



**WATER DROP PROJECT: A NEW MISSION IN BEIRUT AND HERMEL TO IMPROVE THE WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN.**

ROME. Last week the experts of Haliéus have realized a new mission in Hermel (Lebanon) to continue the work in partnership with the CNRS-L and the PDA in the context of the Water Drop Project. This mission was focused on defining the details of the phytodepuration interventions to be undertaken in some trout farms of the Assi River. The Assi river suffers from high organic pollution due to the more than 150 trout farms concentrated in few kilometers. Using the natural capacity of some local plants to absorb the nutrients, we are trying to reduce the pollution while ensuring the economic and environmental sustainability of trout farms. During this mission the experts have verified that the selected trout farms are suitable for realizing the Phytodepuration intervention, considering the availability of space, the carrying capacity of the outlets, and the dimension of the basin. This mission will be reported in the next Newsletter of the Water Drop project.

The Water Drop project, started in December 2013 and co-financed by the ENPI CBC Med Programme, aims to develop an integrated Water Cycle Management at the Mediterranean Basin level, to better manage the cross-cutting issues through the establishment of multi-stakeholders partnerships, especially between public and private sectors. The partnership involves 10 organizations, including Haliéus, in 6 countries located on both shores of the Mediterranean (Cyprus, Jordan, Italy, Lebanon, Palestine and Spain). The project activities proceed intense and coordinated, in the coming months Haliéus will be particularly committed to supporting the Lebanese partners - the Union of Municipalities of Hermel, Planning and Development Agency and the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS-L) - in implementing pilot projects aimed at improving water monitoring, as part of the optimization of the Water Cycle Management

In the meantime, the newsletter of June 2015 is available at this link: [file:///C:/Users/amministrazione/Downloads/WD-newsletter-3\\_final.pdf](file:///C:/Users/amministrazione/Downloads/WD-newsletter-3_final.pdf)

The next Steering Committee Meeting will take place in September 2015, in Jordan.

For more information about the Water Drop project, please visit the website: <http://water-drop.enea.it/>

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