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# MED TEST III Lebanon Building more resource efficient and resilient industries in Lebanon

#### **Overview**

Lebanon's political, financial, and economic turmoil is affecting the ability of industries to produce, export, and generate the much-needed domestically produced goods. Rising prices for energy and raw materials, along with logistics disruptions, cause excessive costs for companies. This situation makes it challenging for industries to produce orderly, stay profitable and generate the much-needed income and employment for the country.

Getting Lebanon back on track from the current socioeconomic crisis, will need actions that can both support immediate stabilization for companies, while building longterm resilience of industries to meet future demands. As part of the long-standing commitment from the European Union to Lebanon, the EU-funded SwitchMed/MED TEST III project promotes the adoption of resource efficiency as a strategy for companies to reduce energy, water and raw materials consumption costs and build back with better and resilient production processes.

#### **MED TEST III in Lebanon**

Supported by the Ministry of Industry (MOI), the Ministry of Environment and in close collaboration with the Association of Lebanese Industrialists (ALI) and the Association of North Metn Industrialists (ANMI), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) will demonstrate the business case of a resource-efficient and cleaner production (RECP) in companies in selected strategic sectors and areas through the project activities from 2020-2023 Following an assessment on the situation among industries in Lebanon, the food and chemical sectors were selected as priority industries for promoting the uptake of more resource-efficient production practices. These sectors are vital for supporting Lebanon's food security and import substitutions. In addition, the identified sectors also have significant saving potential for energy efficiency measures, vital for businesses struggling with the ongoing shortage in energy supply in the country.

Along with the provision of technical assistance to select- ed industries, MED TEST III will also undertake a policy gap assessment of the Lebanese policy framework for Industrial Zones. The objective is to identify gaps and opportunities leading to increased capacities for mainstreaming and monitoring RECP strategies in industrial zones. Furthermore, the project will also seek to incorporate principles of the International Framework for Eco-Industrial Parks in this process to promote more sustainable development of these areas.

## Until the end of 2023, the MED TEST III project in Lebanon will:

- Provide technical assistance in RECP to at least 10 demonstration companies belonging to strategic industrial sectors.
- Conduct whey valorization study and training activities for the Dairy sector, with international expertise.
- Promote policy actions through a gap analysis and a roadmap to mainstream RECP in industrial zones and align them to principles of the International Framework for Eco-Industrial Parks.





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