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# SWIM-H2020 SM Training on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) "Effective design and implementation on ESD projects in Algeria"

Another successful Training on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) was organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 12-13 November 2017, in Algiers, Algeria, following similar Trainings held in Jordan, Palestine and Tunisia (Sept.& Oct. 2017).

In Algeria, especially after the Johannesburg Summit in 2002, there was a gradual shift of the traditional "Environmental Education" to integrate sustainable development topics and pedagogies. More recently, a national plan on Education, Information and ESD has been drafted to mobilize the Algerian educational community in the direction of ESD.

In this context, the Training was timely in building the capacity of educators and other professionals 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. Moreover, the real life example education around the non-conventional water resources was thoroughly analysed.

More than 35 educators and administrators, representatives of the Ministries of Education, Water Resources, Land-Use planning and 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 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.

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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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