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Planning a sustainable and integrated Construction and Demolition Waste (C&DW) stream in Egypt

A Workshop tailored for the staff of the National Solid Waste Management Regulatory Agency (WMRA) and other public institutions of Egypt was organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 10-11 October 2018 in Cairo, Egypt.

Thirty trainees from the National Solid Waste Management Regulatory Agency (WMRA), Governorates and the EEAA Regional Branches participated in this workshop that covered aspects of planning, monitoring, and managing the Construction and Demolition Waste (C&DW) stream in a sustainable and integrated way. Conceptualization, monitoring and access to finance were addressed, while best practices implemented in the European Union related to governance, technical and communication aspects were also presented and discussed in detail.

Although data is lacking on this sector, it is estimated that millions of tons of C&D waste are generated in Egypt which are mainly diverted to landfills or dumped in unauthorized sites. It is noteworthy that among these high volumes of inert material, important quantities of hazardous wastes may be included such as asbestos, asphalt, various paints and metals. Although the existing legislation is considered relatively sufficient for the management of C&D waste, its implementation is not effective, and enforcement is erratic.

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SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism Project

The **SWIM-H2020 SM EU-funded Project** aims to contribute to the sustainable use of scarce water resources and properly manage municipal waste, industrial emissions and waste water, and therefore enhance, directly and indirectly, resilience to climate variability and change in the entire region with emphasis on the countries of North Africa and the Middle East (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, [Syria] and Tunisia).

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