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“The reuse of treated wastewater in agriculture as a sustainable solution to increased water shortages in Algeria.”

The reuse of treated wastewater in agriculture, as a sustainable solution to increased water shortages in Algeria was the topic of the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism awareness and sensibilisation Workshop that was organized on 19 March 2018, Oran, Algeria.

The Workshop promoted the reuse of treated wastewater in agriculture in cooperation with the National Office of Irrigation and Drainage (ONID).

The Workshop, built on the technical assistance provided, within the scope of the SWIM-H2020 SM, the preparation of a communication and awareness plan for the reuse of treated wastewater in irrigation. During the event, the reuse awareness information developed within the scope of the former SWIM Program (2010-2015) in the Hennaya region was also presented.

The Workshop was held during a technical day that was co-organized by the Algerian Ministry of Water Resources (MRE), the National Office for Irrigation and Drainage (ONID) and SWIM-H2020, which coincided with the launch of the first irrigation campaign of the perimeter of M'leta.

A practical manual and a leaflet (in Arabic, French and for the first time in Tamazight) were also distributed to ensure good governance in the reuse of treated wastewater through the provision of information to the public, exchange and consultation.

More than 100 stakeholders, representing the Ministries of Water Resources, Agriculture, Health and Commerce, as well as the National Agency for Integrated Water Resources Management (AGIRE), the National Agency for Hydraulic Resources (ANRH) and local authorities participated in the seminar.

The executives of the water resources directorates of the wilayas such as the Chamber of Agriculture or Commerce but also the association of farmers from Hennaya and the National School of hydraulics (Blida) attended the event.

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