

### Highlights from key events

#### 7th International Symposium on Water Knowledge & Capacity Development organized by IHE-Delft, the Netherlands 4 July 2025 | Delft, Netherlands



Laurent-Charles Tremblay-Lévesque represented WEFE4MED at the Delft Symposium under UNESCO auspices, presenting a collaborative report titled "The Limits of Sponsored Transdisciplinary Communities of Practice." His session explored how nurturing versus pre-engineered approaches shape collaborative water governance, emphasizing lessons from co-designing knowledge-sharing networks. The discussion highlighted the balance between institutional support and organic community growth, underscoring WEFE4MED's contributions to advancing SDG 6 (Water for All).

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### Spotlight on Demos



#### FrontAg Nexus – Bodrum Municipality – Bahçeyaka Seed Center Demonstrator



**Ms. Sinem UYAR KUYUMCU**  
Manager  
Bahçeyaka Seed Center

From seed to flourishing life, the Bahçeyaka Seed Center is where Bodrum's agricultural heritage is preserved and its future cultivated. Located in the Bahçeyakası neighborhood of Bodrum, Muğla, the Center spans more than 6,500m<sup>2</sup> and includes a greenhouse and 21 test gardens. It serves as a vital hub for conserving local and heirloom seeds, which is part of an effort crucial to protecting biodiversity and ensuring the survival of endangered varieties that enrich the region's ecosystem. Operated under the Bodrum Municipality Agricultural Services Directorate, the Center also supports local agriculture by distributing native seedlings, helping seed producers save up to 1.5 million TRY annually. "We're not just growing plants, we're growing resilience, knowledge, and community," says Ms. Sinem Uyar Kuyumcu, the Center's manager. Through ongoing propagation trials, the Center provides valuable data on yield, disease resistance, and climate adaptability, creating a strong link between research and the farming community.

The Bahçeyaka Seed Center is affiliated to the FrontAg Nexus partner, Bodrum Municipality. It is a specialized facility focusing on the preservation, cultivation, and distribution of high-quality seeds to support sustainable agriculture. The Center plays a crucial role in promoting biodiversity by conserving local and traditional seed varieties while providing farmers with access to resilient, drought-tolerant, and productive seeds. The Center aims to enhance crop productivity, preserve traditional seeds to maintain biodiversity, and promote drought-tolerant seeds given increasing heat periods and water scarcity. This strategy enhances regional food security and contributes to environmentally sustainable farming practices.

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Bodrum Municipality	Turkey	<b>Acer Ezgi</b> ezgi.acer@bodrum.bel.tr Bodrum Municipality Türkiye
Total funding	Start year	End year
100 - 500k €	2023	2026

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#### Nexus Dimensions



#### SDGs



#### Scores

Environmental	Social	Technological	Financial	Institutional
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This edition of WEFE4MED Monthly Highlights showcases key activities, including our participation in the 7th International Symposium on Water Knowledge & Capacity Development, a teaser of the upcoming Online Mediterranean Training to Mobilize GCF Support for WEFE Projects, and the spotlight on the Bodrum Municipality – Bahçeyaka Seed Center Demo. Spotighting innovation, collaboration, and leadership across the Mediterranean.

### Upcoming events and opportunities

For full access on the events and opportunities, please check the knowledge Hub link:  
[www.wefe4med.eu/wefe/events](http://www.wefe4med.eu/wefe/events)

#### Call for applicants coming soon: Online – Mediterranean Training to Mobilize GCF Support for WEFE Projects

##### Apply NOW



Organized by the Arab Water Council (AWC) and funded by the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) and SIDA, this fully online training will start from 1 October to 5 November 2025. The modular program includes live webinars, group assignments, and peer-to-peer exchanges, and final proposal submission for certification.

**Course Dates:** 1 October – 5 November 2025 (5 weeks)

**Format:** Fully online, modular learning with live webinars, group assignments, and peer-to-peer exchange, final proposal submission for certification.

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**Funded by:** Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

### WEFE4MED Mentoring, Twinning & Knowledge Exchange Activity

This initiative connects practitioners, researchers, and industry experts to enhance expertise through mentorship, bridge research with real-world applications, and foster innovation in the WEFE Nexus. Open to engineers, policymakers, farmers, academics, and innovators, the activity follows a structured selection process, including needs assessments and host validations.

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**Opportunity for Hosts**



**Opportunity for Visitors**



### WEFE4MED Internships and Summer Schools

#### Internships:

- For students and young researchers.
- Hosted by WEFE4MED member organizations for 1–3 months.
- Competitive call expected September 2025.

#### Summer Schools

- Two online sessions (Sept/Oct 2025 & Feb/Mar 2026).
- Face-to-face training in June 2026 for top participants.



Showcase your innovation! WEFE4MED invites you to compete for the title of "The Most Impressive WEFE Nexus Demonstrator Project in the Mediterranean region."

### Learn about WEFE4MED and Join the NCoP

The PRIMA-supported WEFE4MED project (2026–2022) aims to foster the adoption of a WEFE (Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems) Nexus approach to confront the climatic and environmental challenges facing societies and agro-ecological systems, through a Nexus Community of Practice (NCoP).

Committed to co-creating an inclusive, diverse and participatory platform for collaborative work, the Med NCoP connects scientists, policymakers, practitioners, entrepreneurs and innovators to exchange knowledge and drive innovation in WEFE solutions, with emphasis on tangibles for the benefit of all people and countries across the Mediterranean.

Its Knowledge Hub provides a space for sharing demonstration cases, events, resources and opportunities to strengthen Nexus collaboration.



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