



# A short intro to GWP-Med & cooperation with MENBO

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# What is the Global Water Partnership ?



The GWP is a global network of organisations and institutions who promote policies and applications which allow the sustainable management of water resources

GWP holds an intergovernmental status  
Its Secretariat is based in Stockholm



**GWP is developed in**

- 13 Regional Water Partnerships
- 70 Country Water Partnerships
- 50 Area Water Partnerships

**GWP-Mediterranean is**  
the Regional Water Partnership  
covering with activity  
the Mediterranean countries.  
Its Secretariat is based in Athens



## What is GWP-Mediterranean ?



### GWP-Med Goal

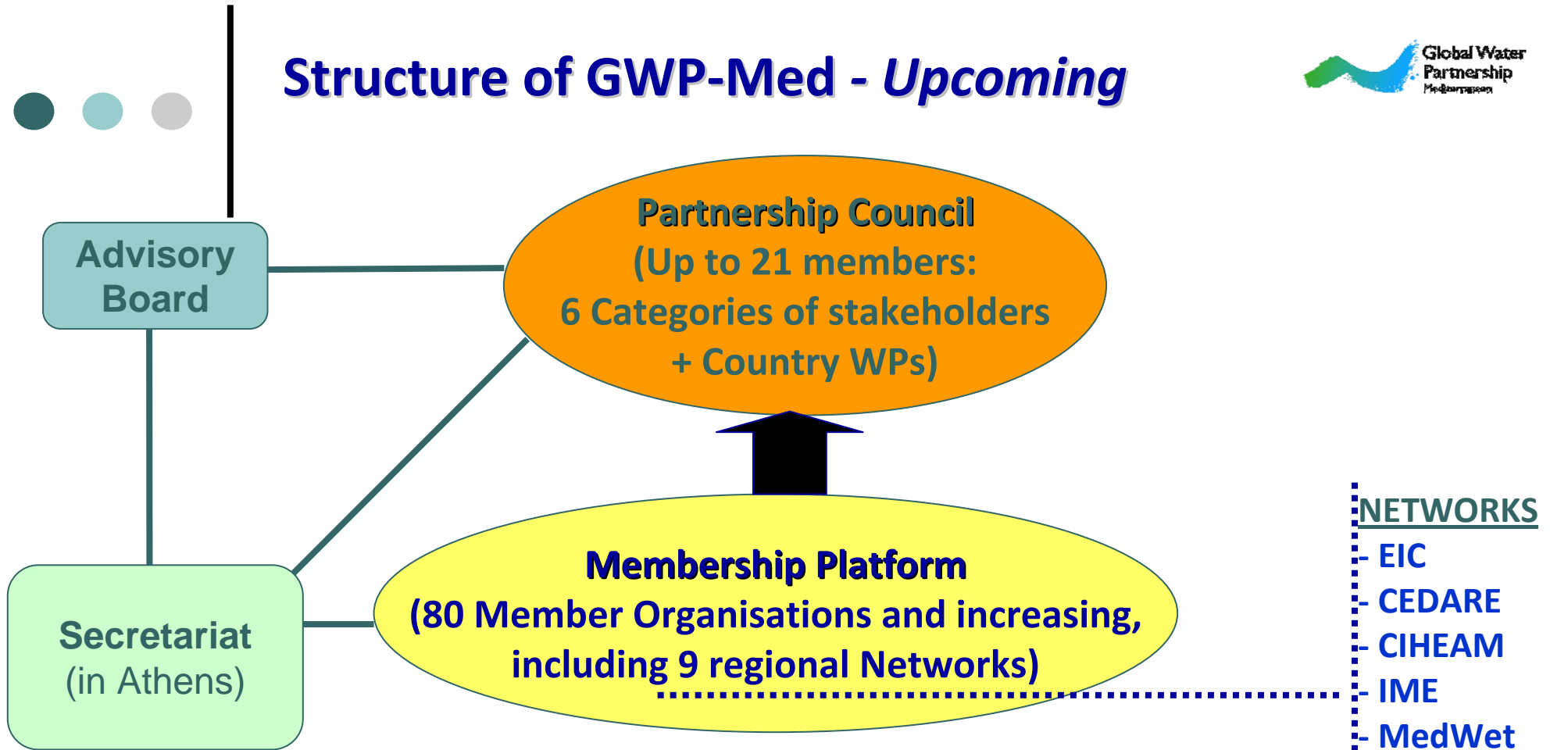
- To promote action and exchange knowledge on IWRM for the sustainable use of water resources in the countries of the Mediterranean region
- To facilitate a multi-stakeholder regional water partnership acting as a platform for interaction
- To facilitate stakeholder engagement and donors' support for 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



### GWP-Med Role

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

# Structure of GWP-Med - *Upcoming*



## NETWORKS

- EIC
- CEDARE
- CIHEAM
- IME
- MedWet
- **MENBO**
- MIO-ECSDE
- Blue Plan
- MAP/UNEP
- MedCities

### 6 CATEGORIES OF STAKEHOLDERS in GWP-Med

1. International / Regional Governmental Organisations and Bodies
2. Local and Sub-National Authorities
3. Users Associations and Organisations
4. Civil Society Organisations
5. Scientific and Professional Organisations and Bodies
6. Private Sector Associations and Private Companies

*Special Category: Governments, donors and international funding institutes*

## GWP-Med Main fields of activity:



- National IWRM Planning
- Effective Water Governance
- Transboundary Water Resources Management
- Groundwater Resources Management
- Water, Food & Environment - Wetlands
- Education (MEDIES) and Awareness
- Water Demand Management
- Water and Climate Change
- Capacity Building
- Parliamentarians and IWRM (COMPSUD)
- Journalists / Media and IWRM (COMJESD)
- Private sector involvement



## GWP-Med is serving as:



- Secretariat of the **Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative** (led by Greece and the European Commission) – 2003 and on going
- Leader of the IWRM Component **GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean** – 2009 to 2013
- Technical Facilitator of the **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
- Member of the Working Group on Capacity Building of the **Horizon 2020 Initiative to De-pollute the Mediterranean**
- Partner and Activity Leader in the Petersberg 'Africa' process with emphasis on MPs & media (together with UNDP, GEF, GWP East Africa, InWent, UNESCO, etc)





## Collaboration between GWP-Med and MENBO



- River Basin Organisations represent the key level for water management = the local water management.
- The multi-stakeholder regional water partnership within GWP-Med, has benefited substantially from MENBOs active engagement in its activities, that have brought up local perspectives and challenges.
- MENBO is an active Member of the GWP-Med Partnership Council since 2002.
- MENBO is an Activity Leader in the GWP-Med Work Plans, every year since 2003. Emphasis of activities is on building the capacity of the RBOs network (meetings in Valencia, Marrakech, Athens, Rome etc).
- Further targeted collaborations are under development for activities at the regional (eg. through MED EUWI) and at the local level (eg. for the Balkans)
- GWP-Med looks forward to continue its very close collaboration with MENBO !



**Thank you**

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