OBJECTIVES

The project’s overall goal is to strengthen existing - and promote new – cooperation and leveraging opportunities among Euro-Mediterranean civil society organisations (CSOs) dedicated to water and environment, thereby maximising their contribution to sustainable development in the region. In particular, the project aims to:

• Reinforce the participation and cooperation of southern CSOs in various areas, including wetlands protection and sustainable management, integrated water resources management, education for sustainable development and awareness, as well as marine litter, through an integrated and interactive capacity building programme that brings together technical and organisational expertise and tools and capitalises on existing practices and projects.

• Foster dialogue between civil society, public authorities and other relevant stakeholders by strengthening existing participation mechanisms, or promoting ones.

BENEFICIARIES

A minimum of 120 NGOs from Albania, Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia will benefit from the project.
ACTIONS

• Deliver capacity building programmes (e.g. on-the-job training, face-to-face training, regional study visits), supported by a grants scheme for learning-by-doing initiatives focused on environment and water issues
• Promote partnerships between beneficiary CSOs and other CSOs with experience in specific water and environmental topics
• Strengthen existing networks by including emerging and/or thematically specialised CSOs;
• Promote dialogue between public authorities and CSOs for more participative policy-making processes.

RESULTS

• The technical, organisational and institutional capacities of at least 120 Mediterranean environmental CSOs will be strengthened to provide goods and services to society more efficiently and sustainably.
• CSOs’ capacity for designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating high-potential, innovative projects will be built or reinforced.
• The target CSOs will actively participate in, and contribute to, national policy dialogues and regional processes on relevant environment and water issues.

PROMOTER

• ME: Mediterranean Water Institute.
• IUCN-Med: Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation.
• MIO-ECSDE: Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development.
• RAED: Arab Network for Environment and Development.
• WWF MedPO: WWF Mediterranean Programme.

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