

Press Release

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Third meeting of the European Programme “Interreg Mediterranean - CASTWATER” in Lemesos, Cyprus



The Water Board of Lemesos (WBL) successfully organised the 3rd meeting of the three-year project CASTWATER (running from 1/11/2016 until 31/10/2019) in Lemesos (Cyprus). The project is funded by the Interreg Mediterranean European Programme. During this meeting, the WBL, as a key partner of the Project, hosted representatives from the Municipality of Rethymnon - the lead partner - as well as representatives from the remaining CASTWATER partners: Emilia Romagna region (Italy), Veneto region (Italy), University of Patras (Greece), Euromediterranean Water Institute Foundation (Spain), Institute of Agriculture and Tourism (Croatia), InnDEA-Foundation Community (Spain), Department Council of Herault (France), Malta Regional Development and Dialogue Foundation (Malta) and Sustainable Energy and Water Conservation Unit (Malta).

The CASTWATER project is of great importance since it aims at the rational management and saving of water resources in the tourism sector of the Mediterranean coastal areas. Through the participation of the WBL, Cyprus takes part in a collective effort for the promotion of sustainable development across the Mediterranean region and the exchange of knowhow in an attempt to create innovative ideas and practices in key sectors, such as tourism, services and the proper management of natural resources. More specifically, **the Project is expected to find rational solutions and establish necessary policies that will improve the use and management of water needs in the tourism sector**, as well as to design information and awareness programmes both for tourism professionals and competent public authorities.

The partners' meeting, which was held in Lemesos, aimed at providing an overview of the first year's results, at coordinating the future activities of the Project and at evaluating the contribution of the partners in its progress to date.