

COMMUNICATION and AWARENESS RAISING: SWIM-SM suggested priorities for 2013

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SWIM-SM Communication and Awareness Raising activities: a Recap

Main Target Groups

- Stakeholders in the water sector: decision-makers and technical personnel from relevant ministries, relevant Parliamentary Committees, utilities, river basin organizations, municipalities, water users associations, universities, regional and national research centres, etc.
- Media and communication professionals

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Objectives of Communication Activities

- To amplify the achievements of activities implemented under the 2 SWIM Components;
- To secure ownership and cooperation of relevant actors and stakeholders in the project;
- To encourage synergies with relevant on-going initiatives and projects
- To contribute to the Mediterranean-wide impact of SWIM
- To achieve the sustainability of the project, among others, by supporting replication and wide transfer of its results;

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Support to the EC with the overall Coordination of the SWIM <u>Programme: objectives</u>

- To promote fruitful interlinks between SWIM-Support Mechanism and SWIM-Demonstration Projects and among the different projects and
- To enhance the visibility of SWIM Programme and of its impact in the Mediterranean Region

Most of the communication, visibility and awareness raising activities proposed for 2013 build on those already in place and /or planned during the previous year, with a view of enhancing further their impact and results.

Wide diffusion of information about the SWIM Programme and its activities through:

- Pamphlet and Policy profile
- Folders with SWIM materials
- Additional publications if necessary
- The 6-monthly New Flash (2 issues in 2013)
- SWIM website, regularly updated with information about activities and achievements of the SWIM Programme

Activities directed to journalists & information professionals:

- Preparation and Diffusion of press releases on SWIM activities;
- Maintenance and update of the Media Kit;
- Study visits;
- 5 National information events.

Regional Awareness Raising Campaign directed to farmers:

- Consultations with farmers and their associations in Algeria, Jordan and Tunisia;
- Identification of key information/messages needed and type of materials and activities urgently needed;
- Preparation of relevant materials and diffusion;
- Organisation of information sessions for farmers
- Identification and planning of additional relevant awareness raising activities

Consultation and dialogue building with Parliamentarians from the PCs:

- →on the necessity of sustainable management of water resources and
- →to help them realize their vital legislative role in promoting, adopting and facilitating the implementation of IWRM concepts.

Consultation and dialogue building with Parliamentarians from the PCs:

- Organization of one Regional Consultative Meeting involving approx. 20 MPs from the Committees relevant to the SWIM programme (Water, Environment, Agriculture, etc.);
- Preparation of a simplified guiding manual catered for Parliamentarians to review as reference guide and to be utilized to provide 'food for thoughts' during the one day consultative meeting;

Provision of Assistance to Demonstration Projects:

- Presentation of the projects' activities in the SWIM website, Media Kit and News Flash;
- Sharing of new entries in the SWIM stakeholders databases (media, etc.);
- Guidance for more effective communication

Promotion of interlinks and synergies with on-going relevant projects and initiatives by regular communication and up-date of the existing activities matrix

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Thank you for your attention

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