



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in the Water and Wastewater Sectors Training on Procurement of PPP in the Sector**

The EU funded SWIM-H2020 SM Project organizes in Beirut, from April 24 to 26, 2018, a Training on Procurement of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in the Water and Wastewater Sectors, building on the outcomes of the 3 similar consultations which took place the year 2017 in Lebanon in partnership with the Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector project implemented by Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

The Training is designed and developed in close coordination with the Ministry of Energy and Water and High Council for Privatisation (HCP) and PPPs with valuable contribution from the Lebanese Water Project (LWP)-USAID Project.

The objectives of the workshop

- to explain the Private Public Participation process including the procurement and tendering procedures in PPP projects as set in the new PPP law and examine their method of implementation in the water and wastewater sectors and
- to improve the capacity of the staff in the water/wastewater agencies in Lebanon in the procurement of PPP projects,, including the design and analysis of outsourcing options, management and control of respective contracts and tendering of public-private partnerships, taking into account the provisions of the new PPP law

About 30 high level water officials of the Prime Minister's Office, Ministries of Energy & Water, Environment are participating in the Workshop. Representatives of the World Bank, Lebanon Water Project (LWP funded by USAID), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations are also attending.

**Mr. Fadi Comair, General Manager at the Ministry of Energy and Water in Lebanon**, expressed his confidence that the SWIM-H2020 SM Training will enhance the impact of the positive developments that took place in the legal framework of PPP in Lebanon, and the ongoing efforts by the HCP in raising PPP awareness and education.

**Ms. Suzan Taha, SWIM-H2020 SM Water Expert explains:** "Indeed, the Government of Lebanon is well aware of the financial challenges that the water sector of the country faces. It encourages the involvement of the Private Sector, to assist with the financial sustainability of the water sector and meeting the country's water needs that have been identified by both the 10 Years Strategy Plan (2000-2009 and the revised edition until 2018) and the 2012 Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) Strategy. Actually the needed investments for a planned infrastructure development in the water sector, including the "softer" management-related interventions (institutional, tariff, legal and regulatory reforms) are significant and come up against strong financing constraints.

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## **Sustainable Water Integrated Management and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism**

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