

Insight on some water processes within the Euro-Mediterranean agenda



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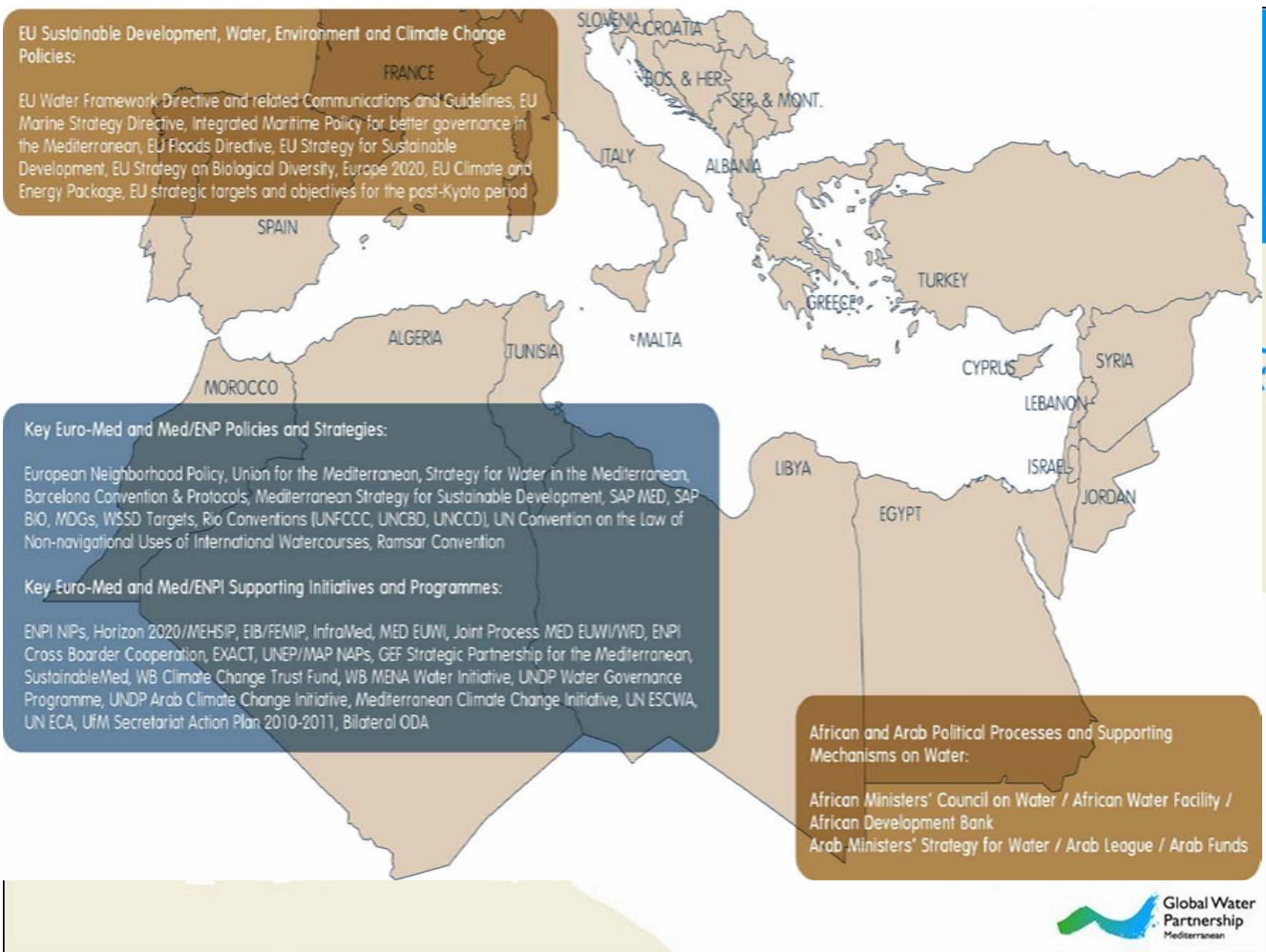
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Outline

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





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
- Global Water Partnership Mediterranean

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



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



**Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt,
Israel, oPt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria**

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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