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# INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR THE PROTECTION OF LAKE BIZERTE AGAINST POLLUTION

## OBJECTIVES

Through an integrated approach tackling all main sources of pollution, the project aims to rehabilitate the environment and water quality of Lake Bizerte through depollution efforts and improving aquatic life as well as living conditions for the surrounding populations.

## BENEFICIARIES / IMPACT ON POPULATION

- Improved sanitary and environmental conditions for an estimated 400,000 inhabitants living close to the sources of pollution (531,000 in the entire Governorate)
- Improved conditions for sustainable industrial production for three large state-owned and more than 20 public and private companies
- Access to sanitation for 10,000 people in urban areas and 26,000 in rural areas
- Development of activities and local employment opportunities in the fields of sewage, waste management, fisheries and agriculture
- Strengthened know-how of actors as well as potential for initiatives from local NGOs

### LOCATION

- Lake Bizerte, Northern Tunisia

### DURATION

- 2016 - 2022

### TOTAL COST

- €90 million

### PROMOTER

- Tunisian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

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## ACTIONS

The project will focus on four priority areas of investment:

- Industrial pollution: investments in the steel, cement and oil sectors to manage industrial or atmospheric pollution of water or air in compliance with Tunisian standards.
- Urban wastewater: extension and rehabilitation works will bring wastewater collection and treatment up to Tunisian standards.
- Solid waste: through remediation of landfills, securing storage areas, creation of a treatment plant and transfer centres in rural areas.
- Coastal zone management: cleaning and landscaping the lakeshore and extending fishing harbours.

The investment component will be complemented by specific decentralised cooperation actions between local authorities for the detailed conception of complementary work in the fields of environmental follow-up, governance, communication and awareness-raising.

## RESULTS

The Project was launched in November 1 2016, high level key messages across the Mediterranean were disseminated on its impact on regional stability and socio-economic Development, job creation and the tremendous impact on the development cooperation and blending of financial resources .



## PARTNERS

International financing institutions, such as the European Investment Bank and the European Commission – which supported the feasibility studies – as well as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

## CONTRIBUTION

Of the total cost :

- Tunisian government: €16 million
- EIB: €40 million
- EBRD: €20 million
- EU: €15 million



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