

A NEW EXPERIENCE STARTS FOR HALIÉUS: WATER DROP PROJECT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

ROME. Most of the Mediterranean Countries are concerned by the issue of the availability of clean and drinkable water to be used, among others, for agriculture, human consumption and industrial use. Several Mediterranean countries have scarce water resources, and some areas have semi-arid conditions, especially in the southern and eastern part of the Mediterranean. The Climate Change is contributing to the desertification of several areas, and to the reduction of the water utilizable for the different use. In this context, the authorities and the citizens are required to undertake a proper management of the scarce water resources available programming the use of the water, its monitoring, its treatment and reuse. This is the challenge that 10 Partners from 6 countries (Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestinian Territories) are trying to address through the Water Drop Project.

The Water Drop project started in December 2013, and has been co-financed by the ENPI CBC Med Programme, for a total budget of 1,989,519 €. Its goals are 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 areas that the project aims to improve are: technical and methodological issues, regulatory aspects and capacity building in the countries involved. The expected results are the following: A Decision Support System DSS, integrated by a GIS (Geographical Information System) for the water cycle management adopted and implemented in the four target areas (Palestine, Lebanon, area of Torre Flavia in the Province of Rome and the Al-Balqa governorate in Jordan); Normative proposals on water management, oriented to a progressive harmonization of them in the countries of the Mediterranean basin; A better Water Cycle Management in the four target areas.

Check out more info on the project website: <http://water-drop.enea.it/>

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