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Training organised for the Protection of the Stream Environment and the Ecosystem in Israel.

A 3-day Training on “Monitoring of non-point source pollutants in streams” was organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 10-12 July 2018 in Tel Aviv, Israel.

The training workshop supports the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MoEP) regarding the development of their plans for stream restoration and management.

The monitoring of non-point sources is becoming a priority since in recent years most point sources in Israel have been tackled and non-point sources still have a large impact on water quality. Important non-point pollution sources are agriculture, road traffic and run-off from urban areas. So far monitoring of non-point sources has been limited, so there is a clear monitoring need.

The Training included presentations with international examples and the results of studies conducted in Israel, on the importance of run-off events and ecological status of streams as well as of major pollution issues in the Yarkon river basin. The third day included a Field Visit that was organised by the Yarkon river authority. Various sites were visited that pose challenges with respect to water quality management. Monitoring objectives and information needs were discussed.

The Training contributed to the capacity building of relevant authorities in the development of relevant monitoring plans. **Monitoring priorities were identified that will be formulated into monitoring pilots and plans.**

More than 25 representatives of the Ministries of Environmental Protection, Agriculture, Drainage and River Authorities and the National Park authority participated in the Workshop.

This Training was the second to a similar Seminar organized in January 2018 in Tel Aviv, Israel.

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