

Water is the driving force of all nature

[Leonardo da Vinci]

Press Release

The 3rd Project Meeting of the Project 'SunWater' [SUStainable WATER supply networks in Mediterranean touristic area], was successfully held in Zakynthos on July the 12th of 2019, at the premises of the Regional Unit of Zakynthos. The project is co-funded by € 873,000.00 from the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A 'Greece-Italy 2014-2020', to improve the efficiency and sustainability of Water Distribution Networks (WDN) in urban touristic areas in Puglia and in the Regions of Ionian Islands and Epirus in Greece by providing common methodologies, outputs and results for sustainable WDN management, based on improved system monitoring.

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.

Four (4) WDNs, two in Greece (Igoumenitsa in Epirus and Zakynthos in Ionian Islands) and one in Italy (Puglia), have been identified to develop strategies for the monitoring of drinking WDNs. The pilot areas represent two categories of WDNs (coastal/island), high touristic ones, characterised by insufficient capacity in delivering safe drinking water of good quality & adequate quantity.

The Project Partnership consists of: the Municipal Companies for the management of aqueducts and sewers of the cities of Igoumenitsa (GR) and Zakynthos (GR), the Technical University of Bari/Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture (IT) and the Acquedotto Pugliese S.p.A.(IT). Associated Partners of the Project are: the Hellenic Association of municipal companies for water supply and sewerage (GR) and Utilitalia (IT). The SunWater project started in April 2018 and is expected to close not earlier than April 2020.

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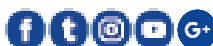
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