

# River Basin Management Workshop

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On November 14<sup>th</sup> 2022, as part of the HawkaMaa-EU project<sup>1</sup>, LEWAP organized a half day workshop on River Basin Management at Beirut Digital District. Invitations were shared with all stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector in the country and more specifically to the network of civil society and local NGOs developed by LEWAP and LebRelief.

The workshop focused on introducing the concept of integrated water resource management with focus on river basin management; the workshop mobilized LEWAP, pS-Eau and ACTED to present. LEWAP presented the concept of IWRM by introducing ongoing and conducted projects in Lebanon, pS-Eau presented the IWRM in France and ACTED presented the methodology and approach towards the development of programs of measures for Al Ghadir River Basin under the HawkaMaa-EU project. The project's activities revolve around three river basins; Al Oustuan (Akkar), Al Ghadir (Mount Lebanon) and Al Assi (Bekaa) – the works consist of involving all actors around those three river basins for a successful and sustainable management of water and wastewater services.

Many actors attended the workshop ranging from governmental institutions (consultant to the minister from the Ministry of Energy and Water, representative from the Litani River Authority and representative from municipalities), private sector (contractors and entrepreneurs), local NGOs and CSOs, UN agencies, international NGOs and research and academic institutions.

Other than presenting the concept of IWRM and River Basin Management as well as the projects ongoing or accomplished in that regard, the workshop focused on collecting feedback and discussion from attendees on two main points:

- Their knowledge in regards to IWRM and their feedback on ongoing projects in the country
- Their feedback in regards to the methodology of program of measures

Attendees highlighted the importance of prioritizing the river basins before selecting the area of intervention and the necessity of managing water resources at the level of river basins and not at a cadaster level as per law 221. Another interesting point highlighted is the need to consider sub-basin management and involving actors and civil societies around the River Basin in project development and implementation. Moreover, participants addressed the need to consider sustainability of projects in the WASH sector and the need to issue the National Water Sector Strategy and circulate the reforms that are currently ongoing.

The most highlighted point by the attendees was the need for a multi-sectorial analysis and assessment for every river basin management project however this can be an issue nowadays with the current multi-sectorial crisis in the country.

To know more about the presentation conducted, visit the link [here](#)

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<sup>1</sup> The HawkaMaa-EU project aims at providing WASH assistance to support water governance and public water and wastewater services in Lebanon for host and refugee communities

A consortium was formed for this project grouping 5 implementing partners ACTED, WW-GVC, ACF, Solidarité Internationale and LebRelief as well as 5 supporting partners LEWAP, IMPACT, NDU, LCPS, Nahnoo and CNRS-L