

On 13 October the 1st Steering Committee of the project **"Youth and innovation for sustainable management of water and marine resources in the Mediterranean" - WaterMedYin** was held online. This is a regional initiative involving the Agriculture Ministries of Lebanon, Palestine and Tunisia, and, in future, Egypt as well.

This ambitious project, implemented by **CIHEAM Bari** and funded by the **Italian Cooperation (DGCS-AICS)**, is aimed to strengthen Innovation Support Organisations (ISOs) and the start-ups committed towards the sustainable management of water and coastal/marine resources.

In the broader framework of CIHEAM Bari mission, WaterMEDYin is focused on inclusion and reduction of inequality and lays great emphasis on local communities as the key actors for the achievement of SDGs. Geared towards women and young entrepreneurs, the project aims at establishing a regional network of collaboration and partnership for innovation, by broadening the Mediterranean Innovation Partnership (MIP), set up by CIHEAM Bari in 2016.

The delegates of the Partner Countries approved the Work Plan submitted by CIHEAM Bari thereby rewarding the lengthy and hard work of experts devoted entirely to adjusting the expected actions to the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19.

The execution phase starts now: Congratulations and Good luck to the Project Managers!