 11:30

نيذة إعلامية عن أنشطة مشروع  
دعم المياه والبيئة WES في مصر



## Réunion Nationale du Projet WES en Tunisie

mardi 28 novembre 2023  
Hôtel Royal ASBU, Tunis  
de 08.30h à 12.00h

*Vous êtes cordialement invités à la réunion nationale du projet WES, au cours de laquelle seront présentés l'état d'avancement ainsi que l'impact et le niveau de capitalisation des activités WES en Tunisie.*

*La réunion est organisée par le projet WES en collaboration avec le Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche et le Ministère de l'Environnement.*

### L'équipe WES

*Veillez-vous référer à la note d'information et l'ordre du jour de la réunion (ci-joint).*



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## WES newsletter

### Water and Environment Support (WES) project

The "Water and Environment Support (WES) in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood Region" is a regional project funded by the European Union. It aims at protecting the environment and improving the management of scarce water resources in the Mediterranean region. Among the key objectives of WES is to tackle problems related to pollution prevention and water use efficiency. WES capitalises on the experience of previous successful EU funded projects (Horizon 2020 CB/MEP 2010-2014, SWIM SM, SWIM and Horizon 2020, 2015-2019) strives for creating the enabling environment and increasing the relevant capacities of all stakeholders in the partner countries.

WES supports the shift to a more sustainable consumption and production model, promotes an integrated and efficient management of water, combats plastic pollution and marine litter and fosters dialogue on key environmental and sustainable development issues. It operates as a support mechanism to the Partner Countries, creating synergies and opportunities for collaboration and dissemination of information and good practices. WES also provides support to its institutional partners, namely the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) and the UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan of the Barcelona Convention by facilitating specific regional strategies and dialogues as well as by undertaking joint activities.

The WES Partner Countries are Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Libya, Palestine<sup>1</sup> and Tunisia.

### Great satisfaction for the WES project and unanimous endorsement of its Workplan for 2023 during the 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting

In my capacity as WES Team Leader, I am grateful for the satisfaction expressed by all participants of the 4<sup>th</sup> WES Steering Committee Meeting (SCM), held online on January 24, 2023, for the work carried out during 2022 and the unanimous endorsement of our ambitious Workplan for the year 2023.

This SCM brought together the WES Water and Environment Focal Points (FPs) from the Partner Countries (PCs) (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia), the European Commission and EU Delegations in the PCs, the institutional partners - the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) - as well as the WES Consortium Members and representatives of the WES Demonstration projects.

The positive spirit of the meeting was initiated by the opening remarks of the EC representatives. Mr. Frédéric Fourtune, Programme Manager, EU DG NEAR who welcomed the participants, stressed the progress of the WES project despite the challenges of COVID-19 and the various global and regional crises known to all. Mr. Patrick Wegerdt (DG ENVIRONMENT), in his intervention, underlined the key significance of the WES project in promoting key environmental priorities and initiatives in the region and policies elaborated during the UN Conferences (e.g. COP 27 on Climate Change, COP 15 on Biodiversity, the forthcoming UN Conference on Water) and a series of Mediterranean and EU policies and programmes.

1 This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of Member States on this issue.



numéro 10, juin 2023

## WES newsletter

### Projet WES (Water and Environment Support / appui dans les domaines de l'eau et de l'environnement)

Le projet «Appui dans les domaines de l'eau et de l'environnement dans le voisinage Sud de l'instrument européen de voisinage (IEV)» (Water and Environment Support in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region - WES) est un projet mis en œuvre par l'Union européenne. Il vise à protéger les ressources naturelles du bassin méditerranéen et à améliorer la gestion des ressources limitées en eau de la région. L'un des grands objectifs du projet WES est d'apporter des solutions aux problèmes que posent la prévention de la pollution et l'utilisation rationnelle de l'eau. Le projet WES entend capitaliser sur les enseignements fructueux retirés de plusieurs projets antérieurs, également financés par l'Union européenne (H2020 CB/MEP 2010-2014, SWIM SM et SWIM-Horizon 2020 2015-2019) et contribuer à l'épanouissement d'un environnement propice à la mise en œuvre de ces solutions et renforcer les capacités de l'ensemble des parties prenantes des pays partenaires dans les domaines de l'eau et de l'environnement.

Le projet WES vise à soutenir la transition vers un modèle de consommation et de production plus durable, à promouvoir une gestion efficace et intégrée de l'eau, à lutter contre les déchets plastiques et les marins et à encourager les échanges sur les grandes questions environnementales et du développement durable. Il a vocation à fonctionner comme un mécanisme de soutien auprès des pays partenaires, à créer des synergies vers la mise en œuvre de collaborations et la diffusion des informations et des bonnes pratiques. WES apporte également un soutien à ses partenaires institutionnels, à savoir l'Union pour la Méditerranée (UpM) et le PNUE (Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée de la Convention de Barcelone) en favorisant le développement de stratégies et de dialogues régionaux spécifiques et en entreprenant des activités conjointes.

Les pays partenaires du projet WES sont : l'Algérie, l'Égypte, Israël, la Jordanie, le Liban, le Maroc, la Libye, la Palestine et la Tunisie.

1 Cette dénomination ne saurait être entendue comme une reconnaissance de l'État de Palestine et est sans préjudice des positions respectives des États membres de l'Union européenne et des pays partenaires sur cette question.



العدد 11 أكتوبر 2023

## النشرة الإخبارية - مشروع WES

### مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة (WES)

### المائدة المستديرة الإقليمية الأولى لترابط المياه والغذاء والطاقة في منطقة البحر الأبيض المتوسط حول "تشجيع الابتكار والاستثمارات وتوسيع نطاق الحلول"

في يومي 6 و7 يونيو 2023، شارك مشروع WES في تنظيم المائدة المستديرة الإقليمية الأولى لترابط المياه والطاقة والغذاء والنظر التكنولوجية (WEFE) في البحر الأبيض المتوسط حول "تشجيع الابتكار والاستثمارات وتوسيع نطاق الحلول" (RW-1-REG)، الذي استضافها المغرب بالتعاون الوثيق مع الاتحاد من أجل المتوسط، وبرنامج الأمم المتحدة للبيئة/خطة عمل البحر المتوسط، والشراكة العالمية للمياه/منطقة المتوسط\*.

وقد شارك في هذا اللقاء أكثر من 140 من أصحاب المصلحة الرئيسيين من 15 دولة، وذلك بمدينة الرباط بالمغرب وعن بعد.

يتزايد الاعتراف بأن التحديات الهائلة المتعلقة بنُدرة المياه، وفقدان التنوع البيولوجي، والأمن الغذائي والطاقة، والرفاهة الاجتماعية لا يمكن معالجتها

بفعالية من خلال النهج القطاعية، وتطلب تأمين إمدادات الموارد والخدمات ذات الصلة بالترابط، والفهم السليم، والمقايضات الهادفة بين المياه والطاقة والغذاء والنظر التكنولوجية، ومع توفر المزيد من الآلة العلمية حول الترابط بين هذه القطاعات، يمكن لنهج الترابط بين المياه والغذاء والطاقة أن يضع منطقة البحر الأبيض المتوسط بشكل حاسم على مسار العروة مع التحولات المناخية من خلال رؤية رامية وممارسة متكاملتين يضمنان أمن الموارد الطبيعية.

تعتبر المائدة المستديرة حول ترابط المياه والغذاء والطاقة والنظر التكنولوجية بداية لعملية حوار منظمة في منطقة البحر الأبيض المتوسط، بإشراف السلطات الوطنية والمحلية، والمؤسسات والمنظمات الإقليمية، والأوساط الأكاديمية، والمجتمع المدني، وشبكة التكنولوجيا ومؤسسات التمويل، ومنظمات النوع الاجتماعي والشباب والعديد من أصحاب المصلحة الآخرين، الذين اجتمعوا معاً من أجل تعزيز فهم الترابط، وتحقيق التعاون بين المؤسسات، وتعزيز الإجراءات المنسقة، وفتح فصل جديد في إدارة الموارد الطبيعية في المنطقة، والتي تتعلق أيضاً بالبيئة الساحلية والبحرية في نهج من المصدر إلى البحر.

### Éditorial

L'une des questions les plus difficiles lors de la conception et la mise en œuvre d'interventions de renforcement des capacités et d'assistance technique dans des domaines prioritaires spécifiques est de savoir quel niveau d'approfondissement cibler pour résoudre de manière efficace un problème particulier, tout en fournissant des informations adéquates et précises sur le contexte théorique et les modèles et cadres opérationnels dans au sein desquels les mesures suggérées pourraient être prises.

Cette combinaison est d'une importance cruciale à l'égard des concepts abstraits et relativement nouveaux et des défis émergents tels que « l'économie circulaire » et les « plastiques à usage unique », respectivement.

WES tente de remédier à cette difficulté en combinant deux éléments :

1. Des réunions régionales complétées par des visites d'étude suivies d'échanges entre pairs pour tous les pays partenaires sur les questions générales les plus importantes, au cours desquels de nouveaux concepts sont clarifiés, discutés et expliqués sur la base d'exemples concrets et tangibles et la présentation de bonnes pratiques.
2. Des activités nationales pour résoudre des problèmes spécifiques en utilisant des outils techniques et institutionnels appropriés.



# WES Website

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Webinaire de l'UpM sur le cadre mondial pour la biodiversité (GBF) de Kunming-Montréal : résultats, suivi et voie à suivre

Le projet WES a soutenu le webinaire de l'UpM sur le « Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF): résultats, suivi et voie à suivre » qui s'est tenu le 7 mars 2023.

Le webinaire a été organisé dans le cadre du suivi de la COP15 Biodiversité, qui a eu lieu en décembre 2022 à Montréal en tant que



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## المشاريع التجريبية

WES Information Bulletin  
"Contribution to the development of a roadmap to transition to Sustainable Use of Plastics (SUPs) in Jordan"

As part of the EU funded Project Southern Neighbourhood regional development of a joint public-private initiative to reduce the use of single-use plastics [...]



الدعم المقدم من مشروع WES للمشاريع الإيضاحية الممولة من الاتحاد الأوروبي

تشكل مراقبة ونشر الأساليب المبتكرة والممارسات الناجحة في مجال الاستخدام الفعال للمياه جزءاً من رسالة مشروع WES. وفي هذا الإطار، يقوم المشروع بمساعدة مشاريع إيضاحية، تم منحها التمويل، من خلال دعوات الاتحاد الأوروبي لتقديم العروض. ويتمثل المجال الرئيسي للتدخل لهذه المشاريع الإيضاحية في تعزيز الاستخدام الفعال للمياه في المناطق الحضرية والريفية.

ستوفر هذه المشاريع فرصة فريدة لإثبات الأساليب العملية والنهج والأدوات التي تكون فعالة ومفيدة وقابلة للتطبيق وقابلة للتكرار، بينما تؤدي في نفس الوقت دوراً محورياً في توفير الممارسات الجيدة ونشر المعرفة.

كما سيتم رصد ودعم كل مشروع إيضاحي ليس فقط من الناحية الفنية، ولكن أيضاً من منظور بناء قدرات الاتصال بهدف زيادة المعرفة حول هذه المشاريع ونشر المعرفة.

# WES Videos I



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The WES video “Construction and Demolition Waste Management (CDWM)” was prepared as part of activities to promote mechanisms, tools and conditions for the transition to a circular economy and released in March 2023.



The video presents the key elements of a sustainable CDWM, as well as highlights from a relevant WES study visit that took place in Marseille with participants from seven Mediterranean countries.



All versions of the video with subtitles in English, French, or Arabic, are accessible via the WES YouTube page and website.



# WES Videos II



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The WES video “Circular Economy” was prepared as part of the activities for policy makers and other stakeholders in WES partner countries and released in November 2023.



The video gives in just a few minutes an overview of what the circular economy is and of the policies, strategies and incentives that can contribute to its realization in the Mediterranean region.



The video was developed by leading technical experts in the field. All versions of the video with subtitles in English, French, or Arabic are accessible via the WES YouTube page and website.





# WES Videos III



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The WES video on localized and sprinkler irrigation illustrates the different components of the respective irrigation systems and the necessary maintenance needed to ensure proper functioning of the irrigation system and uniformity in the application of irrigation, etc.



It also provides awareness on the WEFE nexus approach and its application in irrigation.

The video was produced under component 2 for Tunisia, as part the first project's activities on improved irrigation efficiency, notably through the development of awareness materials and technical guides, aiming to show to the farmers the different components of plot irrigation systems and their management and maintenance.



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# Main findings on Impact Assessment

Presented by:  
**Dr Emad Adly, Stakeholder Engagement and  
Impact Assessment Expert**

# WES Impact Assessment Methodology Reminder



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## Interlinked aspects:

- Stakeholder engagement (involving the right people from the relevant institutions)
- Defining, monitoring and assessing expected impacts (from the very beginning)



# WES IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY



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- **Activity ToRs:**
    - **expected impacts and indicators**
  - The selection and assessment process of candidates based on **specific criteria** to make sure that the right caliber is in place
- **Commitment forms**
  - **Dynamic participatory activities** involving quizzes, exercises, etc.
  - **Evaluation *in situ*** via (e-)questionnaires for assessing the experience
- **Follow-up with trainees and getting feedback**
    - **e-survey**
    - **few interviews**
    - **capitalization questionnaires (completed by FPs)**



# Examples of WES impact



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# Examples of Impact



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Country	Theme	Type of impact
Algeria	Non-Revenue Water (NRW) management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of Non-Revenue Water activities into other areas achieved.</li> <li>Action plans are already in place to continue to monitor and control NRW levels.</li> <li>Replication/scale up to the wilaya level is facilitated by a roadmap and guide that was prepared.</li> <li>It is confirmed that trainees were able to improve their knowledge of water use patterns inside and outside residential buildings (including leakage in internal pipe system). They are able to use the survey analytics to design targeted Water Demand Management (WDM) interventions and follow good practices in WDM.</li> </ul>
Egypt	Sustainable Management of Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW)	8 representatives from relevant Ministries in the field of CDW participated in the Study Tour to Marseilles, which resulted in a big project that Egypt is currently working on. A city that is going to establish an integrated facility for waste including for CDW.





# Examples of Impact



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Country	Theme	Type of impact
Jordan	Non-Revenue Water management	Governmental support. The participation of H.E. Eng. Jehad Mahameed, Secretary General of the Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation in the WES activity, underlined the importance of the WES activity on paving the way for the development and implementation of NRW reduction and control in order to achieve Jordan's national strategy for water and therefore to ensure an increased availability of water for Jordanians and at lower cost.
Lebanon	Marine Litter & Curbing Plastic Pollution including Single-Use Plastics (SUPs)	Signing of a "Voluntary Agreement" between the Ministry of Environment and the Syndicate of Restaurants in August 2023 as part of the implementation of one of the measures of the SUPs roadmap developed by WES in synergy with Marine Litter Med II. Another MoU with Supermarkets is about to be signed.



# Examples of Impact



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Country	Theme	Type of impact
Morocco	Curbing Plastic Pollution including Single-Use Plastics (SUPs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Department for Sustainable Development (DSD) under the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development was supported in the development of a roadmap and a framework agreement that was co-designed and endorsed by all actors for the implementation of EPR for the PET bottle sector in Morocco.</li> <li>■ Drinks companies (and, more widely, agri-food companies) have indicated their agreement to the implementation of EPR for packaging and have started several voluntary initiatives that are currently being implemented, which could be a starting point for mandatory EPR.</li> <li>■ The Law 28-00 is being revised taking into account the recommendations of WES, particularly, through the promotion and implementation of the EPR principle.</li> </ul>
Palestine	Promotion of Circular Economy	Inclusion of some issues related to Construction and Demolition Waste management in their new plan for 2024-2029.



# Examples of Impact



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Country	Theme	Type of impact
Tunisia	Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) in the construction sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Contribution to the implementation of the National Action Plan on SPP and to the ongoing revision of the legal text regulating Public Procurement.</li> <li>■ Technical and regulatory actions endorsed by the government for implementing the SPP based on the roadmap on SPP submitted by WES.</li> <li>■ The WB/the National Procurement Authority are discussing with the MoE and CITET to capitalize on the results and launch a large-scale project in the MENA region (Green Procurement project) by setting-up a digital platform for the exchange of experience.</li> </ul>



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# Presentation of the 5<sup>th</sup> year Workplan February – November 2024

## General Workplan Presentation

Presented by:  
Professor Michael Scoullos, Team Leader

# Regional & Horizontal activities

Plan for Feb – Oct 2024

## C1: Environment



Title of the activity	Timing
<b>RE-3-P2P:</b> Innovative Circular Economy Business Models in the Mediterranean region	To be completed within Q1 of 2024
<b>RE-5-REG:</b> Supporting countries to implement NAPs (2025-2035)	To be completed within Q1 of 2024
<b>RE-6-P2P:</b> Decentralized management of organic waste	To be completed within Q2 of 2024
<b>Deepening of HRE-2-REG and HRE-3-REG:</b> Educating for Sustainable Development: Training of Trainers on campaigns for sustainable consumption/ focus on WWT for reuse and NCWRs	To be completed within Q2 of 2024
<b>HE-4-P2P:</b> Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the whole of the Mediterranean	To be completed within Q2 of 2024
<b>RE-8-REG:</b> Mediterranean “Champions” of plastic pollution prevention	To be completed by October 2024
<b>RE-8-REG:</b> SUPs-free coastal and Marine Protected Areas <b>RE-9-REG:</b> Enhancing the number of responsible Tourism and Recreation related businesses in coastal areas <b>HE-5-REG:</b> Knowledge Management; Science/Policy interface; citizen science	Back-to-back integrated regional training on 9-12 July 2024 Overall activity to be completed by September 2024

# Regional & Horizontal activities

Plan for Feb – Sep 2024

C2: Water



Title of the activity	Timing
<b>RW-1-REG:</b> 2nd Regional Roundtable on WEFE Nexus in the Mediterranean “Promoting innovations, investments and upscaling of solutions”	February 2024
<b>HW-1- REG:</b> Capacity building on PPP, green/blue economy entrepreneurship and banking for the water/wastewater sector	To be launched in Q1 and completed within 2024



# Other WES Components



**Support to Demonstration Projects**



**Support to the UfM**



**Tracing and following impact**



**Capitalising on lessons learned, best practices, etc.)**



**Participation in meetings**



**Networking**



**Implementation of the Gender and Youth Action Plans**





# IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS



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## STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT TRACKING FORM

- It is a **living document/form** that can be updated, adapted and amended. Apart from helping to set a **clear understanding of who was engaged in the activity and how**, it will assist in the assessment of the effectiveness and impact of the activity and in the selection of appropriate interviewees (see below).

## POST-IMPACT ASSESSMENT SURVEY

- To be sent to every trainee (on-line form). It aims to gain insight into the impact of the WES activities on the **PERSONAL** level, **DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTIONAL** level and **NATIONAL** level.

## INTERVIEWS AND DIRECT COMMUNICATION

- To be conducted remotely with a **carefully selected sample of WES trainees**. It is also expected to act as a tool to further mobilise trainees in enhancing the impact they can make.





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## WES Environment Activities

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Mr Anis Ismail, Key Expert Environment



# C1: Environment

## National activities

### Plan for Feb 2024 – Nov 2024

#### General planning

- The project's progress is at a very good pace. Most activities are on track according to last year's plan, with minor delays in some cases, which fall within expected margins. Two last activities will be kicked off soon.
- The next period is foreseen to be a busy one. Most (Initially planned) activities are expected to be completed by September/October 2024.
- Despite challenges, there will be a continued emphasis on physical meetings, consultations, missions, and trainings to maintain momentum and high appreciation from partners and beneficiaries.
- Some new plastic-related activities have been adjusted or streamlined due to changing priorities in certain countries.
- WES's strength lies in its flexibility, adaptation, and resilience to external constraints, monitored through FPs.

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N-E-MO-2: Consolidation actions for the ongoing marine litter activities in Morocco: expanding marine litter monitoring (MOROCCO)								●		
N-E-PS-2: Development of an action plan for the plastic waste management and to transition away from the use of SUPs in (PALESTINE)	●	●	●	●						●
N-E-IL-P1: Contribution to the development of a joint public-private road map to effectively recycle plastic polymers in Israel (ISRAEL)			●					●		
N-E-LB-PL-P2: Investigating and developing a compendium with successful approaches of an EPR system for plastics (LEBANON & PLESTINE)						●				
N-E-LB-PS-P3: Identify small scale "model" approaches of separate collection and recycling for further replication (LEBANON & PLESTINE)					●	●				
N-E-TN-P4: Enforcement of political and legal measures for the reduction and prohibition of certain types of SUPs undertaken by (TUNISIA)	●					●				
N-E-P7: Activity on the preparation of public awareness campaigns material (on plastic pollution management)	●	●	●						●	
IA 1.0: Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment										





# C1: Environment

## National activities

Plan for Feb 2024 – Nov 2024

### Cooperation with Partner Countries (PCs) and with other projects and programs

- Ongoing and efficient coordination with all PCs is ensured.
- Communication with some PCs is experiencing a slowdown in feedback, possibly due to activity closures, sub-regional situations, or new responsibilities.
- Effective interlinkages to be maintained between regional and national activities of WES, including for Green/circular economy, SUPs, EPR, and ML.
- Ensured identification of complementarities and leveraging common achievements at both regional and national levels, such as TouMaLi, Plastic Busters, WB/LISP, GIZ, etc.
- WES is committed to strengthening the promotion of synergies and facilitating the exchange of experiences among PCs on various aspects, including SUPs, EPR, ML, etc.

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# C1: Environment

## National activities

Plan for Feb 2024 – Nov 2024

### Ownership, consolidation and follow-up

- PCs leverage WES experience for national strategies and policies, including SUPs, circular economy, industrial pollution, and GPP.
- Deliverables, such as policy notes and Roadmaps, contribute significantly to supporting national programs.
- New activities on plastic pollution abatement are capitalising on findings and lessons learned of previous WES activities and of other initiatives.
- Emphasis on ownership, consolidation, dissemination, and follow-up as activities conclude (e.g. adapting and disseminating case studies/best practices), with national meetings playing a pivotal role.
- Dedication to delivering high-quality reports, sustaining enthusiasm, capturing country needs, and promoting synergies for continuous action and capitalization.

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## **WES Water Activities**

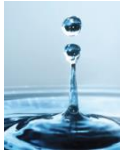
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# C2: Water

## National activities

### Plan for Feb 2024 – Nov 2024

#### General planning

1. The 2 new activities to be implemented this year have been driven by the findings of previous activities and intended to deepen the knowledge gained from them.
2. Delays due to contingencies encountered in some activities and the need for flexible adaptations in response to on the ground reality (TORs adaptation & additional tasks, or requests, change in pilot area, political situation).
3. Apart from the 2 new activities, most are almost completed but are pending either final consultation workshop, revisions and/or approvals.
4. All activities will be completed between March and Sep 24.
5. Missions to the countries will continue in order to close the ongoing activities (as applicable/ possible)

Component 2: Efficient use of water	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Activities at national level on key topics related to the efficient use of water										
N-W-IL-2: Storm water management and Natural Water Retention Measures (ISRAEL)		●		●		●				
N-W-JO-1: Elaboration of non-revenue water policy for Jordan (JORDAN)		●	●	●						
N-W-JO-2: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) at the catchment scale (JORDAN)		●				●				
N-W-MO-3: Study tour in Jordan on Water Saving	●					●				
N-W-MO-4: Water efficient buildings	●					●				
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 water use efficiency in agriculture (TUNISIA)		●		●						
N-W-TN-2: Reservoirs sedimentation risk and mitigation measures in favor of sustainability in Tunisia		●		●						
IA 2.0 Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment										





# C2: Water

## National activities

### Plan for Feb 2024 – Nov 2024

#### Strengthen cooperation with partners & on-going initiatives

1. By the time of its completion, activities will contribute to the formulation/implementation of the country's national strategies /policies (All).
2. Linkages with demos are secured whenever applicable.
3. Effective ongoing cooperation with FPs will continue. Possible few exceptions due to the ongoing war.
4. Coordination with ongoing and previous national & regional projects or initiatives will continue to ensure synergy and complementarity.
5. Strong participation of stakeholders will continue (All).

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# C2: Water

## National activities

Plan for Feb 2024 – Nov 2024

### Ownership, consolidation, follow up & capitalisation

1. WES Impact evaluation will continue to be carried out to ensure ownership, consolidation, dissemination, follow up, implementation.
2. The final consultation workshops and the WES national meetings will also feed into the Impact evaluation effort.
3. The strong implication of local experts in most of the activities is an asset for the countries to capitalise on; also beyond WES' lifetime.
4. Follow up by the countries on: guidelines, technical manuals, filling in gaps identified during implementation, improved procedures, building on the findings, policy improvements/formulation, training, institutional adaptation, local upscale, etc.
5. Countries can capitalise on 2 additional WES videos to promote efficient use of water: Modern Irrigation and Water Harvesting.

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## WES Communication Activities

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# WES 5<sup>th</sup> Year Comms Key Actions

During the Project's 5<sup>th</sup> Year, the **Communication Action Plan** will be fully implemented according to Communications Strategy.

Part of the plan may be updated to maximise the dissemination of the information on all activities.

A special Comms Action Plan on the Regional activity “**Mediterranean Champions of plastic pollution prevention**” (RE-8-REG-P) had been designed and will be delivered to increase visibility, awareness and promote related actions and innovative solutions in the region.

By the end of the project, a **WES Review** will be designed and published. The highlights of WES activities, will be presented. Emphasis will be given on results and the ‘lessons learnt’ from the activities. This Review will be ‘coupled’ with a **Video**.

Key stakeholders, the EC and institutional partners will be able to use this accumulative, valuable reference, and also easily access and capitalise on the project deliverables (links to the WES website), advancing the Mediterranean's progress towards a more sustainable development.



# WES Comms Target Groups

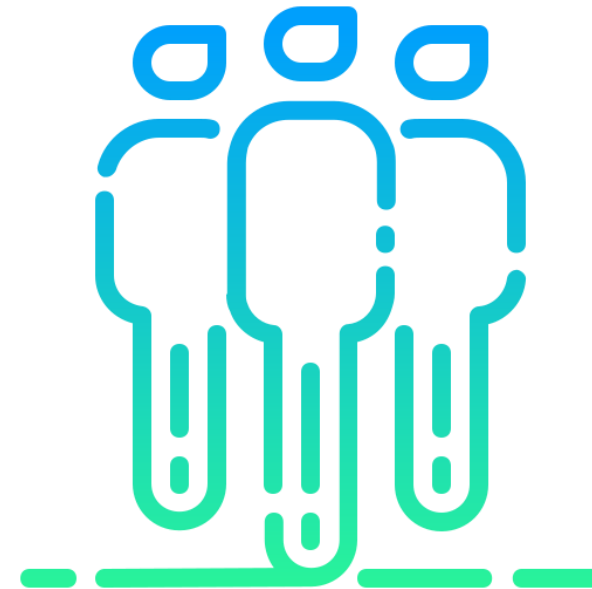


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## Target Groups

**4.120+ Stakeholders/Media Contacts**

- Media
- Ministries
- Government Authorities
- Local Authorities
- Private Sector
- Universities/Research Institutions
- NGOs



# WES Communication tools



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- Press Releases/Announcements
- Newsletters
- Information Bulletins
- Social Media Posts
- Website Posts/Data
- Photos
- Videos
- Event



# WES New Videos



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## **3 new videos**

These will be available on the WES YouTube page and Website.

The videos will also be shown during events, via news platforms and the WES social pages Facebook, LinkedIn and X. The video themes:



## **Environment Component**

Plastic Pollution and Single Use Plastics (currently in the final stages of production)



## **Water Component**

Natural Water Resources Retention Measures (Water Harvesting)



## **WES Project**

Overall Activities



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## Workplan to be endorsed

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# Discussion on the Workplan - Endorsement



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# WES Demonstration Projects

Discussion on the Projects' concrete results and lessons learnt

Moderated by:  
Ms Suzan Taha, Key Expert Water  
Professor Michael Scoullos, Team Leader

**It's time for the  
Evaluation Form...!**

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# Wrap Up / Closing Remarks

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**DG NEAR, EC**  
**Professor Michael Scoullos, Team Leader, WES**

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