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The Stakeholder Engagement Component of the SWIM-H2020 Support Mechanism: Aiming for increased transparency and accountability

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Challenges



- Political situation
- Economical Problems
- Lack of Vision
- Limited resources
- Weak institutions

The water problem is a problem of governance

Challenges of water governance :

- Unclear and overlapping responsibilities;
- inefficient institutions, insufficient funding;
- centralized decision making;
- limited public awareness; and
- Ineffective regulations and enforcement.

Opportunities









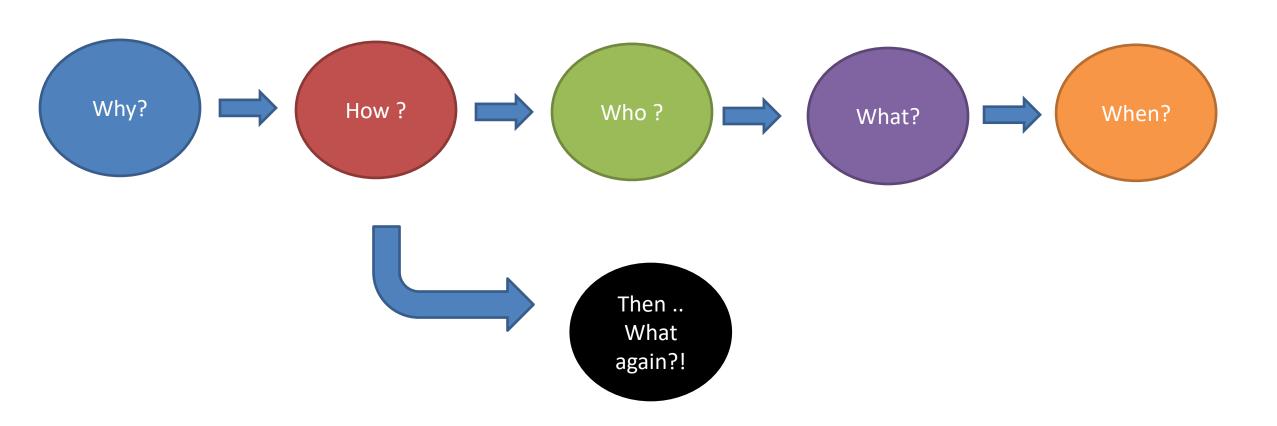
Countries commitment

More stakeholders are involved

Public awareness is better

Institutional and legal frameworks

Factors to be considered for engagement, transparency and accountability



SWIM-H2020 SM in a Snapshot

Profile

The SWIM-H2020 SM Project, is part of the political process of H2020, a flagship Programme of the Union of the Mediterranean (UfM) funded by the European Union. It aims to contribute to reduced marine pollution and a sustainable use of scarce water resources in the Mediterranean Region with emphasis on the countries of North Africa and the Middle East (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, [Libya], Morocco, Palestine, [Syria] and Tunisia).

Components of the Project

The Project is the continuation and merging of two successful previous EU-funded Programmes: Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP) (2009-2014) and the Sustainable Water Integrated Management Support Mechanism (SWIM SM) (2010-2015).





SWIM-H2020 SM Expected Results

In order to Achieve:

Positive changes in the design and implementation of the relevant national institutional, policy and regulatory frameworks;

Enhancement of partner countries' capacity to promote investment and business opportunities for properly managing municipal waste, industrial emissions and waste water;

Facilitation of access to finance for selected sustainable investment projects;

Strengthening of regional coherence and cooperation in approaches to marine pollution prevention and control, and sustainable water management;

Identification, testing and sharing of best practices and success stories;

Use of research results in policy making – enhancement of more sustainable practices.





SWIM-H2020 SM Consortium: where it all starts



LDK Consultants S.A. (Leader) LDK Consultants Europe S.A.



Haskoning DHV Nederland B.V.



Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA)



Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO - ECSDE)



Arab Network for Environment and Development "RAED"



Milieu Ltd



Association of Cities & Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+)



National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA)



Catalan Waste Agency (hosting institution of Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Umweltbundesamt GmbH Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC))





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Project methodology

- Over 53 consultation meetings with all stakeholder types, including the private sector, in beneficiary countries during inception phase: around 300 people contributed to the needs assessment
- Annual meetings for adaptive measures and synergies
- Among the criteria that were used for selection (and clustering) of activities :
 - must be demand driven
 - addresses equitably (almost equally) all and each of the Partner Countries
 - responds, to the extent possible, to the aspirations and requests of the country stakeholders and specifically to the needs of women and youth

The Stakeholder Engagement Impact Assessment Process

During Preparation

During Implementation

After Implementation

ToRs of activities

The selection process

Dynamic participatory activities

Post activity survey

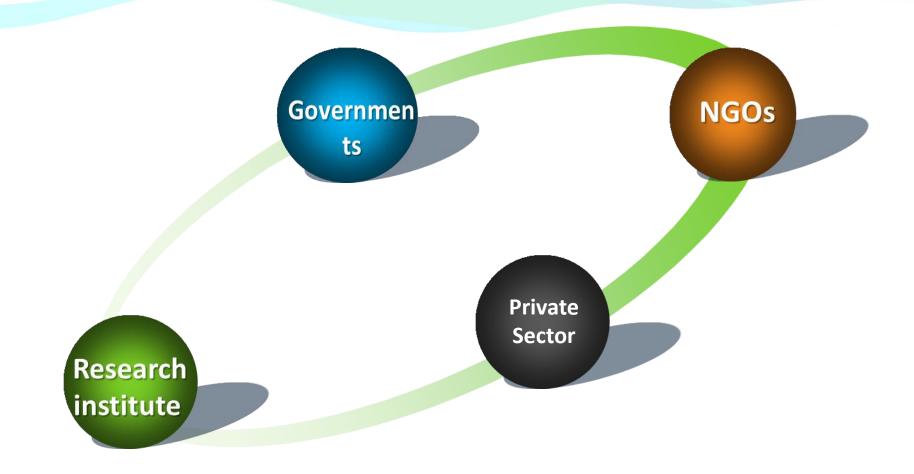
Follow up and getting feedback (interviews)

What have we Learned?!

- Clear ToRs and correct selection of beneficiaries is a common responsibility
- Dynamic and participatory trainings
- Effective communication to a large number of stakeholders in a proper easy format
- Good follow up and networking

- National mechanisms to ensure the full utilization of the gained experience
- Investing in groups of experts for sustainability
- Facilitating the stakeholders engagement continuation at national level
- Host and support national dialogues

Participatory Approach towards Water Governance



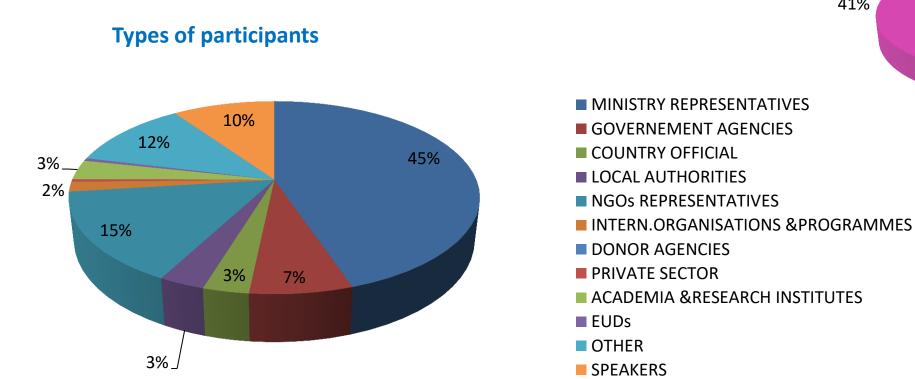
Stakeholders in SWIM-H2020 SM Trainings



Men

59%

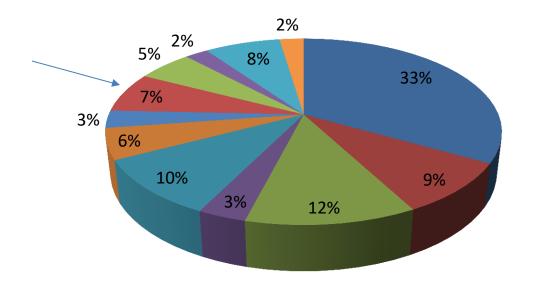
Women 41%



411 participants

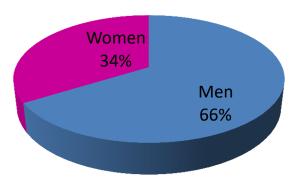
Stakeholders in project Meetings (e.g. consultations)

Types of participants





Gender balance



869 participants

Some indicative activities contributing to accountability, transparency, good governance (Regional)

- Public participation/ Multi stakeholder dialogue involving Parliamentarians,
 Representatives of Media and CSOs on the Med Water Agenda (Cyprus, 20-22 Nov 2017)
- Promoting the role of green banking in supporting investments in the water sector, particularly with the involvement of private banks (Barcelona, 12-14 Dec 2017)
- Green banking for support of water projects (Peer-to-Peer exchange)
- Decentralized water management; regulatory and organizational issues with emphasis on drafting, agreeing and implementing management plans
- Reviewing good water governance schemes with emphasis on the implementation and enforcement of legislation, needed regulatory reforms and introduction of appropriate incentives

Some indicative activities contributing to accountability, transparency, good governance (National)

- Private Sector involvement in water infrastructure with emphasis on wastewater treatment plants
 (Lebanon jointly with the UfM labelled and Sida-supported regional project Governance &
 Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector): major deliverable: WATER GOVERNANCE IN
 LEBANON: OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES TO PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION
- Technical assistance for the sustainability and replication of the Lake Bizerte governance process
 (Tunisia). The area's private sector is active in the consultation processes.
- Awareness and education about non-conventional water resources (Algeria, Palestine, Tunisia)
- Improve Watershed Management (decentralized level), local governance and capacity building (Egypt)
- Improve River Basin Management (supporting decentralization), local governance and participatory approaches in ways compatible to the WFD, through interlinked activities (Morocco)
- Support the reuse of treated wastewater, through strengthening of the institutions, development of PPPs, participatory approaches, awareness-raising, and incentives (Morocco)

Private Sector in Water Governance - challenge

Unemployment and engagement of youth is considered a real challenge in the development process in south Mediterranean countries

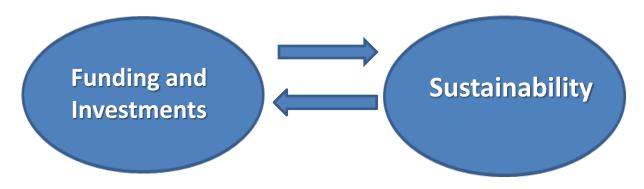


SMEs in the Water Sector



- Water supplies
- Wastewater treatment
- Technological innovations
- Water conservation (water saving devices)
- Irrigation water management

Challenges



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For further information

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