

Webinar Concept Note

Unlocking the Potential of WEFE NEXUS Demonstrators: Insights, Innovations and Best Practices

Date: May 27th, 2025

Location: ZOOM (virtual)

Time: 13:00 -14:30 (CET)

Introduction and Context

The WEFE4MED project is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA), supported by PRIMA, aiming to foster the adoption of a Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach in the Mediterranean through the establishment of a Nexus Community of Practice (NCoP). The NCoP brings together practitioners, scientists, policymakers, civil society, media, entrepreneurs, innovators, and investors, to exchange knowledge build capacity=tes and promote science-based policies. By highlighting innovative practices from demonstration sites across the region, the NCoP supports integrated natural resource management for sustainable, climate-resilient development in the Mediterranean.

This webinar is part of the WEFE4MED Webinar series designed to cover the three key learning priorities of the NCoP; Implementation, Financing and Governance. This webinar will discuss the experiences and lessons learnt from demonstration cases featured in the WEFE4MED Knowledge Hub, emphasizing effective approaches and critical insights for managing the many interdependencies within the WEFE Nexus. Topics to be discussed will include integrated water resource management, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy adoption, and ecosystem conservation in the Mediterranean context. The webinar will include interventions from prominent specialists engaged in PRIMA-funded WEFE Nexus projects as well as regional partners, followed by a moderated discussion and an interactive Q&A session.

Objectives

- **Showcase Successful Case Studies:** Presenting demonstrators featured in the WEFE4MED Knowledge Hub within the Mediterranean region, highlighting innovative practices that contribute to improved resource management.
- **Identify Challenges and Solutions:** Discuss common implementation challenges in WEFE Nexus projects and explore strategies for overcoming them.
- **Provide Actionable Recommendations for Scaling Up:** Share WEFE Nexus solutions that have the potential for replication and upscaling within and across countries, as well as within and beyond the Mediterranean.
- **Facilitate Knowledge Exchange:** Create a platform for policymakers, practitioners, researchers and other stakeholders, to share insights and experiences related to best practices on WEFE Nexus application.

Target Audience

The webinar is designed for a broad audience, interested in integrated resource management and sustainable development, including:

- Demonstrators from the Mediterranean WEFE Nexus Community of Practice, as well as representatives of demonstration sites across the Mediterranean region and beyond.
- Policymakers from water, energy, and agricultural and environmental sectors
- Researchers and academics focused on sustainability
- NGO representatives involved in resource management
- Private sector stakeholders interested in sustainable practices

Expected Outcomes

- Improved understanding of the WEFE Nexus approach among participants.
- Identification of actionable best practices that can be adapted to local contexts.
- Strengthened collaboration and networking among stakeholders committed to sustainable resource management.

Agenda

Webinar Moderator: Dr. Amel Azab, AWC

Time (CET)	Title	Details
13:00 – 13:10	Welcoming & Introduction	<p><i>Welcoming by Dr. Amel Azab, AWC</i></p> <p><i>Overview on the WEFE4MED project and the NCoP.</i> By Dr. Marios Georgiou, Cyl</p>
13:10 – 13:40	Spotlight on Demos	<p>Interactive exchanges with 3 demos:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eng. Monther Hind, General Director, Palestinian Wastewater Engineers Group (PWEG) - MEDISS – Mediterranean Integrated System for Water Supply 2. Dr. Agata Morelli, Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences (DISTAL), University of Bologna - Insect Farm – DISTAL Lab 3. Prof. Tanay Sidki Uyar, Faculty of Engineering, Istanbul Beykent University - Taşarasi Village – EUROSOLAR Türkiye <p>Facilitator: Dr. Ioanna Antoniadou, Cyl</p>
13:40 – 14:00	Reflections and food for thought	<p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Lilly Aufdembrinke, Consultant, Adelphi 2. Mr. Manuel Sapiano, Chief Executive Officer, CEO Office, Energy and Water Agency, Malta <p>Facilitator: Dr. Anthi Brouma, GWP-Med</p>
14:00 – 14:20	Interactive Q&A	<p>Open floor for participants to ask questions and share insights.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Charles Kleinermann, ICARDA</p>
14:20 – 14:30	Conclusion & Next Steps	<p><i>Summary & key takeaways</i></p> <p><i>Online survey</i></p>