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"MED-3R" : For better management of urban solid waste in the Mediterranean

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The management of urban solid waste is a priority issue in the Mediterranean. The report presented at the Ministerial Conference on the Environment of the Union for the Mediterranean demonstrates the importance of this issue to achieve the goal of removing pollution in the Mediterranean by 2020 (Horizon2020).

The strategic platform implemented in the Med-3R project, co-funded by the European Commission under the European Neighborhood Financial Instrument, offers an actual response to this problem.

This platform is built around various activities : pilot actions carried out in 8 Mediterranean cities (Nice-Riviera Metropolis, Hyeres, Genoa, Sfax, Sousse, Blat, Byblos, and Aqaba), drafting of waste management plans, training, capitalization of knowledge of municipalities, industry and expert networks.

The addressed topics cover food waste, waste sorting, composting of bio-waste, Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), waste of activities with infectious risk (medical waste), plastic waste and waste of islands.

In 2014, the pilot actions, coordinated by EMWIS, have all started and an assessment framework with sets of indicators has been defined to present the lessons learned by the end of 2015.

IOWater, for its part, carried out the following actions :

- Preparation of a report on the sorting of bio-waste ;
- Drafting of technical sheets on the use of waste dryers in the catering industry,
- Organization of 2 training sessions for municipal officials in Lebanon on the topic of waste sorting and collection, and on communication strategies to be implemented to improve service performance.

The network has expanded with the joining up of five new towns at the meeting of the Med-3R Committee at Byblos in October 2014.

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