



Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative



Lead Country: Greece

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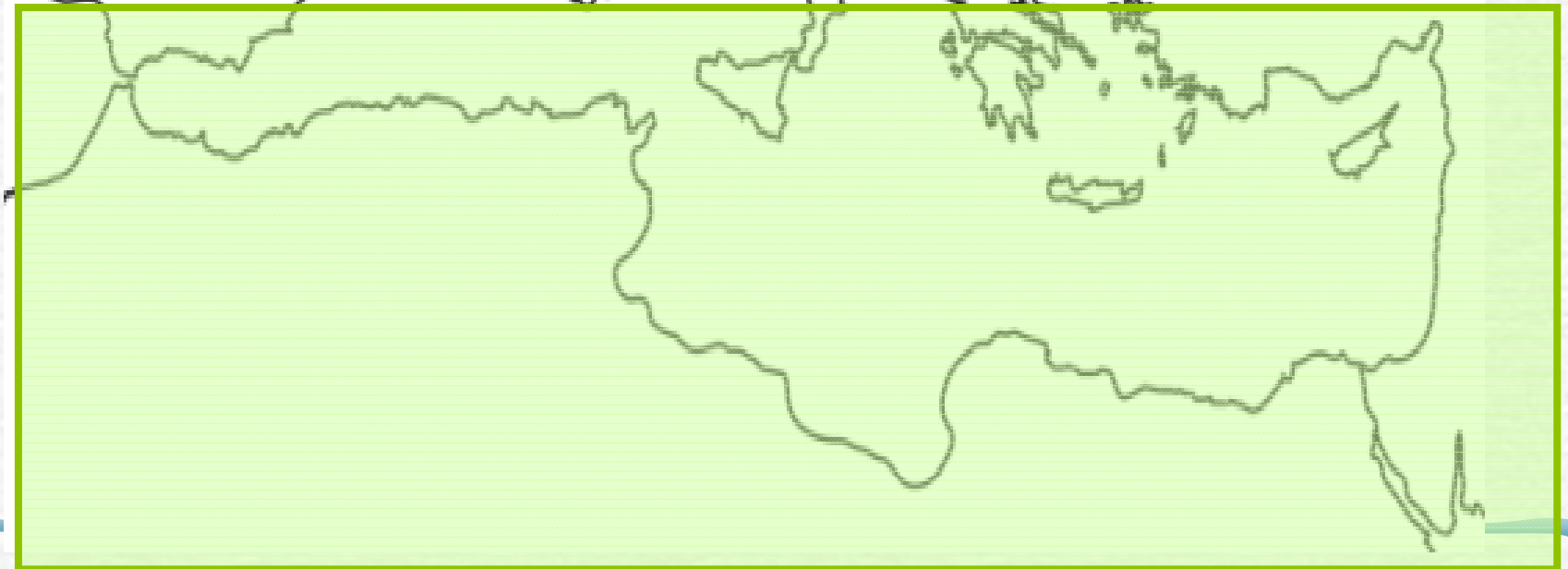
Mediterranean Component of the EUWI (MED EUWI)

SE Europe



Middle East

North Africa



Objectives – Aims

- Assist the **design** of better, demand-driven and result-oriented programmes,
- Facilitate better **coordination** of water programmes and projects, targeting to a more effective **use of existing funds** and **mobilizing new** financial resources,
- Foster **cooperation** for projects' proper implementation, based on enhancing synergies and strategic assessment.

Focus Themes of MED EUWI

- Integrated water resources management (IWRM),
with emphasis on planning of national & transboundary bodies;
- Water supply & sanitation,
with emphasis on the poorest part of the societies;
- Water, food, environment interaction,
with emphasis on fragile ecosystems;
- Non-conventional water resources;

and horizontal focus themes:

- Transfer of technology, know-how, training & capacity building;
- Education (MEDIES)

Synergies

The region has a tradition in cooperation and networking

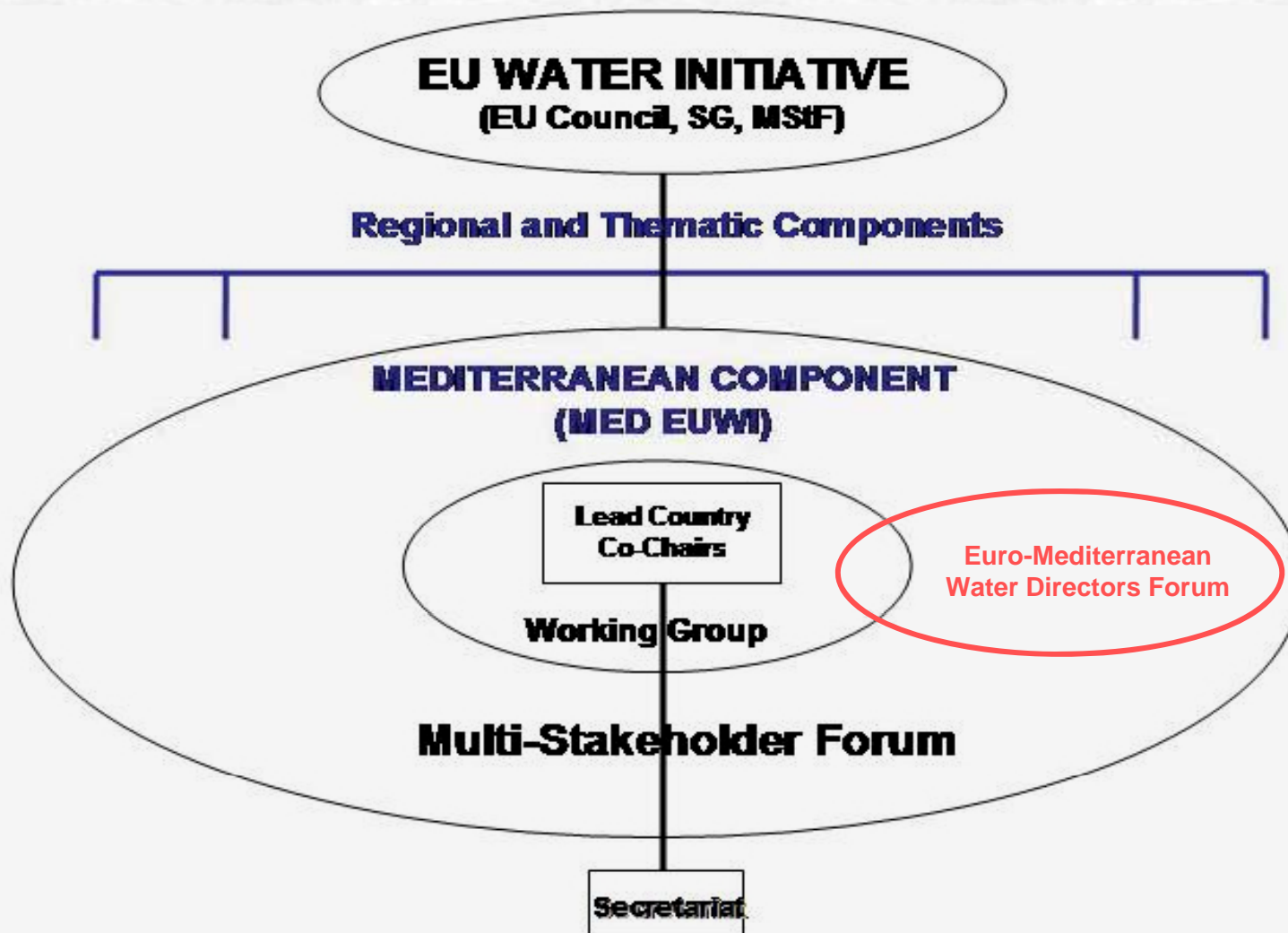
Strong synergies & linkages between related, regional Initiatives and Programmes: **important elements to ensure effectiveness and avoid overlaps:**

- Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (**Horizon 2020**)
- Barcelona Convention (**MSSD**, **MCSD**)
- EU financial Instruments (**ENPI 2007-2013**)
- Bilateral and Multilateral donors, IFIs, Int'l Orgs, GEF, etc
- EU acquis on water (**EU WFD**)

Reinforcement of Political Commitment (Agreements, MoUs, Processes)

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| - NAMCOW | - UNEP/GEF LME |
| - EMWIS | - GEF IW: LEARN |
| - MEDA-Water RMSU | - OECD (for the Policy Dialogue in Egypt) |
| - Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration | - European Neighbourhood Policy |
| Process | - Horizon 2020 |

MED EUWI Structure



MED EUWI Work Programme 2006 – Regional

| Indicative Activities | Targets / Purpose per Activity |
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| Status assessments of the institutional context on WSS and IWRM in the ten MEDA countries | Overview and mapping of water policies and major water programmes on WSS and IWRM (in progress) |
| Initiation of the Process on IWRM National Planning in North African countries | Preparation of background documents and organisation of seminars to promote National IWRM Planning, facilitate dialogue among key involved authorities and stakeholders and identify priority actions for follow up → 25-26 January 2006, Rabat (Rabat Declaration) → 11-12 April 2007, Tripoli, Libya |
| Joint Process WFD/MED EUWI | Identification of pilot river basins and implementation of pilot activities in the Sebou basin, facilitation of the work of 6 Working Groups and leading of Working Group on Shared Waters |
| Capacity building activities for decision makers and experts on transboundary water resources management in Southeastern Europe | Facilitate multi-stakeholder e-dialogue and organise Workshops to exchange knowledge and present best practises on integrated management of shared lakes and rivers in Southeastern Europe |
| Coordination and administration - Meetings - Coordination | Organise one meeting per year of the Euro-Mediterranean Water Directors Forum to review process and guide MED EUWI development → 6-7 November 2006, Athens Organise of MED EUWI Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF) to review process and advice on MED EUWI development Coordinate with on-going programmes and initiatives in the Mediterranean eg. ENP, UNEP MAP, Horizon 2020, METAP, UN ESCWA, NAMCOW etc- Cooperate with the GEF Strategic Partnership to promote common objectives through implementation of activities- Coordinate with the WGs of Africa, Finance, Monitoring, Research, CIS to promote common objectives |

MED EUWI Work Programme 2006 – National

Country Policy Dialogues in Lebanon (2005) & Egypt (2006)

Example: The Country Policy Dialogue in Egypt

- Launched in November 2006, Cairo
- Demand-driven process (MoWRI)
- Increased ownership & active involvement of national stakeholders (MoH, MoEnv, HCWW, EWP, RAED, others)
- Institutional background: Bilateral Protocol Greece-Egypt (June '06), EU-Egypt Agreement on Budget Support for the Water Sector (80m euros)

- It is expected to complement the 'National Water Resources Plan 2017', the 'National Master Plan for Water and Wastewater', the 'Rural Sanitation Strategy' and other strategic frameworks of Egypt,
- It is also expected to facilitate coordination of donors in close cooperation with the EC Delegation in Cairo
- It is implemented in close collaboration with OECD/EAP Task Force that will carry out the financial assessments and strategies based on existing methodologies and e-tools (e.g. the FEASIBLE model),
- Dialogue's ToRs are prepared and emphasis is data collection within 2007 so as to present baseline scenarios in early 2008.

MED EUWI Work Programme 2007 – Indicative activities

- Continue implementation of **Country Dialogues** in Egypt & Lebanon (focusing on the link between the reconstruction process and the national water strategy); work on the launching of other National Dialogues.
- Continue activities for promoting national **IWRM institutional settings in North Africa** and sharing of experiences in the region (emphasis on Libya in cooperation with the General Water Authority).
- Organisation of the annual **Conference of the Euro-Mediterranean and Southeastern European Water Directors** (Dec. 2007, Egypt), serving as a stepping stone for the preparation of the “**Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water**” scheduled for late 2008.
- Continue capacity building workshops and assessments on **transboundary water resources management**, with emphasis on groundwater, in **SE Europe**; organisation of a related **side event at the 6th EfE Ministerial Conference** (Oct. 2007, Belgrade); organisation of a Ministerial Session in the International Roundtable on Integrated Management of Shared Groundwater in SE Europe (Slovenia, 14-16 Nov. 2007).
- Continue support of the 6 Working Groups of the **JP MED EUWI / WFD**.
- Intensify collaboration and linkages with **Horizon 2020** and the **ENPI**; Conference on Horizon 2020 and the Private Investors Involvement (Athens, 22-23 Oct. 2007)
- Intensify collaboration with **GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems**.
- Continuation of educational activities on water through MEDIES



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