

# Insight on some water processes within the Euro-Mediterranean agenda



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## Outline

- A glimpse of the governance framework of the Mediterranean region
- GWP-Med's scope, role, structure and functions
- Collaboration with MENBO

**EU Sustainable Development, Water, Environment and Climate Change Policies:**

EU Water Framework Directive and related Communications and Guidelines, EU Marine Strategy Directive, Integrated Maritime Policy for better governance in the Mediterranean, EU Floods Directive, EU Strategy for Sustainable Development, EU Strategy on Biological Diversity, Europe 2020, EU Climate and Energy Package, EU strategic targets and objectives for the post-Kyoto period

**Key Euro-Med and Med/ENP Policies and Strategies:**

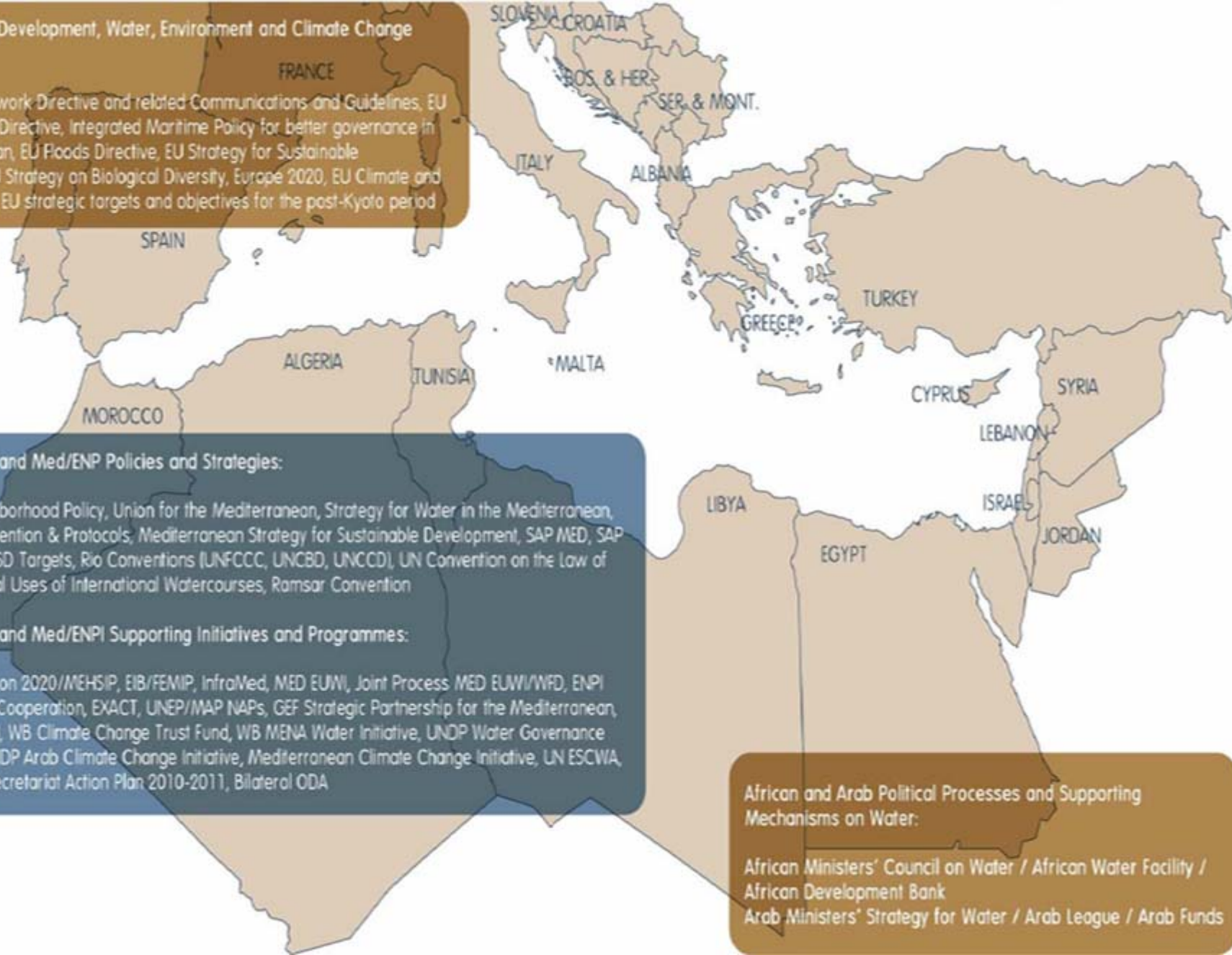
European Neighborhood Policy, Union for the Mediterranean, Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean, Barcelona Convention & Protocols, Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development, SAP MED, SAP BIO, MDGs, WSSD Targets, Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, UNCBD, UNCCD), UN Convention on the Law of Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses, Ramsar Convention

**Key Euro-Med and Med/ENPI Supporting Initiatives and Programmes:**

ENPI NIPs, Horizon 2020/MEHSIP, EIB/FEMIP, InfraMed, MED EUWI, Joint Process MED EUWI/WFD, ENPI Cross Border Cooperation, EXACT, UNEP/MAP NAPs, GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean, SustainableMed, WB Climate Change Trust Fund, WB MENA Water Initiative, UNDP Water Governance Programme, UNDP Arab Climate Change Initiative, Mediterranean Climate Change Initiative, UN ESCWA, UN ECA, UfM Secretariat Action Plan 2010-2011, Bilateral ODA

**African and Arab Political Processes and Supporting Mechanisms on Water:**

African Ministers' Council on Water / African Water Facility / African Development Bank  
 Arab Ministers' Strategy for Water / Arab League / Arab Funds



# Several achievements, but still many challenges ahead

## Achievements on and action for

- provision of water & sanitation,
- enhancing water efficiency/irrigation
- controlling conveyance losses,
- promoting participatory water management,
- protecting & improving water quality
- promoting drought management and climate variability strategies,
- groundwater management policies,
- wastewater reuse plans, etc...

## Challenges, in many countries, include:

- lack of effective operational strategies,
- fragmentation of responsibilities between authorities,
- weak policy implementation and law enforcement,
- weak monitoring and assessment at the national and local level;
- limited technical, management and implementation capabilities to address water challenges,
- financial constraints to implement policies

## **There is a need to:**

- meet the MDG/ WSSD target of halving the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2015
  - meet the WSSD target on national IWRM plans and strengthen the regional IWRM framework
- voice/convey water concerns in national development plans and integrate them in policies of related sectors
  - build synergies and boost commitment to action by setting up active water partnerships at regional and national level
- further develop tools, build capacity, raise public awareness and educate on water issues

# GWP Med – Goal and Role

GWP-Med is a Regional Water Partnership of GWP

## Goal

- To promote action and exchange knowledge on IWRM for the sustainable use of water resources in the countries of the Mediterranean region
- To facilitate a multi-stakeholder regional water partnership acting as a platform for interaction
- To facilitate stakeholder engagement and donors' support for dialogue and action to promote IWRM at national and regional levels
- To make the principles of sustainable water use and IWRM widely recognised and applied, through information & experience sharing

## Role

To act as a broker, a catalyst, a facilitator and an advocacy organisation

# **New Structure of GWP-Med (approved in Dec 2010)**

**Consulting Partners: 7 categories, meets at least every two years**

**Steering Committee: up to 21 members, meets at least annually**

**Chair: of Steering Committee & of GWP-Med**

**Technical Committee: 3-7 people, under personal capacity, meet at least annually**

**Secretariat: based in Athens, two satellite officers in Beirut and Tunis**

# Structure of GWP-Med

## Stakeholders and Sectors / Themes in the Partnership

**Governments**  
**Water Professionals**  
**Users / Wetlands**  
**Users / Irrigators**  
**River Basin Organisations**  
**NGOs/ Civil Society**  
**Local Authorities**  
**Researchers**  
**Private sector**  
**Utilities &  
service providers**

**IWRM Planning**  
**Financing and PSP**  
**Agriculture**  
**Supply & Sanitation**  
**Environment / wetlands**  
**Groundwater**  
**Capacity building**  
**Participatory processes**  
**Awareness / Education**  
**Research (pilots)**  
**Information**



# Main fields of activity

- National IWRM Planning
- Effective Water Governance
- Transboundary Water Resources Management
- Financing (strategies, PSP)
- Water, Food & Environment - Wetlands
- Education (MEDIES) and Awareness Raising
- Water Demand Management
- Water and Climate Change
- Capacity Building
- Parliamentarians and IWRM (COMPSUD)
- Journalists / Media and IWRM (COMJEST)

***CLOSE COLLABORATION  
WITH ITS MEMBERS –  
ACTIVITY LEADERS***

# **GWP-Med Activity Leaders**

- **Blue Plan (MAP/UNEP)**
- **Centre for Advance Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)**
- **Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)**
- **Euro Mediterranean Irrigators Communities (EIC)**
- **Institut Mediterranen de l' Eau (IME)**
- **Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)**
- **Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)**
- **MedCities**
- **MedWet / Ramsar Convention**
  
- **The GWP-Med Secretariat, coordinates the entire GWP-Med Programme and Leads some key regional processes.**

# **GWP-Med is serving as:**

- **Secretariat**

**Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative  
(led by Greece and the European Commission) (2003 and on going)**

- **Technical Facilitator**

**Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process  
on Transboundary Water Resources Management in the SEE  
(supported by Germany, Greece, WB and GEF) (2003 and on-going)**

- **Technical Facilitator**

**Rabat Declaration on IWRM Planning in North Africa  
(together with AfDB, AWF and UCC-Water) (2006 and on-going)**

- **Leader of the IWRM Component**

**GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean (2009 to 2014)**

- **Consortium Partner and Technical Director**

**SWIM-SM EC Regional Technical Assistance Project (2010-2014)**

# MED EUWI at a glance

## Setting:

EUWI – launched in 2002, MED EUWI – since 2003  
Lead Country: Greece  
Secretariat: GWP-Med  
Funding: Support from Greece, EC (MEDA Water Programme, 2005-2009 with 1m €, Service Contract 2010-2012 with 1m €), governments of partner countries, donors

## Objectives-Aims:

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

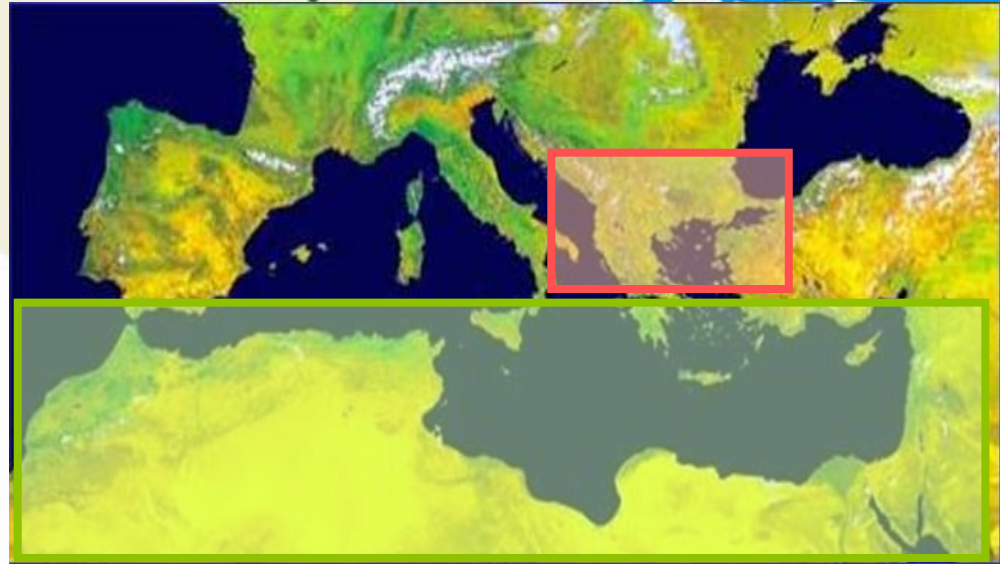
## Activities at:

### **Regional level**

IWRM Planning in North Africa, SEE Capacity Building, WFD/MED EUWI, Horizon 2020, MedIES, IWRM Country Assessments

### **National level**

Country Dialogues



## Themes:

- 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

# SWIM-SM at a glance

## Setting:

EC Regional Technical Assistance Project  
9 Beneficiary Countries  
Project Director: LDK  
Technical Director: GWP-Med  
Duration: 4 years (2010-2014)  
Budget: 6,7 m €

## Objectives:

To promote actively the extensive dissemination of sustainable water management policies and practices in the region given the context of increasing water scarcity, combined pressure on water resources from a wide range of users and desertification processes, in connection with climate change.

## **More specifically to:**

- Provide strategic assistance to EU Partner Countries of the Mediterranean in designing and implementing sustainable water management policies and plans, involving inter-sector dialogue as well as stakeholder consultation
- Contribute to ensuring institutional reinforcement and the development of the necessary planning and management skills and facilitate transfer of know how



## Themes:

**The four themes of the draft Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean** (i.e. water governance, water and climate change, water financing and, water demand management and efficiency)

Also in alignment with the four themes of the **Arab Strategy for Water**

## Activities:

At national level that have an impact and replication potential at regional level

# Collaboration between GWP-Med and MENBO

- River Basin Organisations represent a key level of management – responding to the identification of river basins as the most appropriate level for water resources management
- The multi-stakeholder regional water partnership within GWP-Med, has benefited substantially from MENBOs active engagement in its activities

**MENBO has been a very active Member of the GWP-Med Steering Committee since 2002 and an activity leader in GWP-Med's work plans on capacity of the RBO network**

- Targeted collaboration for 2011 may focus on pilot activities at local level as well as on economic valuation of river ecosystem restoration (under SWIM-SM)

**GWP-Med looks forward to continuing its very close collaboration with MENBO !**



**Thank you for your  
attention**

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