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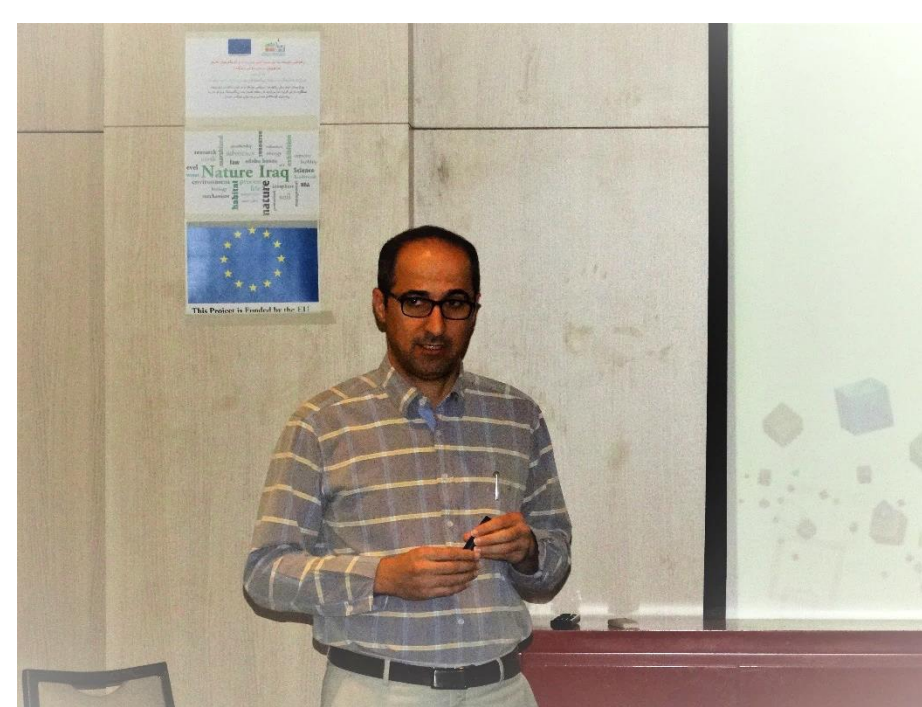
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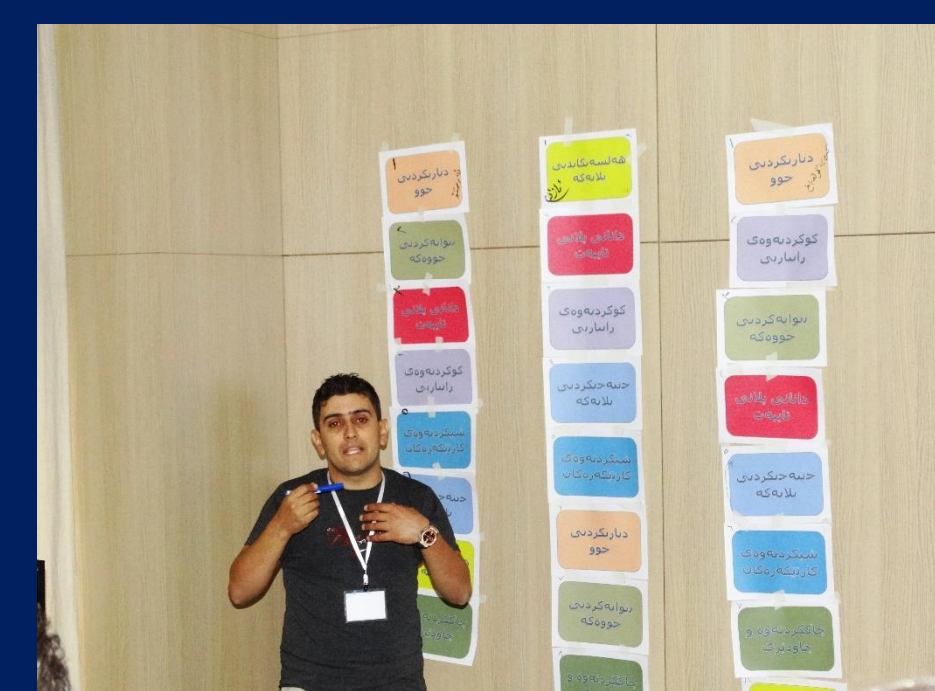
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## Two Courses Of Environmental Laws And Advocacy Projects at Sulaymaniyah And Erbil On (Education Principles And Their Impact On Development Of Environmental Conditions)

[Environmental laws and advocacy project](#) have conducted two special courses under the name of (Education principles and their impact on development of environmental conditions) for two different groups of primary school teachers of Kurdistan Region at both cities of Sulaymaniyah (AbuSana Hotel) and Erbil (Tangram Hotel) on 23rd -28th of August 2017, in which total of 34 teachers participated in both courses.



First day of the courses was dedicated to talk about the following issues (impact of water and sewage on human's life, benefits of trees on environmental balance, environmental psychology, Guide to environmental laws in Kurdistan Region and impacts of vehicles on environment ) in addition to many other group works by participants presented by the skilled trainer civil engineer (Wrya Noori Khafaf). The second day of both courses was presented by the skilled trainer (Mr. Ako Abudul Majeed Saeed- Manager of Vocational Education at General Directorate of Education Department in Sulaymaniya) which addressed many issues, the most important of which was (behavior, their attitude and characteristics, elements of behavior changing and strategy of persuasion), in addition to many different environmental and educational activities, forming several groups and discussion on several matters by all participants, additionally the learners were familiarized with different methods of persuasion of individuals in order to improve the environment conditions of Kurdistan Region. On second and the final day of both courses, certificates were given to participants; and they were given chances to talk about both days of the course as well as the knowledge and new techniques learned from the course. Their assessment to the course in general was very good, although they wished to extend the course duration so that they can get more information, to have perspective role in re-using the techniques and teaching methods, in order to define and analyse environment to students of their schools. By opening these two courses, the supporting project aimed to upgrade the level and skills of primary school teachers, to create a continues relationship between the supporting project and participated teachers, to follow up and visit their schools by the advocacy projects, to give some manuals and [Environment Friend coloring book](#) to students of the participated teachers in the course, to view impacts of the course on participated teachers, to talk about environment, to persuade their students on necessity to keep the environment clean, on contrary keeping the environment unclean is non-human action results in damage to health in spite of the economic damages.



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## Duty Of Tourists To Protect Environment Of The Tourism Areas

It is known for everyone that Kurdistan has special wonderful areas for tourism in order to spend quiet and happy time due to mountainous areas, springs, rivers, waterfalls, trees, green areas and due to means of comfort like hotels, restaurants and modern tourist houses, all these factors caused to increase the percentage of tourist numbers year after year, not only from southern and central parts of Iraq, but also from neighboring counties as well, which became an income source and a good profit for economy of people and the government, therefore it is important for the competent authorities of

environment and tourism authority to pay more attention to improve, serve and reconstruct those areas. The point that we must care about is pollution in most of tourism areas by tourists when throwing the leftover of food, garbage, plastic bottles, cutting trees, leaving fire and charcoal which in many cases results in setting fire on several donoms of straw and cultivated areas, therefore it is necessary for the Tourism Authorities to coordinate with Environment Protection and Improvement Authority to assign groups of environment observers at areas visited by a large number of tourists , to instruct



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tourists in order to keep clean and protect environment of those areas, and also to distribute special posters at checkpoints with instruction to protect environment, to give each family at least one poster so that the beautiful environment of Kurdistan is protected from pollution.



Field visit on 11-9-2017  
To water resources in KRI



Venue: Qaradagh

## Field Visit To Florence At Italy

Within activities of the advocacy project in coordination with (Water Rights Foundation in Italy), a three days field visit was made to Florence city at Italy started on 9 Oct 2017. The advocacy project team consisted of Shilan Aziz (Project Manager), Araz Hamarash (Finance Manager), Diary Muhammed Rashid (Project Coordinator) and Razhan Aso (Legal Assistant).

First day of the visit was dedicated to see Anconella water purification station at Florence, visiting all departments of the station in theory and practical, and then visiting the sections which pump and distribute the purified water to Florence. On the same day, the project team visited several officials of the city, including Caterina Biti (Head of City Council in Florence) and Sonia Perini (Head of Peace Committee at Florence Municipality), to talk about actions, the environmental laws and advocacy project activities of European Union in the past period. In the meeting, role and importance of European Union in protecting environment of Iraq and Kurdistan was discussed as well, and their supports were appreciated. It is worth saying that, as decision makers in Italy Government, they confirmed their support and assistance to Nature Iraq, advocacy project and Kurdistan Region environment, they promised to do what they can in this regard.

On second day of the visit, the team visited Bilancino Dam (the biggest dam at Florence city) as well as visiting whole departments and the operation process of the dam.

The third day of the visit was dedicated to a meeting between advocacy project and Water Rights Foundation in Italy that is a partner of the project for some financial issues related to the advocacy project. The objective of this visit was to collect scientific information related to water sources of Florence city, exchange of information and discussion on financial affairs of advocacy project with Water Rights Foundation in Italy.



For more information about the Project, visit: [www.natureiraq.org](http://www.natureiraq.org) > Projects > [WaterKeeper Law and Advocacy Program](#)



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role of civil society organizations  
in the Referendum process in KRI



Venue: Directorate of NGOs in Erbil



Field visit to Bilancino dam in  
Florence, Italy on 10-10-2017

