

Le Voilier de la Solidarité,

PARTAGEONS NOS SOLUTIONS

Sails of Solidarity,

LETS SHARE OUR SOLUTIONS

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“Any solution for the integrated management of water resources that does not place people at the heart of the debate is discriminatory and doomed to failure.”



The Project

There are many people-led initiatives focusing on both salt and fresh water management around the Mediterranean basin. These include improved access to water and sanitation, coastal zone protection, irrigation, pollution prevention, water saving, species preservation etc.

It is this Mediterranean expertise that the sailboat, “Sails of Solidarity, Sharing our Solutions”, will collect and promote during the 6th World Water Forum to be held in Marseille from 12 to 17 March 2012.

An initiative of the International Secretariat for Water (ISW), the Espace Collaboratif de Ressources en Éducation au développement durable en Méditerranée (Ecorem) and their partners, the “Sails of Solidarity, Sharing our Solutions” project will be officially launched on 19 December 2011 in Marrakech, during the 1st Mediterranean Water Forum.



Objectives

- To demonstrate that the sharing of knowledge encourages all water management stakeholders to assume their responsibilities and work together.
- To promote people-led practices for land development based on integrated water resource management.
- To mobilise Mediterranean stakeholders involved in awareness raising and training
- To raise public awareness of water issues, particularly among young people.



Activities

The project activities will take place in two stages. The first will consist in collecting existing solutions and the second in presenting them at La Ciotat, Marseille and Barcelona.

During the stop-overs of the first stage, the sailboat “Sails of Solidarity” will be available for local partners to organise educational, social and



cultural activities. These local partners may be representatives of civil society, teachers, trainers, elected officials, water experts etc.

All the experiences, recommendations and proposals collected (photos, videos, maps, documents, film clips etc.) will be shared with decision-makers in the international community and the general public.

Throughout the voyage, an interactive log will be available on the Ecorem website (www.ecorem.eu/voilierdelasolidarite), a platform for sharing experiences and ideas, which facilitates access to information and encourages implementation of awareness-raising and training projects to improve practices.

A documentary film will be made of the different stages of the trip and the various meetings.

The Stopovers

■ 26 december 2011	LA ROCHELLE
■ 25 to 28 January	MOROCCO
■ 1 to 4 February	ALGERIA
■ 5 to 9 February	TUNISIA
■ 10 to 14 February	ITALY
■ 25 February to 2 March	CORSICA
■ 6 to 14 March	LA CIOTAT
■ 15 to 17 March	MARSEILLE
■ 20 to 23 March	BARCELONA



The Itinerary

During the 1st stage, from mid-January to early March, the sailboat will stop at five ports of call: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Italy and Corsica.

During the 2nd stage, in March, "Sails of Solidarity" will present the results of its voyage on the Quay of Solidarity at La Ciotat, the Citizens' House for Water within the World Water Forum, at the old port in Marseille and during World Water Day in Barcelona. Barcelona will also be the moment to reveal the next stages of the projects.



Partners who have expressed their interest

Rhone-Mediterranean and Corsica Water Agency (AERMC), Bouches du Rhône General Council (CG 13), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO), SEMIDEP, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), the town of La Ciotat, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).



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