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SWIM-H2020 SM Training on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

“Limiting plastic waste, promoting recycling and the use of non-conventional water resources in Palestine”

A very successful Training on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) was organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 17-18 September 2017, in Ramallah, Palestine.

Palestine faces extraordinary challenges in dealing with all kind of solid wastes and severe water scarcity. These and other environmental pressures that inhibit the sustainable development of the country cannot be addressed without proper awareness and education at all levels.

The Training aimed to raise awareness and contribute to building the capacity of educators and other professionals on the design and application of ESD programmes. It focused on showcasing how educational projects about the use of non-conventional water resources and sustainable solid waste management (recycling, limiting plastic bags, marine litter) can be designed and applied.

33 educators and administrators, representatives of the Environment Quality Authority (EQA), the Ministry of Education and NGOs participated in sessions explaining in depth the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (MSESD) and explored options on how its recently adopted Action Plan could be effectively applied in the country.

The Training will help the trainees in using sound methodologies and in developing and implementing ESD programs making schools more “sustainable” by integrating a sustainability culture in the school management, and promoting the school’s synergies with the local society in dealing with the issues in question.

The two-day course combined presentations, group-work and experience sharing, while the participants were provided with educational materials and other ESD resources so as to enhance their competences on how to design and deliver ESD.

Soon, similar trainings will be organized in Algeria and Tunisia according to the SWIM-H2020 SM Work plan on “Awareness/Education for Sustainable Development”.

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SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism Project

The **SWIM-H2020 SM EU-funded Project** aims to contribute to the sustainable use of scarce water resources and properly manage municipal waste, industrial emissions and waste water, and therefore enhance, directly and indirectly, resilience to climate variability and change in the entire region with emphasis on the countries of North Africa and the Middle East (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, [Syria] and Tunisia).

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