

Press Release

‘SunWater’ Project

2nd Project Meeting & Project Steering Committee

Held in Bari 14th of Dec 2018

The 2nd meeting and the PSC of the Project **SunWater** [SUStainable WATER supply networks in Mediterranean touristic area], was successfully held in Bari on December the 14th of 2018, at the Department of Engineering and Architecture (DICAR), Polytechnic University of Bari. The project is co-funded by € 873,000.00 from the **Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Greece-Italy 2014-2020**, to improve the efficiency and sustainability of water distribution networks in urban touristic areas in Puglia and in the Regions of Ionian Islands and Epirus in Greece.

The Project Partnership consists of: the **Municipal Companies for the management of aqueducts and sewers of the cities of Igoumenitsa (GR) and Zakynthos (GR)**, the **Technical University of Bari, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture (IT)** and the **Acquedotto Pugliese S.p.A.(IT)**. Associated Partners of the Project are: the **Hellenic Association of municipal companies for water supply and sewerage (GR)** and **Utilitalia (IT)**.

The representatives of the involved Project Beneficiaries had the opportunity to monitor the progress of the on-going Working Packages in relation to the time framework of the project as well as to examine in detail the most demanding - in technical aspect - deliverables of the physical object. The overall objective is to create innovative and technologically advanced models for the analysis and planning of the water distribution network that will allow better control and monitoring of the water delivery service, with the reduction of water leakages and the improvement of water quality check.

The SunWater project started in April 2018 and has identified four (4) water networks, two in Greece (Ionian Islands and Epirus) and two in Italy (Puglia), which will be used to develop strategies for the monitoring and optimal management of water waste and quality.

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