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# WATER STRATEGY in the Western Mediterranean



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## Main Framework

- It is essential to develop **specific strategies** and regional actions in order to address these challenges under **common approach**.
- There is **less precipitation** and higher temperatures in the Mediterranean, and this trend will be worsen.
- **Climate change** will increase water stress in some regions, mainly in the Mediterranean, decreasing runoff.



## When ?, Who ?



- A Spanish-Algerian initiative, **start** on February 2014; **Strategy adopted** in Algiers, on 31 March 2015. **Action Plan endorsed** in Marrakech on 16 December 2016.
- By Ministers of the 5+5 Dialogue: Algeria, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, and Tunisia.
- With presence and collaboration:
  -  European Commission
  -  Union of the Arab Maghreb
  -  Union for the Mediterranean
  -  MENBO (Technical Secretariat)
  -  FAO, SEMIDE, IME...



## Objectives and structure

- WSWM is a **guiding document** with orientations and objectives, agreed by Western Mediterranean countries (5+5).
- **Objectives:** regional sustainable growth, preserve water quality, social prosperity, access to water for all, cooperation, exchange of knowledge,...
- Structure: **13 priorities** issues (/ 3 blocks).
- WSWM implementation → Annexed **Action Plan**, compiling proposals from 5+5 members and partners.



## It takes into consideration the different challenges North-South

- **European** countries: higher availability of water resources, management under common policies EU,...
- **Southern** countries: greater scarcity, water resource overexploitation,...
- 5+5 dialogue as an example of neighbour **collaboration** to export to other World Fora.



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1. Enhancing Western Mediterranean country policies' convergence towards the general principles of a <b>sustainable water policy</b>	P1: Developing and starting up clearly defined legal frameworks
	P2: Establishing governance adapted to integrated water management
	P3: Implementing cost-recovery
2. Foster <b>cooperation</b> in relation to regional matters	P4: Capacity building
	P5: Innovation development in the water sector
	P6: Water-energy-food nexus
	P7: De-pollution of the Mediterranean
	P8: Mobilising water-related innovative financing solutions for the application of the Strategy
3. Promoting <b>water management</b> improvement	P9: Climate change adaptation
	P10: Increasing and mobilising the available resources
	P11: Water use efficiency improvement
	P12: Flood prevention
	P13: Protection of water quality and biodiversity



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So far...

**For the  
WSWM**

Workshop 1: Valencia (Spain), 24-25 February 2014

**Workshop 2: Oran (Algeria), 26 June 2014**

Workshop 3: Valencia (Spain), 9 September 2014

**Approval of the WSWM: MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, Algiers,  
31<sup>th</sup> March 2015**



**For the  
Action Plan**

**Workshop 4: Madrid (Spain), 10 September 2015**

Workshop 5: Valencia (Spain), 24-25 February 2016

**Workshop 6: Marseille (France), 23-24 June 2016**

**ACTION PLAN Endorsed: MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE,  
Marrakech , 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (COP22)**



Next steps...

- Technical meeting: 30-31 March 2017 – Valencia: WP 2017-18
- Under Spanish Presidency 2017-2018





## Putting the strategy into practice: The action Plan

- Projects with a **regional dimension** and national projects that are replicable at regional level, have been prioritised;
- The projects have been divided into **two distinct blocks**: on the one hand those related to training, capacity building and governance and on the other hand projects related to infrastructures.
- To **avoid duplication**: ongoing processes have been analysed with the aim to optimise resources; cooperation with other initiatives and strategies to set up synergies, has been considered.





## Service Actions (training, capacity building and governance)

- Projects with the objective of developing analyses, studies, research, training, knowledge transfer and cooperation.
- A total of 54 projects are included within the 10 actions
- Approximate budget: 144 Million €

## Infrastructure Actions

- Projects on construction, viability analyses, etc.
- A total of 6 projects are included within the 4 actions
- Approximate budget: 279 Million €

## The way forward

- ❑ Alignment with other regional initiatives, especially with this one UPM.
- ❑ Implementation of the Action Plan, through the proposed projects (WG#7 Valencia 30-31 March).
- ❑ Ensure the continuity of the process via the rotating Presidency and Technical Secretariat of **MENBO**.
- ❑ Compliance with the Rules of Procedure elaborated for the process.
- ❑ Ensure funding via the implication of donors.



# Thank you for your attention !!



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