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### Protecting Water Resources in Algeria

**A Consultation for the Protection of Water Resources against pollution was organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on the 12th July 2018 in Algiers, Algeria.**

**The Training was organised at a time when the Algerian State has a strong political will to improve the drinking water supply, which is defined as a top priority.**

**During this exchange workshop with stakeholders some main issues were discussed and validated such as the:**

- A. conclusions of the first investigations, including the results of the evaluation of the progress of the implementation of the qualitative protection perimeters (PPQ) of water resources in Algeria and the diagnosis of the situation relating to the establishment of these PPQ;**
- B. the operational recommendations developed, particularly for institutional strengthening and revision of the regulatory texts related to the PPQ.**

The SWIM-H2020 SM Expert along with all participants elaborated a Policy Brief on the protection of water resources which summarized the main issues addressed according to the country's findings and existing regulations.

The instauration of the PPQ of the water resources of Algeria appears today limited to the immediate protection. It is now well committed, with the objective that all capturing fields have the perimeters and prescriptions of qualitative protection and a step initiated by AGIRE on 6 pilot sites in the 5 hydrographic regions of Algeria to which is added the pilot site of Baraki's capturing field followed by ANRH.

**More than 60 stakeholders**, representatives of the Ministries of Water Resources (MRE), Industry and Mines, Interior, Local Communities and Land Planning (MICLAT), Habitat, Urban Planning and Cities (MHUV), Environment and Renewable Energies (MEER), the National Agency for Integrated Water Resources Management (AGIRE), the Algerian of Water (ADE), the Water and Sanitation Society of Algiers (SEAAL) and other actors representing the Directions and Sub-Directions of MRE as ONID, ONA, DEAH, DAEP, DRE and DREW, ANBT, DRAJC, all impacted or involved in the implementation of the perimeters of qualitative protection, participated in this training.

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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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