

Circular Economy: Reuse in the Mediterranean and its impacts on territories

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Session Summary Template

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Title	<i>Circular Economy: Reuse in the Mediterranean and its impacts on territories (4.Urban – RR)</i>			
Session description	<p>Despite important improvements, access to safe water and sanitation are still boiling issues in Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries, especially considering their structural water stress situation, growing anthropogenic pressures and anticipated climate change impacts. Consequently, as regards Mediterranean cities, one of the main challenges is to improve the resilience of their current water management & sanitation systems. It offers opportunities to break away from past water management approaches and to shift to innovative water management solutions, such as integrated urban water management, which includes the use of treated wastewater.</p> <p>Based on lessons learned on the ground, this bottom-up and participative session wants to highlight the potentials and the impacts of REUSE on the Mediterranean territories. It will involve some decision makers as well as elected representatives, researchers, and civil society.</p>			
App Session Description	<p>This session will present the results of the Mediterranean preparatory process, especially the main conclusions of the workshops organized in Monaco on July, 11th, in Casablanca on October, 24th and in Cairo, during the Mediterranean Water Forum (January 2018). The main case studies as well as the recommendations will be summed up in a “policy paper” (to be published on March) thanks to the partnership with the Euromed Cities Network, the Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the water sector (EMWIS) and the International Office for Water (IOWater). This session will focus on some cross-cutting issues such as governance (role of the local authorities), capacity-building, etc.</p> <p>Its objective will be also to prepare the interregional session on “REUSE in the “Africa – Mediterranean – Europe” axis: Territorial Impact and Search for a Common Strategy” to be held on March, 22.</p>			
Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Powerpoint presentation needed (except some pictures) – cf. template; - Nevertheless, send us as soon as possible the key elements of your intervention; - The objective of the session is to be <u>operational</u> & <u>interactive</u>; - The interaction with the audience is essential; - All the interventions will be <u>in English</u>. - We kindly ask you to be at Room 8 at least 15 min before the beginning of the session. <p>As a reminder: the Room can only be accessed after the registration process is complete, including the payment field.</p>			

Details

Introduction and moderation by (10 min):

- **Mrs. Kelly ROBIN**, Project Manager, IPEMED
- **Mr. Eric MINO**, Director, EMWIS

Participants (50 min):

1. *Lessons learned from the ground: what are the main challenges as regards the reuse of treated waste water? What are the main ecological, economic and social impacts of REUSE projects in some Mediterranean cities?* – 20 min

- **Mr. Giora Shaham**, Director General, Israel National Water Authority, Israel
- **Mrs. Hajiba BOURZIZA**, In charge of Planning at the National Office for Electricity and Water (ONEE), Morocco (tbc)
- **Mr. Pedro Simón**, Technical Director, ESAMUR - Wastewater Treatment Entity of the Region of Murcia, Spain

2. *What is / could be the role of local stakeholders (authorities, NGOs, etc.) in the conception and implementation of REUSE projects? In terms of waste water management & governance, what could be the role of the national and regional institutions & public service concession holders?* – 20 min

- **Mrs. Marta Moren Abat**, DG Environment, European Commission, Belgium
- **Mr. José Martinez**, Deputy Director International Affairs, National Research Institute of Science and Technology for Environment and Agriculture, France (IRSTEA), France
- **Mrs. Chantal Eyboulet**, Project Manager, SIAAP, France

3. *To all panelists: What about North-South cooperation? What are the needs and the expected benefits of an enhanced cooperation between Mediterranean countries? What about a better cooperation between European, Mediterranean and African countries?* – 10 min

Debate with the audience – 30 min