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WES presented the on-line 'repository' of 20 best practices during the 3rd UfM Working Group Meeting on Environment and Climate Action (14-15.03.2022)

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Representatives of the EU funded Water and Environment Support (WES) project have participated in the 3rd Union for Mediterranean (UfM) Working Group Meeting on Environment and Climate Action, that took place online on the 14 & 15 of March 2022. The 3rd UfM Working Group aimed to advance on the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Action adopted on the 4th of October 2021 in Cairo.

During the meeting, Mr. Anis Ismail, WES Environment Key Expert, presented the on-line 'repository' of 20 selected practices <https://bestpractices-waste-med.net/> (in English and French) that was designed and developed by the WES consortium members MIO-ECSDE, LDK Consultants and ACR+, with the support and in collaboration with the UfM, UNEP/MAP and COMPSUD (Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development), to promote circular economy and waste reduction across the municipal waste management chain in the Mediterranean.

These 20 Mediterranean Best Practices, a mix of practices mostly from the WES Partner Countries (PC) and a few from EU Mediterranean countries, are mainly focused on the implementation of the 3Rs (reduction, recycling, and reuse) for municipal waste in the WES PC: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia.

Professor Michael Scoullou, WES Team Leader, commented: «Lack of or erratic management of solid waste is one of the most serious environmental problems of our region, closely linked also to economic, social and cultural ones. To effectively address it, requires a panoply of tools and methods, many of which are already around us, but eventually not widely known. WES selected some best practices and included them in this "repository" to make them better understood, replicated, adapted or upscaled, given that the political will exists throughout the region for tackling this challenge and transforming it from a problem to an opportunity».

Individual factsheets are also available on-line and downloadable in pdf format with filters that can be used for users to quickly identify practices relevant to their needs and interests. The repository offers the opportunity for new practices to be added via an "add a good practice" form, while all partners remain committed to its continual enrichment.

Promo Video on Waste Reduction Best Practices Website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2q5YN4wYa1I>

For further background reading and useful documents, please refer to these links:





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https://www.wes-med.eu/activities_type/re-7-reg-regional-activity-on-best-practices-in-promoting-circular-economy-and-achieving-waste-reduction-in-the-mediterranean/

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The Water and Environment Support project in the Southern Mediterranean Neighbourhood aims to protecting the environment and improving the management of scarce water resources in the Mediterranean region. It will tackle problems related to pollution prevention and water use efficiency. WES is a regional project with emphasis on the countries of North Africa and the Middle East (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia).

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