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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 Local Affairs and the Environment



ACTIONS

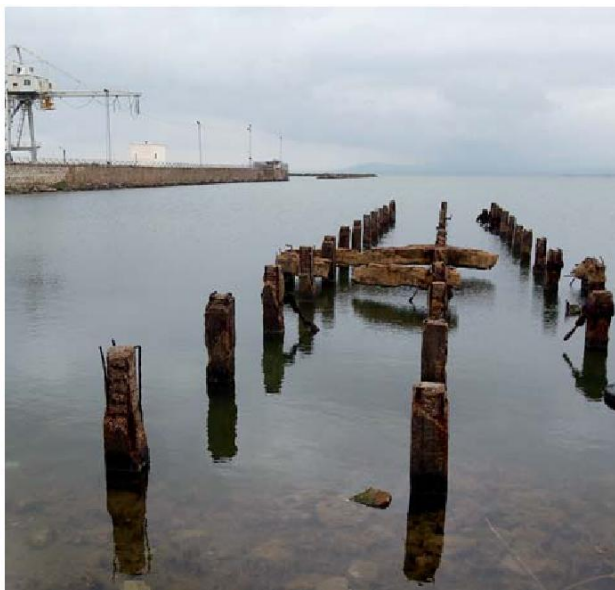
The project will focus on four priority areas of investment:

- 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 will help to eliminate the main sources of pollution contaminating the lake and affecting the bordering communities to guarantee a healthy environment and allow for a better quality of life and for the development of sustainable urban and economic activities, such as agriculture, industry, tourism, aquaculture and fisheries.



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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