



Alter Aqua Workshop on Water Management in the Island of Gozo

19 September 2012, 08:30 - 13:00
Victoria, Gozo

Announcement

Background

The *Workshop on Water Management in the Island of Gozo* is held in the framework of the **Alter Aqua** Program in Malta. It is organized by the Alter Aqua Partners: Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med), the Ministry for Gozo and the Eco-Gozo Project and the Coca-Cola System in Malta (Coca-Cola Malta and General Soft Drinks SA).

The Alter Aqua Program

Alter Aqua is a program on Non Conventional Water Resources (NCWR) in Malta. It was initiated in 2011 by the Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med), in partnership with the Ministry for Gozo (MGOZ) and the Eco-Gozo Project and the Coca-Cola System in Malta, aiming to mobilize NCWR in the Island of Gozo, as a sustainable solution for water availability in view of increasing water scarcity, escalating demand and climate change impacts.

The *Alter Aqua* Program includes a number of activities: application of non conventional water resources systems (mainly rainwater harvesting and grey water reuse systems); educational activities for students and teachers, including specially developed educational material; training workshops for technicians; capacity building workshops and awareness raising activities for targeted stakeholders and general public.

Scope of the Workshop

The workshop aims to:

- To enhance the capacity of local councils to manage and advance the use of non conventional water resources at local level, as well as water saving practices
- To share best practices and lessons learned from other water scarce Mediterranean countries, transfer this knowledge at local level and explore ways to apply it in the Island of Gozo



- To provide a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on priorities and needed actions for advancing non-conventional water resources management in the Island of Gozo
- To discuss ways to enhance awareness raising and stakeholders' engagement through participatory processes
- To brainstorm ideas for local and national water projects to be included in the Eco Gozo Action Plan 2013-2015.

The workshop includes an optional site-visit to a school in Gozo where an innovative rainwater harvesting system is being installed, in the framework of the Alter Aqua Program, in order to experience the actual application of such system to be used for the first time in Malta.

Target Group

The Workshop is targeted to all stakeholders involved in water management at local level in the Island of Gozo: local and regional councils, tourism professionals, farmers, environmental consultants, civil society organisations and NGOs.

Practical Information

The workshop will take place in the Events Hall at the Gozo College, Boys' Secondary, Europa Street, Victoria, Gozo VCT 1335. The site visit will follow at the end of the training. Participants will be asked to use their own means of transportation to reach the site.

Registrations

Participation in the training workshop is **free** of charge for all participants. A registration prior to the meeting is required. Kindly fill in and return the registration form **by September 14th, 2012** by email to: secretariat@gwpmmed.org or by fax: 0030-210-33317127.



Draft Agenda

08:30-08:45	Registrations	
08:45-09:00	Welcome address by the organisers	<i>Representative, MGOZ A. Zammit, Eco Gozo Representative, Coca-Cola K. Toli, Alter Aqua Coordinator, GWP-Med</i>
09:00-09:20	The Alter Aqua Program	<i>K. Toli, Alter Aqua Coordinator, GWP-Med</i>
09:20-09:40	Water Management in the Island of Gozo: current situation, challenges and opportunities	<i>Eco Gozo</i>
09:40- 10:20	Adding to the water budget: demand management and non conventional water resources (NCWR)	<i>K. Toli, Alter Aqua Coordinator, GWP-Med</i>
10:20-11:00	NCWR management in the Mediterranean: experiences, current challenges and developments. The example of Cyprus	<i>I. Iakovidis, IACO Director, Cyprus</i>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30-11:50	Engaging the local communities	<i>M. Theochari, Participatory Processes Expert, GWP-Med</i>
11:50-13:00	Facilitated Discussion : The Way Forward - Recommendations for the Eco Gozo Action Plan 2013-2015	<i>All</i>
13:00	Closing	
17:00-18:00	[Optional Activity] Innovative rainwater harvesting application - Site Visit	<i>Departure from the Ministry for Gozo to site</i>

Information

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