



Sustainable Water
Integrated Management (SWIM) -
Support Mechanism



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Workshop on the
**SUSTAINABLE USE OF NON-CONVENTIONAL
WATER RESOURCES**

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The SWIM Programme

Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM) is a **Regional** Technical Support Programme funded by the EU aiming at actively promoting the design, adoption and extensive dissemination of sustainable water management policies and practices in the following Partners Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the occupied Palestinian territory, Syria and Tunisia.

The SWIM Programme consists of two inter-related and complementary components:

Component A of the Programme: The SWIM-SM

The SWIM - Support Mechanism (SWIM- SM) is a four-year (2011-2014) horizontal programme with a budget of 6.7 mil Euros that will coordinate the overall programme activities and results (component A and B) and catalyse awareness raising on water scarcity and environmental challenges, promote Institutional building and policy dialogue, environmental mainstreaming, as well as capacity building. Replicability is a key element the SM has to promote.

The programme is expected to synergise with other relevant programmes and initiatives such as Horizon 2020 Initiative and MED EUWI. It will also assist Partner Countries in developing, updating and implementing their water management strategies and plans, while complementing other ongoing projects and enhancing the replication potential at regional scale.

Component B of the Programme: The SWIM-DM

The SWIM - Demonstration Mechanism (SWIM-DM), with a budget of 15 mil Euros, will be launched in the last quarter of 2011 through the award of a set of Demonstrated Projects.

The demonstration projects will address integrated water management and de-pollution of the Mediterranean, within the areas of intervention identified in the conclusions of the Ministerial meeting held in Jordan in 2008.

SWIM-SM TA tasks will additionally include regular feedback to governments and stakeholders on progress and results of the pilot projects with a view to scaling up, improving design and implementation of policies.

Project Consortium

- LDK Consultants – Leader - Greece
- Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)
- Arab Country Water Utilities Association (ACWUA)
- Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)
- DHV B.V., the Netherlands
- Greek Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Change-
Department of International Relations & EU Affairs
- Lebanese Ministry of Energy and Water-General Directorate
of Hydraulic and Electrical Resources
- Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources &
Fishery-Inventory & Hydraulic Research Agency, General
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Main purpose of the workshop

- Inform Partner Countries representatives and stakeholders about the SWIM-SM objectives in relation to Non-Conventional Water Resources
- Make a more focused contribution to the alignment of the project priorities and activities with regional needs and priorities
- Discuss regional priorities on wastewater reuse and identify main pillars of intervention
- Discuss regional priorities on Sustainable Desalination with emphasis on the possible formation of an Expert Group on Sustainable Desalination within SWIM-SM

Structure

Three Sessions

1. Platform Presentation on the project and its main purpose and activities. Open Q & A session
2. Platform Presentation on wastewater reuse in the Mediterranean. Facilitated Discussion for sounding key priorities in the region and how these fit with the SWIM-SM activities
3. Platform Presentation on Sustainable Desalination. Facilitated Discussion for the viability of the formation of an expert group. Desalination and how the SWIM-SM activities fit with the priorities in the region

Desired Outcomes

- Establishment of ideas on the subject responding to the needs and priorities of the PCs, whilst focusing on the SWIM-SM's priorities and activities
- New ideas stemming from the workshop participants and suggestions on how these can be implemented at regional level using SWIM-SM as a platform
- Practical Ideas on Synergies between regional initiatives and programmes



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