Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative



Lead Country: Greece



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Objectives – Aims

- Assist the design of better, demand-driven and resultoriented 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:

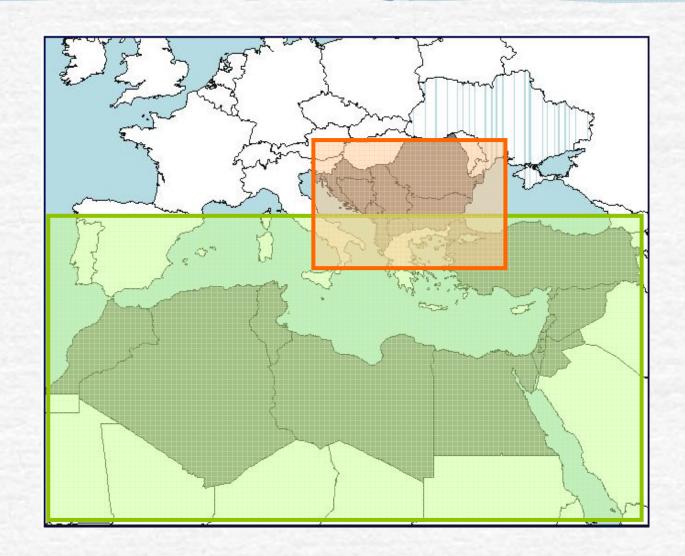
- Transfer of technology & know-how & training;
- Education

Mediterranean Component of the EUWI (MED EUWI)

SE Europe

Middle East

North Africa



Synergies

The region has a tradition in cooperation and

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)

MED EUWI Work Programme 2007 - Indicative activitie

- Continue implementation of Country Dialogues in Egypt & Lebanon and initiate preliminary activities for the launching of a third Dialogue.
- Continue activities for promoting national IWRM institutional settings in N.African countries, with emphasis on Libya, and support sharing of experiences between countries of the region.
- Organisation of the annual Conference of the Euro-Mediterranean and Southeastern European Countries (Dec. 2007, Slovenia), serving as a stepping stone for preparing the proposed "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 and organisation of a related side event at the 6th EfE Ministerial Conference (Oct. 2007, Belgrade).
- Continue support of the 6 Working Groups of the Joint Process MED EUWI / WFD.
- Intensify collaboration and linkages with Horizon 2020 and the ENPI.
- Intensify collaboration with GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems.



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