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Project summary²	
Project title	Making the Tunisian youth's voice heard: Towards a more active youth role in water resources management and climate change adaptation
Lead organisation	Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med) , merging financial and knowledge resources of two projects it is an active partner of: the project "La Jeunesse Francophone pour l'eau" [Francophone Youth for Water] of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the Office Franco-Québécois pour la Jeunesse (OFQJ) - currently being continued as GWP's initiative " Youth for Water and Climate " - and the EU FP7 BeWater Project on "Society adapting to Global Change"
Partner (Specify if technical or financial) organisations	NGO "We love Zaghuan" , NGO "La Commission Environment du District 414 de l'Association Internationale des Lions Clubs", NGO Association La Recherche en Action "REACT" , NGO "TEARN" (Tunisian Education and Resource Network)
City/Country/Continent	Tunisia, Northern Africa
Target group	Youth NGOs, media, public administration (local & national level), general public, school students
Project cost	N/A
Project duration	June 2015 – December 2016
Project objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise the youth's voice in decision making with regards to water resources management and climate change adaptation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a clear understanding on reasons behind their limited participation; ○ Get their feedback on the way forward and share their views with the international community; ○ Contribute to the development of an active youth NGO core involved in the water sector; ○ Understand the limiting factors behind limited youth employment in the water sector and look into initiatives and financial mechanisms to promote it; • To raise awareness on water scarcity and the need to act; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacitate youth NGOs on issues related to water security and climate change; • To highlight the added value of youth and civil society participation in improving the sustainable management of water resources; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Train them into organizing an awareness campaign for both the large public as well as selected youth audiences;



Which white paper theme(s) ³ has the activity contributed to?	Water & Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Water & Health <input type="checkbox"/> Water & Equitable Allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Water & Climate Hazards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Type(s) of activities ⁴ predominantly implemented	Process facilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge product <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Lists of main activities proposed by the projects	Overview of the status of Tunisian youth's participation in water management; Youth stakeholder mapping & bilateral interviews; preparation of Tunisian input into GWP's White Paper; Consultation workshop (July 2015) to get youth representatives' input on the White Paper; Challenges identified for an effective participation of youth into the decision-making process; Action plan agreed upon for a stronger youth engagement in water resources management and climate change adaptation; Presentation of the national consultation's recommendations to MedCop21 and Expo Milano 2015; Presentation of the White Paper to policy- and decision makers at the COP21 conference in Paris (2 Tunisian youth involved present); National capacity building workshop targeting youth NGO stakeholders active in water resources management issues (November 2015) to raise their capacity to address the challenge of sustainable water resources management under climate change constraints; Mobilisation and training of youth stakeholders in the planning and implementation of the ÔVI campaign (February-March 2016) under GWP-Med coordination; Finalization of the campaign and World Water Day Celebration through a "Water, Youth and Employment" workshop (March 2016); Discussion on the opportunities of promoting youth employment in the water sector; Open Day on "Society, Youth, Water & Climate Change Adaptation" (May 2016) for awareness raising among the larger public and promotion of the BeWater Project; Collaboration with the NGOs REACT and TEARN for the implementation of an interactive game on Integrated Water Resources Management developed by UNEP-DHI under the Eco Challenge 2016; Presentation of the youth activities to MedCop22 (July 2016).
Governance processes ⁵ influenced by the activities	The activities haven't reached the maturity stage of influencing governance processes. GWP-Med is looking for future possibilities of anchoring the initiative to further governance activities, in order to sustain the initiative's results until now. However, the initiative has run in parallel with the elaboration of the Rmel River Basin Adaptation Plan , in the framework of the Bewater Project by feeding key youth input into its preparation.

Progress Report	
Reporting period	[from 06/15 to 05/16]



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Activities planned	Results achieved		
	Number of participants (if relevant)	Actions/decisions really done	
Preparation of the Tunisian input into the GWP Youth White Paper (June-November 2015)	N/A	Overview of Tunisian youth's status quo with regards to participation decision making in general, and on water resources management in specific.	http://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/GwpMed-in-action/News-List-Page/GWP-Med-working-on-making-the-Tunisian-youths-voice-heard-in-the-COP21/
Consultation workshop (July 2015)	40	Youth representatives' input on the White Paper; Identification of challenges that youth people are facing with regards to their participation in decision-making; Recommendations for addressing these challenges;	http://bewaterproject.eu/press-room/news/item/bewater-works-with-tunisian-youth-in-water-resources-management-and-climate-change-adaptation?category_id=4
National capacity building workshop for youth NGO stakeholders (November 2015)	30	Capacity-building to youth NGOs to address the challenge of sustainable water resources management under climate change constraints; Mobilisation and training of youth stakeholders in the planning and implementation of awareness raising campaigns;	http://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/GwpMed-in-action/News-List-Page/GWP-Med-holds-national-training-for-Tunisian-Youth-NGO-members-/
Presentation of the national consultation workshop's results and recommendations at the Med COP21 in Marseille	GWP-Med was represented by one Tunisian youth	Participation at the panel "Young people, Climate Change and solutions" to discuss the main issues related to water and climate change in the different countries represented.	http://bewaterproject.eu/press-room/news/item/bewater-trains-tunisian-youth-ngos?category_id=4
Presentation of GWP-Med youth activities at the Universal Expo Milano 2015	Representation by 1 Tunisian youth	Guest speaker at the side panel "Piémont Agriculture toward Climate change: management model for water in agriculture".	



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Presentation of the GWP Youth White Book at the COP21	Participation of 2 Tunisian youth representatives involved in the whole process	Presentation of the Youth White Paper to policy- and decision makers at the COP21 conference in Paris & follow-up discussion.	
Coordination of OVI Campaign (February-March 2016)	800 school children reached / 16 NGOs participated, organising activities themselves	Awareness raising on water scarcity in Tunisia and the action that needs to be taken to preserve the freshwater resources.	http://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/GwpMed-in-action/News-List-Page/Celebrating-World-Water-Day-2016-in-Tunisia-with-a-workshop-on-Water-Youth-and-Employment/
Finalization of the campaign and World Water Day Celebration through a “Water, Youth and Employment” workshop (March 2016)	80	Awareness raising on the opportunities of youth employment in the water sector, on the challenges the youth has to face and the limiting factors for a more active employment of young people in the sector.	
Open Day on "Society, Youth, Water & Climate Change Adaptation" (May 2016) for large public	50	Awareness raising among the larger public on the Tunisia’s water scarcity challenge and the options to address it.	http://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/GwpMed-in-action/News-List-Page/Open-Day-on-Society-Youth-Water--Climate-Change-Adaptation-in-Zaghouan/
Implementation of an interactive game on Integrated Water Resources Management developed by UNEP-DHI under the Eco Challenge 2016	20	GWP-Med assisted in the organization of a training session for youth on the game content so they can organize game sessions on water and climate change issues for schoolchildren.	http://www.gwp.org/GWP-Mediterranean/GwpMed-in-action/News-List-Page/Raising-Awareness-among-Tunisian-Youth-on--Water-Resources-Management-and-Climate-Change-Adaptation-via-Interactive-Games/
Overview of the youth activity	http://www.bewaterproject.eu/press-room/news/item/strengthening-the-role-of-tunisian-youth-in-water-resources-management?category_id=4		
Details of youth organisations that have interacted with and exerted influence within the bodies responsible for water resources decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We Love Zaghouan” is a youth organization dedicated to promoting and improving the living environment, as well as fostering cultural life and tourism in Zaghouan. It counts about thirty members. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “La commission environnement du district 414 de l'association internationale des lions clubs” is the regional branch of an International organization which aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale. The regional branch counts around 30 active members. • “REACT” is an Association of academics / NGOs / development association aims to support sustainable development and contribute to the definition of a new social pact based on scientific research. • “TEARN” was founded in 2011 as a member of the "International Education and Resource Network" to encourage the integration of new technologies in the educational process and the communication within the educational community; moreover, to strengthen among the youth an open-minded spirit, tolerant to other cultures.
<p>Progress against project objectives including challenges faced and lessons learned (Difficulties and approaches of solutions)</p>	<p>Based on the limits identified by the national workshop (July 2015) as faced by youth in its effort to fully and efficiently be part of the decision-making process, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gap of collaboration between the central and regional administration, public institutions and civil society or within civil society itself; • limitations to the access to information or to the knowledge transmission owed to a generation gap), <p>as well as their consequences, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a restriction in the NGOs’ capacity in resilient water management; • an enhanced top-down approach in decision-making that hampers the civil society’s involvement in the planning process; • a lack of sustainability in the NGOs’ actions; • limited expertise within the NGO’s, <p>an action plan was unanimously agreed upon as the main recommendation for a stronger youth engagement in water resources management and climate change adaptation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awareness raising activities on the youth’s potential to contribute to water resources management and climate change adaptation, aimed at civil society, • a training program addressed to youth NGOs to enhance and reinforce their capacities.

	<p>After training and capacitating selected youth NGOs on issues related to water security and climate change, they were encouraged and supported into organizing an awareness campaign for selected youth audiences on their own, as well as awareness events for the general public.</p> <p>The capacity building has allowed the youth initiative coordinators create a core team of young people informed and trained on water and climate change issues. The activities carried then out by them proves their commitment and interest. However, there was the challenge to keep the network alive and encourage the youth’s communication with each other, to ensure the sustainability of this core team, and then the spill-over effect to further youth groups.</p>
NEXT STEPS	<p>There is an idea to hold a closing event for the joint GWP – BeWater youth initiative in November that would aim to better familiarise young people with BeWater’s iterative process of learning, the participatory techniques and the bottom-up approach that ensures an active role for stakeholders. Moreover, it would involve young people more in the BeWater project results by familiarising them with the Rmel River Basin Adaptation Plan elaborated within the BeWater project and encouraging them to reflect on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the challenges identified for the Rmel River basin; • the Water Management Options identified and evaluated to meet those challenges; • the bundled options grouped together according to their synergetic interactions with one another and the common objective they contribute to; • various adaptation actions proposed and their priority, according to their feasibility, acceptability, cost and policy synergies. <p>We can bring together young people from the governorate of Zaghouan - and probably even on a broader level - and organize a 1 ½ day work to identify recommendations for improvement of these options and get their feedback on how young people see the implementation of these options. The results of the workshop could be then presented to the Rmel stakeholders involved in the watershed management in a workshop scheduled for the beginning of 2017.</p> <p>Finally, the youth initiative in Tunisia will be presented at the Budapest Youth Forum (28-30 November 2016).</p>

Notes:

1. The reporting template has been developed to facilitate consistent and systematic documentation of project results. The information requested contributes to the overall M&E system through which progress. The reporting procedure of the individual projects should, where possible, feed into the existing regional GWP reporting mechanisms (i.e. monthly and annual reporting processes) managed by GWP’s Regional Water Partnerships.
2. Ref. *Propositions de la Jeunesse Francophone – Un Paris pour l’eau*



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3. M&E system uses the following standard classification of activities:
- Process facilitation – *Activities contributing directly to significant planning / governance reform processes*
 - Capacity building – *Targeted activities with a clear purpose in terms of building capacity*
 - Awareness raising – *General activities designed to raise awareness*
 - Knowledge products – *Publications and other products*
 - Others
4. Refers to formal change processes such as policy development, action planning, institutional reform, etc., through which the desired project impact will be achieved.
5. A critical assessment of what was achieved vs. what was planned