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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 Tunisia”

Two Trainings on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) were successfully organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 16-17 October 2017 in Tunis and on 19-20 October in Tozeur, Tunisia, following similar Trainings in Jordan and Palestine last September.

Tunisia specifically requested such a training in order to enhance its efforts in enlarging and strengthening its network of ‘sustainable schools’.

The Trainings aimed to raise awareness and contribute to building the capacity of educators and other professionals on the design and application of ESD programmes. The Workshops 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.

More than 110 (in both Trainings) educators and administrators, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Environment, members of Environmental Associations 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 Trainings 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 courses 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.

A similar training is to be organized in Algeria according to the SWIM-H2020 SM Work plan on “Awareness/Education for Sustainable Development”.

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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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