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## Kick Off of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Water Forum



### "Working together for shared water sobriety »

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### *Preparatory process for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum of Bali*

As part of the Mediterranean preparatory process for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 18 to 24 May 2024, the mobilisation of all stakeholders concerned by water issues in the Mediterranean will be done through a regional event, the **Mediterranean Water Forum**.

In coherence with all the initiatives and programmes launched in the region, the Mediterranean Water Forum aims to:

- To foster consultation and dialogue between key water stakeholders in the Mediterranean in order to propose priorities for water and the environment, thus harmonising the voice of the Mediterranean community in international and regional events;
- To prepare, on the basis of this mobilisation of the Mediterranean Water Community, the participation of the Mediterranean in the World Water Forum through the regional Mediterranean process by addressing all the questions related to water in the Mediterranean.

As an important step in the preparatory process for the World Water Forum, the Mediterranean Water Forum is considered as a Mediterranean platform for exchange and know-how and experiences in the field of water with a view to provide solutions and responses, while taking into consideration the current drought conditions that have affected the Mediterranean region for several years now.

After Marrakech (Morocco) in 2011, Murcia (Spain) in 2014, Cairo (Egypt) in 2018 and Malta in 2021, the **5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Water Forum** will be held in **Tunis, Tunisia from 5 to 7 February 2024** upon invitation of the **Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water resources and Fishery**, with the support of the **SONEDE**.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mediterranean Water Forum will be launched in Valencia on October 18, 2023 at the invitation of the Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge through the Jucar River Basin Authority, in conjunction with the 21<sup>st</sup> International EURO-INBO Conference (16-19/10/23) and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mediterranean Network Basin Organization (MENBO).**

The main theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, to be held from 18 to 24 May 2024 in Bali, Indonesia, will be "**Water for Shared Prosperity**", and discussions will be likely focused on identifying effective responses to ensure water security. This theme is of crucial importance for the Mediterranean where demographic trends, socio-economic challenges and the effects of climate change have a major impact on water management. However, to ensure its sustainable development, the Mediterranean has always been able to manage and transform the challenges brought by water scarcity into opportunities.

The Mediterranean process will be all about providing perspectives on water based on local needs and identifying best practices and technologies developed to present them as answers to the challenges of water security in the region.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Water Forum will address priority issues closely related to the priority axes of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum Framework for Action, namely:

THEMES OF THE 10 <sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM	MEDITERRANEAN PRIORITIES
Water for Humans and nature	WEFE nexus (Water/Energy/Food/Environment)
Water security and prosperity	New vision of water supply (mix-hydric) and demand by 2050
Disaster risks reduction management	Drought and flood prevention and management
Governance, cooperation and hydro-diplomacy	Regulation, right to water and water law, conflict prevention/resolution
Sustainable water finance	New water financing partners and performance monitoring
Knowledge and innovation	Digitalization and new solutions for rational water use

Sessions based on Mediterranean themes will be organised in the form of working groups in order to initiate the exchanges and points of view that will be developed during the 5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Water Forum.

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