

EUWI Steering Group Meeting
4 December 2009, Brussels



Mediterranean Component
of the EU Water Initiative

BRIEFING
on key activities in 2009
and activities planned for 2010-2011

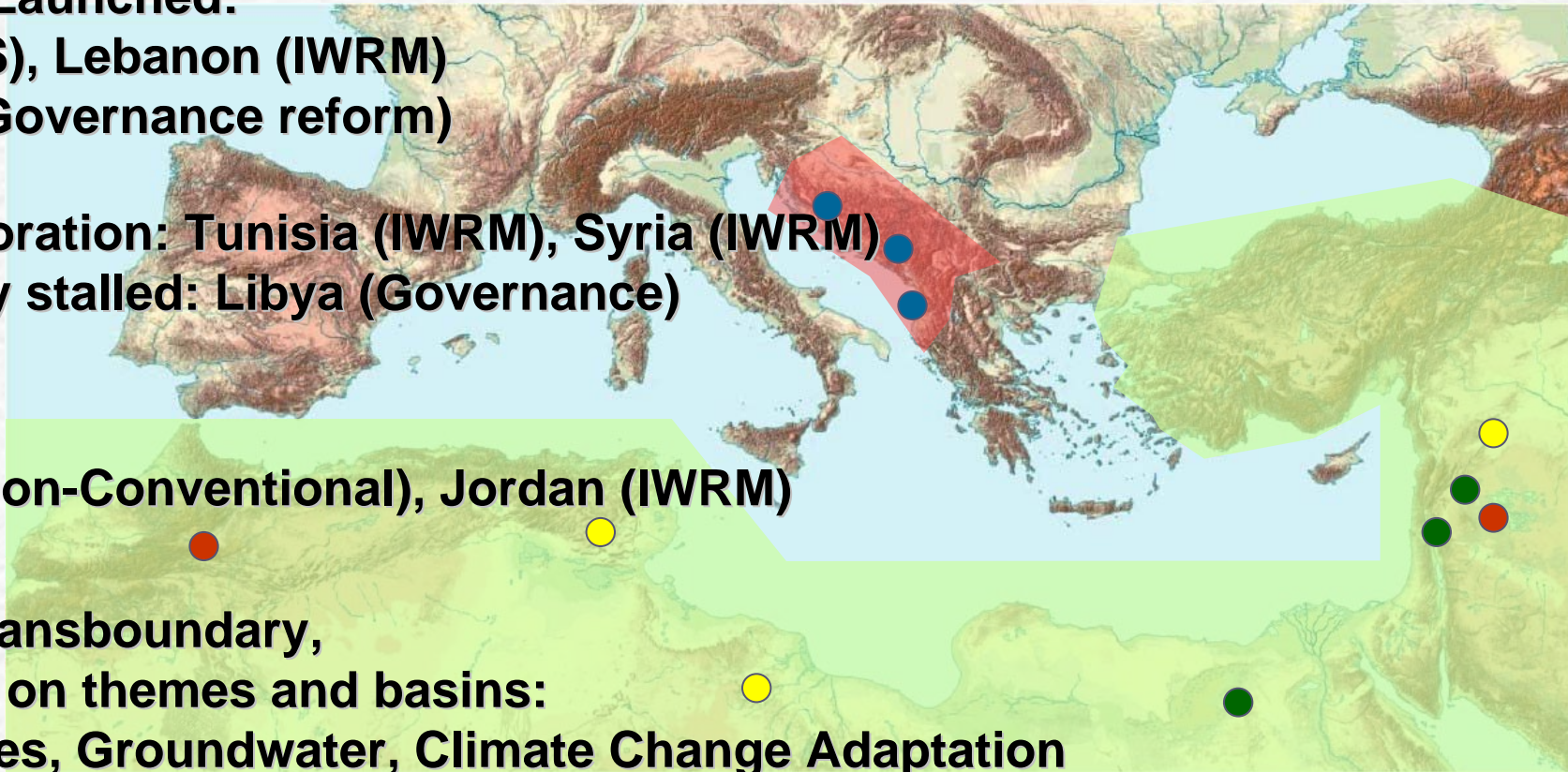
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MED EUWI activities in 2009 and 2010-2011

COUNTRY and SUB-REGIONAL Dialogues / Interventions: **on going and planned**

- On going / Launched:
Egypt (WSS), Lebanon (IWRM)
Palestine (Governance reform)
- Under exploration: Tunisia (IWRM), Syria (IWRM)
Temporarily stalled: Libya (Governance)
- Requested:
Morocco (Non-Conventional), Jordan (IWRM)
- On going transboundary,
based both on themes and basins:
Rivers, Lakes, Groundwater, Climate Change Adaptation
Drin, Sava, Ohrid, Skoder, Prespa



MED EUWI in 2009 and 2010-11: *REGIONAL Activities*

- Assistance for implementing key decisions of the “Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water” (12/2008, Jordan) with emphasis on elaborating the new Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean (SWM)
- Assistance for preparing the ToR of the SWM (presented by Greece and Spain)
- Secretariat & technical assistance to WEG assisting the UfM Co-Chairs
- Support to the Water Expert Group Meetings: 09/2009, Athens & 11/2009, Cairo
- Assistance to Spain in its role as coordinator of the SWM Technical Drafting Group
- Co organisation of the major multi-stakeholder EG/NL Conference on the SWM Elaboration, 11/2009, in Cairo
- In 2010, MED EUWI will continue providing assistance to the process, aiming for the adoption of the SWM at the UfM Ministerial on Water, 04/2010, in Barcelona
- Elaboration of Assessment on Non-Regret Measures for SWM implementation
- Further cooperation with OECD/Horizontal Programme on Water

MED EUWI: *FINANCING of activities in 2010-2011*

- Scale of Country and Regional activities in 2010-2011 depends on financing that will become available for MED EUWI from different supporters
- Support by the EC for Phase I of Country Dialogues ended in April 2009
- Further EC support (through the EUWI Thematic Budget) is expected for 2010-11. The EC contribution will be provided through a service contract. Results of the related EC call are pending.
- Selected Phase II Country Dialogue activities: some support by Greece and GEF
- Elaboration of the new Med Water Strategy: some support by EC and GEF
- Selected transboundary waters activities in Balkans: support by Petersberg /Athens Process partners
- Possibilities for further assistance by bilateral and multilateral donors are explored