



# **MED** Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative

Lead Country: GREECE

## **2013-2014** **Activities and Plans**

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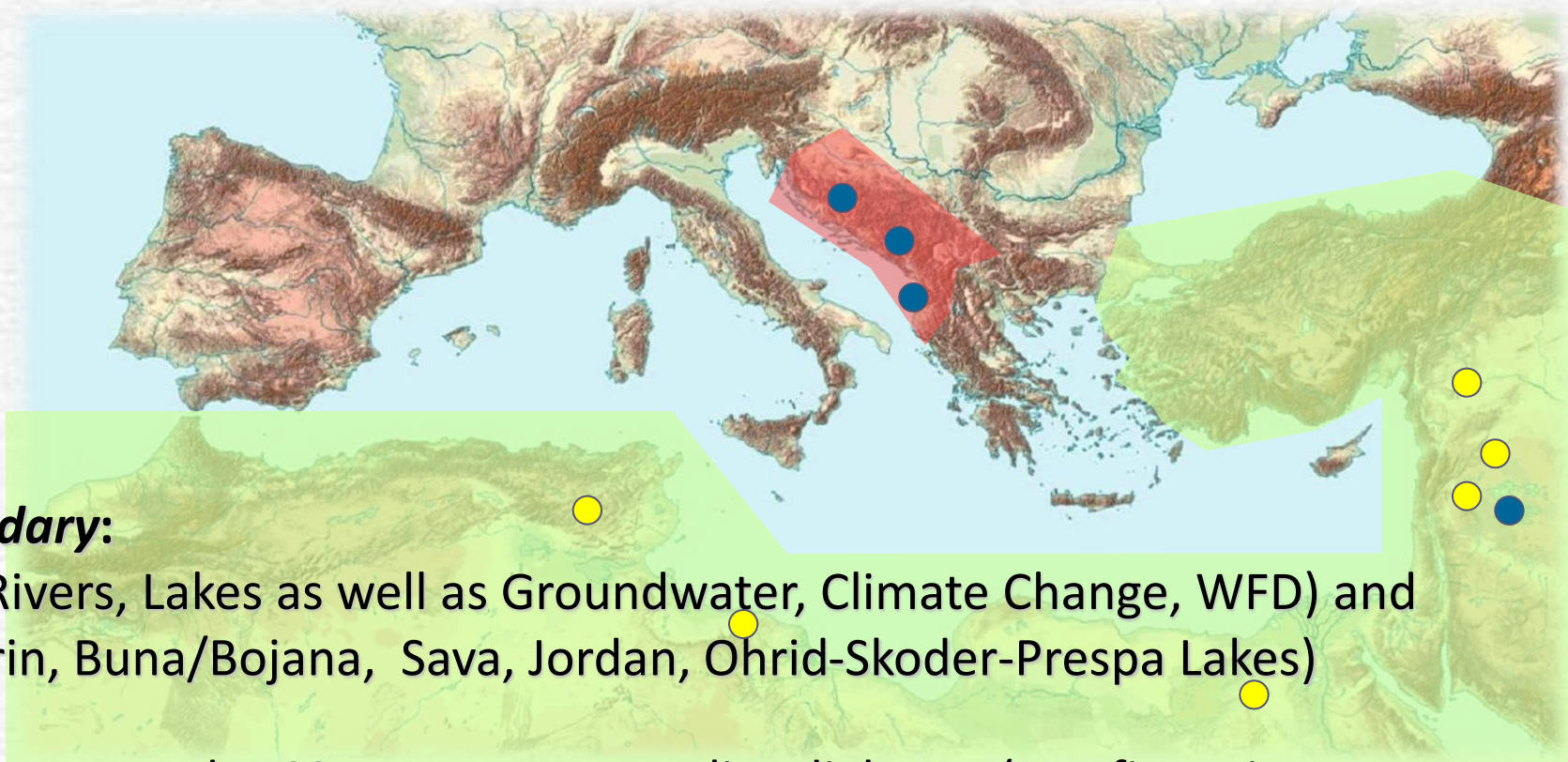
(GWP-Med)



# MED EUWI – A wide range of activities since 2003

## ● **National :**

Egypt (WSS, PSP, NCWRM), Lebanon (IWRM), Libya (Governance)  
Palestine (Governance/Droughts), Syria (IWRM), Tunisia (PSP)



## ● **Transboundary:**

- themes (Rivers, Lakes as well as Groundwater, Climate Change, WFD) and
- basins (Drin, Buna/Bojana, Sava, Jordan, Ohrid-Skoder-Prespa Lakes)

**Regional:** IWRM and WSS assessments, policy dialogue (e.g. financing, NCWRM, IWRM), draft Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean within UfM, service to the Euro-Med Water Directors (since 2006) and then to the WEG, etc.

- **Governance and Financing, with emphasis on private sector participation,** through the UfM labeled GWP-Med/OECD Project:  
Launching Event (May 2013), Country Assessments in Jordan and Tunisia
- **Transboundary water resources management,** in Drin with UNECE, and launch of activities in North Western Sahara Aquifer (Algeria-Libya-Tunisia) with OSS > > > Develop regional action on **Water Diplomacy**
- **Linkages between Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and IWRM,** in Buna/Bojana (Albania-Montenegro), in synergy with MAP UNEP PAP RAC and UNESCO under GEF MedPartnership, and launch replication case in Lebanon

## 2013-2014: Fields of Activities

- **Water-Food-Energy Nexus**
- **Continue serving key EU-partners regional water processes, as they emerge**
- **Rio+20 follow up / Post 2015**, with dialogue on regional & national priorities and SDGs (under consideration)

# The Nexus: Its high relevance in the Mediterranean



## The Nexus approach is important for the Mediterranean countries:

- many of them greatly rely on agricultural production
- demand for energy is increasing with improvement of life standards
- water shortages are increasing, including due to climate impacts

- The Arab Spring was triggered by increasing poverty including food prices
- And, the north part of the Region faces similar challenges



## MED EUWI: an upcoming Nexus agenda

MED EUWI would contribute in advancing the Nexus agenda by:

- **Inter connecting actors cross the sectors for dialogue and joint demo action** on coordinated policy development and monitoring; building capacity and raising awareness; assisting integrated investment planning and evaluation. This would include public and private players, users, cities, river basin organisations, civil society, professionals, and academia. **Particular focus will be will be given to the engagement of the private sector** as a key stakeholder in the agenda
- **Linking science-to-policy on this multi-disciplinary subject**, and assist tackling the disconnection between knowledge providers (scientists and practitioners), decision makers (politicians and administrators) and public opinion shapers (media)

# **An upcoming Nexus agenda within MED EUWI**

## **Policy Dialogue on Water & Energy at Transboundary Level in Southeastern Europe (started 2013)**

### **Lead Partners:**

GEF IW:LEARN, German Ministry for Environment, GWP-Med

### **Activities:**

- Study for the identification of the state, challenges and issues of water and energy nexus in transboundary basins of Southeastern Europe
- International Roundtable on the subject, 5-7 November 2013, Sarajevo

# **An upcoming Nexus agenda within MED EUWI**

## **Assist the Tunisian Government in developing the new Water and Soil Strategy (2014)**

### **Lead Partners:**

Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, GWP/AMCOW Water and Climate for Development Programme, GWP-Med

### **Activities:**

- Provide technical assistance to the Ministry for the elaboration of the Strategy
- Assist running a structured consultation process with stakeholders at national and sub-national level
- Introduce related experiences from other Mediterranean countries and beyond

# **An upcoming Nexus agenda within MED EUWI**

**Understanding the Nexus in the North-Western Sahara Aquifer, shared between Algeria, Libya and Tunisia (started 2013)**

## **Lead Partners:**

OSS, UNECE, GWP-Med

## **Activities:**

- Assessment on the Water, Food, Energy and Environment Nexus as a case study for the global UNECE agenda on the subject (2014)
- Based on Riparians' interest, build a work plan for policy dialogue, advancing related institutional settings and, possibly, demonstration actions according to the findings of the UNECE Assessment



**Thank you for your attention**