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Progress of the working groups envisaged in the program 2007-2010



In 2006, a set of priority topics were defined to carry out activities of transfer of know-how generating of the concrete results in Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC) for the period 2007-2010:

- **Participative approaches** in Integrated Water Resources Management
- Prevention and risk management related to the extreme phenomena (in particular the **water scarcity and floods**). For “water scarcity” a unique group will be operated with the EU Joint Process of between EUWI and the Water Framework Directive.
- Non conventional water resources with two sub-topics: the **desalination** and the **re-use of waste water**. For “Waste water reuse” a unique group will be operated with the EU Joint Process of between EUWI and the Water Framework Directive.
- The local management of sanitation services and the prevention of **domestic pollution**
- **water monitoring** in relation with activities dedicated to national water information systems (NWIS) and the study on the regional water observation mechanism

Due to budgetary constraints in 2007, only a few groups have been launched by linking them to other ongoing activities that could finance the organization of meetings. It should be noticed that all these groups belong to the 2nd phase of the Joint Process (MED-EUWI – Water Framework Directive) decided in Athens, Nov’06:

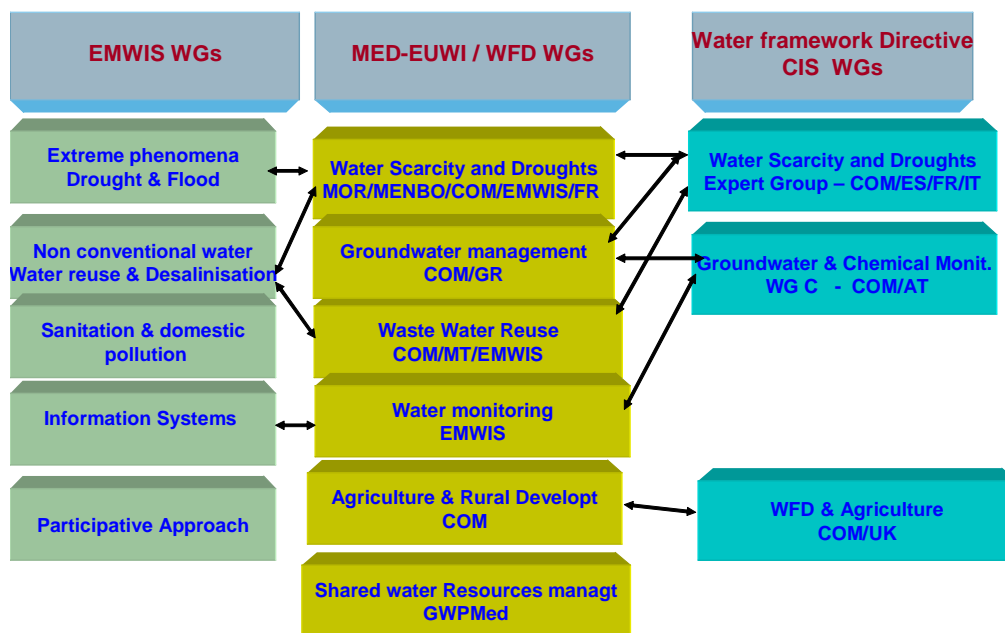
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- [Re-use of waste water](#): the group met on 15 March 2007 in Brussels, a 1st report should be available before the end 2007
- [Water scarcity and drought](#): the group met on 19 June 2007 in Seville within the framework of the international Forum on drought organized by Spain
- [Water monitoring](#): 1st meeting planned on 3 July 2007 in Madrid within the framework of the workshop on the regional water observation mechanism. The goal is to define a mandate and an action plan

The graphic below presents the different working groups channels and their links:



With efficiency in mind, and to avoid the existence of multiple working group channels, EMWIS Steering Committee suggested to move towards one single gathering of working groups, the size of which would depend on the resources available, and the topics would be decided by the Euromed water directors at their yearly meetings. The EMWIS themes (participative approaches, flooding, desalination, sanitation and prevention of domestic pollution) that are not presently covered could be treated at a future date.

The official participation of the countries in the working groups has not been defined yet for all the groups. This could be done by an exchange of letters between the EMWIS President and the Water Directors of countries.

