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Montenegro and Albania share their transboundary ICZM-IWRM experience with South Mediterranean Countries

A 3-day Study Tour on Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Integrated Water Resources Management (ICZM – IWRM) was organized by the EU-funded SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 16-18 July 2018 at the Buna/Bojana delta on the Montenegro/Albania coast.

The Study Tour's base of 'operations' was Ulcinj on the Montenegrin side and its programme included: Interactive Sessions and Field Visits in the Buna/Bojana area such as to Ada Bojana, Velika plaza, Sasko lake, Ulcinj Salina, Port Milena, swamps (knetas), wetlands and more. The main intention was to introduce to the trainees the [Integrative Methodological Framework \(IMF\)](#) which converged the IWRM and ICZM methodologies in conjunction with Ground Water management and the application of the Ecosystem Based Approach (EBA) into a unified one and provides guidance for replication and application across the Mediterranean through a transferable process. The Buna/Bojana river is one of the areas where the IMF has been piloted.

The 23 participants, planners, practitioners, academics and NGOs from Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia acquired knowledge and skills for effective use of the typical human and logistical resources available in most Mediterranean countries for the design and implementation of ICZM/IWRM. They interacted with several local stakeholders and shared their experiences in trying to design and implement integrated management based on ICZM and IWRM in their own countries. They also were reminded on how to better coordinate, mobilize and involve stakeholders, including the general public, in the planning process.

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