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Urban Water Distribution Networks in the Mediterranean area The challenge of Interreg Greece-Italy SunWater Project

Press Release

1st Awareness event of the SunWater Project

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Technical University of Bari, in collaboration with Acquedotto Pugliese and Utilitalia, and under the Free Patronage of the Order of Engineers of the Province of Bari (OIBA), will host the 1st Awareness event of the Project 'SunWater' (full title: '*SUstainable WATER supply networks in Mediterranean touristic area*'), to be held at the Dept. of Civil Engineering and Architecture of the Technical University of Bari on November the 22nd 2019 (09.30 am).

The aim of the Awareness event is to show to potential stakeholders, such as: water managers, technicians, researchers and students, the innovative tools and the methodologies to analyse and efficiently manage urban water distribution networks in the Mediterranean area, as developed in the project so far.

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 the hosting organizations, two more beneficiaries are directly involved in the project: Municipal Water Supply and Sewerage Company of Igoumenitsa (GR) - which is the Lead Beneficiary of the Project - and Municipal Water Supply and Sewerage Company of Zakynthos (GR), while one more associated partner (except Utilitalia), Hellenic Association of Municipal Water and Sewerage Companies (GR), completes the project partnership.

The project started in April 2018, aiming at the improvement of efficiency and sustainability of the water distribution networks in urban touristic areas in both countries. To this end, four (4) water networks, two in Greece (in the Regions of Epirus and of Ionian Islands) and two in Italy (in the Region of Puglia), have been selected to develop strategies for the monitoring and the optimal management of water losses and quality.

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