

The challenge of Interreg Greece-Italy 2014-2020 'SunWater' Project

Press Release

FinalProject Meeting, Steering Committee & InfoDay

Online (Igoumenitsa) ~ June 29th, 2021

The Municipal Water Supply and Sewerage Company of Igoumenitsa, as the Lead Beneficiary, will host virtually the Final Project Meeting, Steering Committee and InfoDay of the Project 'SunWater' (full title: '*SUSTAINABLE WATER supply networks in Mediterranean touristic area*'). The closing meeting will be held online on June 29th, 2021 from 10 am to 14.00 pm (Athens time).

The event is organized within the framework of the Cooperation Programme INTERREG V-A "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" and is co-funded by € 873.000,00. Except for the hosting organization, three more beneficiaries are involved in the specific project: the Municipal Water Supply and Sewerage Company of Zakynthos (GR), the Technical University of Bari (IT) and Acquedotto Pugliese (IT), in cooperation with two associated partners: the Hellenic Association of Municipal Water and Sewerage Companies (GR) and Utilitalia (IT).

The project started on April 2018, aiming at the improvement of efficiency and sustainability of Water Distribution Networks (WDN) in urban touristic areas in both countries by providing common methodologies, outputs and results for sustainable WDN management, based on improved system monitoring.

To this end, four (4) water networks, two of them located in Greece (within the Regions of Epirus and of Ionian Islands) and the other two located in Italy (within the Region of Puglia), have been selected to develop strategies for safeguarding water resources quality and quantity from natural and human pressures, but also securing consumers' safety and health.

In the short-term, 'SunWater' prompts strategies for immediate detection of pipe bursts and water quality anomalies, while in the medium-term, it allows identifying areas where effective countermeasures might reduce uncontrolled leakages, fast pipeline worsening and future threat for contamination.

Improvement of drinking WDNs efficiency in urban touristic areas is the main objective bearing in mind that safeguarding water resources quality and quantity from natural and human pressures, will finally lead to securing inhabitants/consumers' safety and health and quality of life improvement. The project will officially end on June 30th, 2021.

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