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SWIM-H2020 SM Regional Training “Sustainable Management of Olive Oil Mills’ Waste”

Another Regional Training on the “Sustainable Management of Olive Oil Mills’ Waste” was organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 4-7 December 2017 in Athens, Greece,

The participants from the Partner Countries of the Project attended 3 different sessions/courses during this 4-day Workshop:

1. They were first introduced by experts to the regulatory frameworks concerning the olive oil industry; with emphasis on olive mills waste prevention treatment, disposal, as well as valorisation. Through the presentation of case studies, the trainees were informed on the recent developments and innovative approaches on olive mill by-products, management of waste and valorisation. By the end of this course, they were able to share their experiences (progress, achievements and challenges) on sustainable olive mill waste management in their countries and discussed the development of future synergies in the region.
2. During a field/study visit to two locations in Attica and the Peloponnese, the trainees had a great opportunity to witness and discuss about different types and capacities of operational olive oil mills and learn about the applied practices in Greece and about details on a series of applied techniques for the appropriate management of the wastes of olive oil mills.
3. The visit at the Laboratory of the Department of Pharmacology of the University of Athens allowed the trainees to learn and follow closely the waste valorisation of the olive oil mills by isolating valuable phenolic systems that are used in pharmacology and cosmetology.

More than 30 representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment responsible for members of related Associations gained an overview of the various treatments and management of olive oil waste.

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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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