

4th CONFERENCE OF THE WATER DIRECTORS OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



The MED EUWI/WFD Joint Process

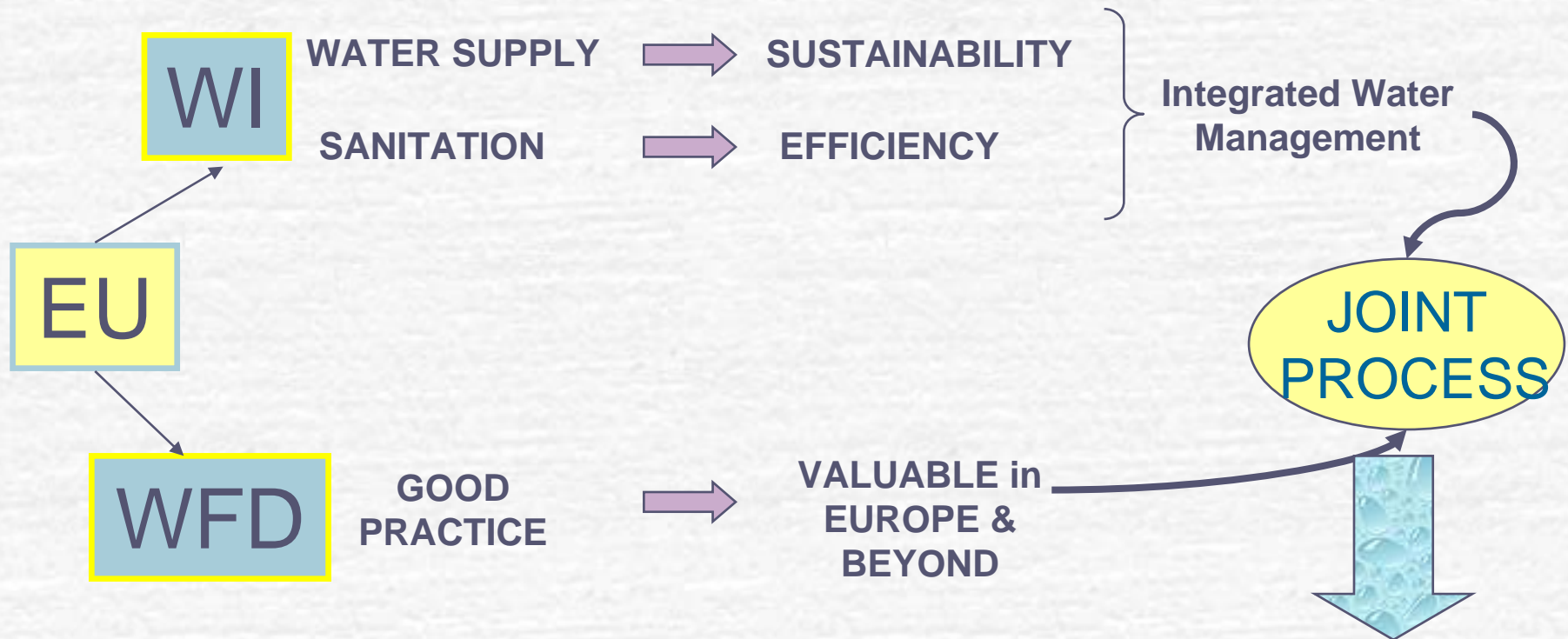


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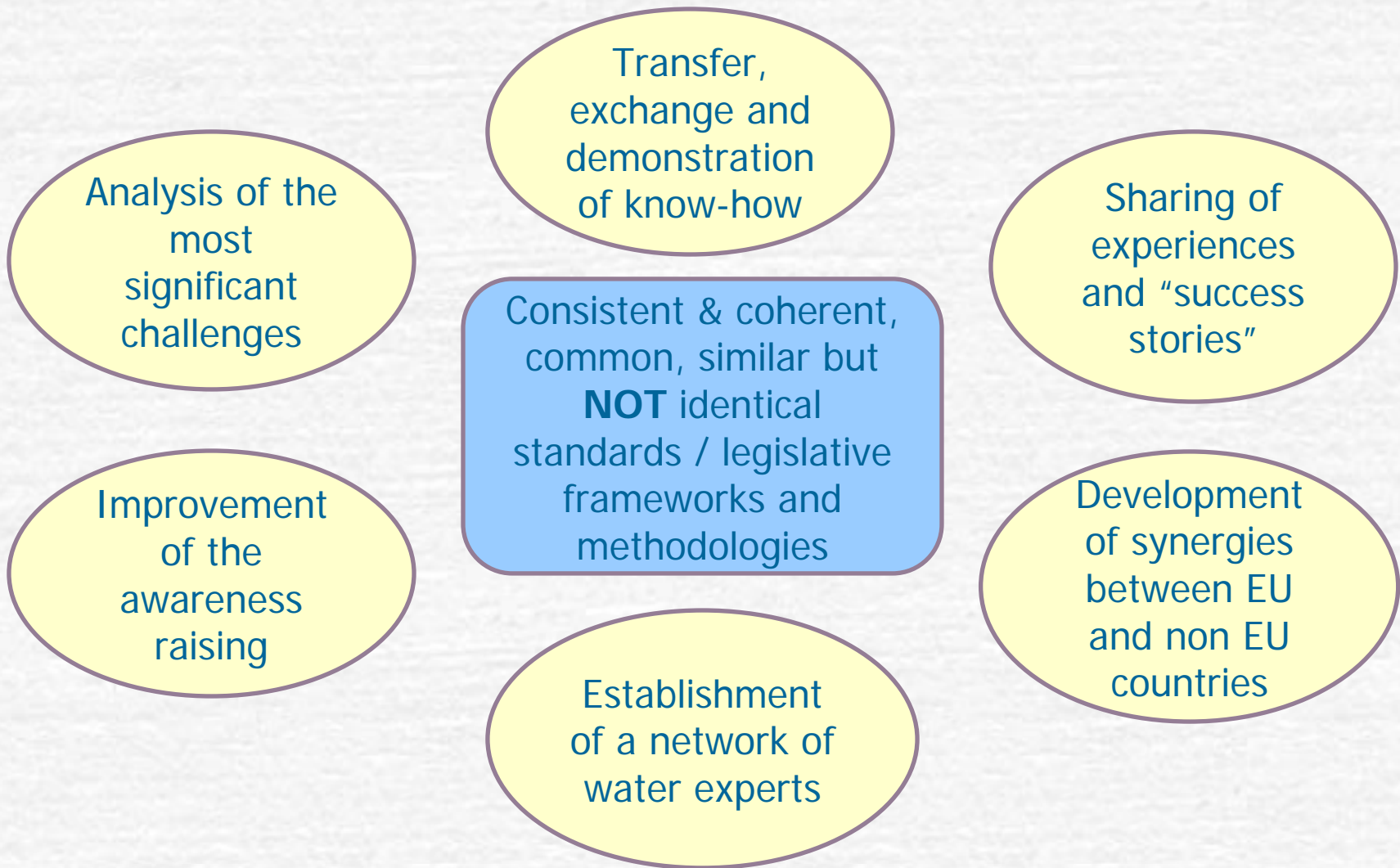


WHY a Med EUWI /WFD Joint Process?



FACILITATE SOUND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT POLICIES IN THE MED, BASED ON WFD PRINCIPLES

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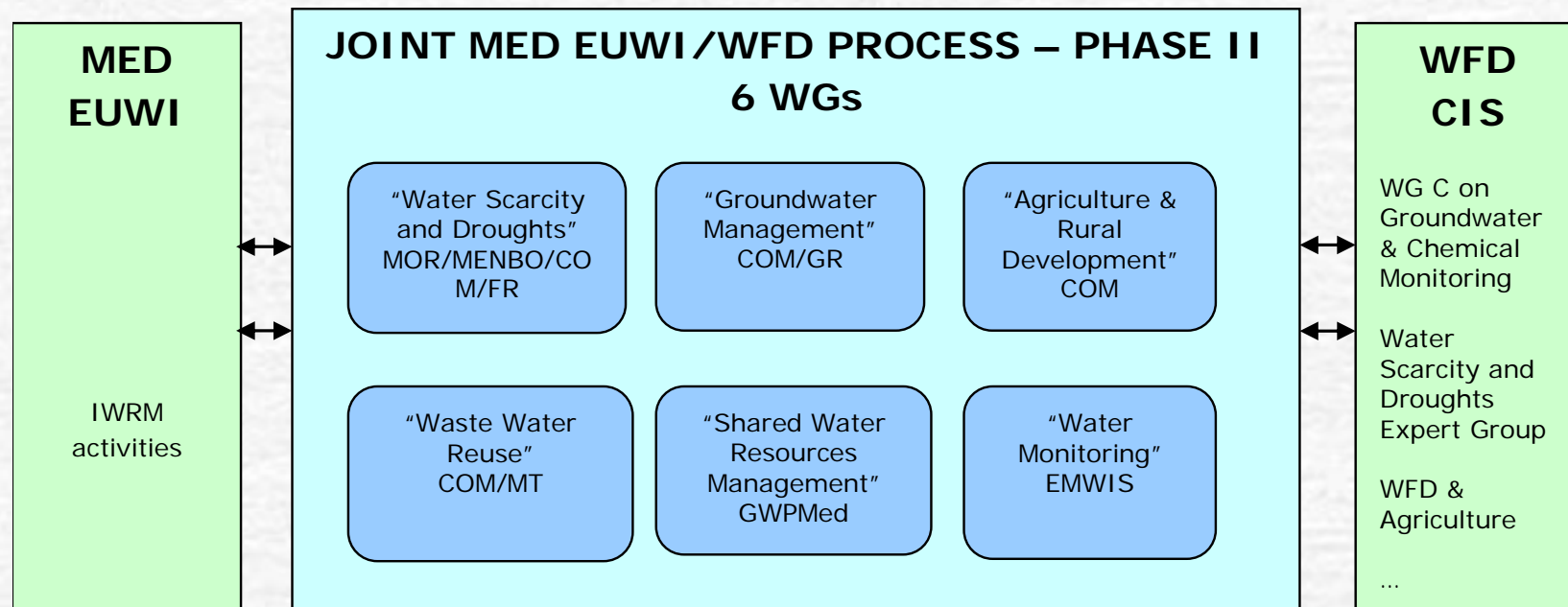
- Dublin, June 2004, EU Water Directors meeting: First outline of the JP
- Brindisi, September 2004, Mediterranean Pilot River Basins meeting: Identification of 3 priorities ⇒ 3 thematic WGs set up
- Amsterdam, December 2004, EU Water Directors meeting: Presentation and agreement on the overall strategy of the JP
- Rome, November 2005, Euro-Med Water Directors meeting: Presentation of the progress and first results
- Athens, November 2006, Euro-Med Water Directors meeting: Presentation of results from Phase I, Agreement on the development of a second Phase (2007-2009), Identification of 3 new priorities ⇒ 6 thematic WG at total, Development of Mediterranean Pilot Basins Network

Med EUWI /WFD Joint Process Phase II (2007-2009)

Objectives of Phase II:

- Production of specific documents useful for water resources management in the region, based on the WFD approaches and the experience of the EU and non-EU countries of the region
- Promote the further development of a Mediterranean expert network

Med EUWI /WFD Joint Process Phase II – Thematic WGs



Mediterranean Pilot Basins

- **SEBOU, Morocco**

- **LITANI, Lebanon**

(SEYHAN, Turkey & MEDJERDA, Tunisia) *already studied in Med WG AGRI*

↳ Synergies with SPI-WATER & EC'
Eau Sebou Projects

Objectives:

- Test applicability of WFD principles, bottlenecks ,solutions
- Test applicability of recommendations produced by the Med Thematic WGs

Focal Point: MENBO

Water Scarcity & Droughts WG

Leaders:

Morocco, France, European Commission, MENBO

Progress:

- Final report was agreed in the first meeting of the WG. Most of the contributions received. Report under consolidation
- The phase I report was finalized in April 2007

Meetings:

First meeting of the second phase of the WG in Seville, 19-06-2007, during the International Drought Forum

Groundwater Management WG

Leaders:

Greece, European Commission

Progress:

- Detailed content of the final report was agreed in the first meeting of the WG
- The phase I report (Mediterranean Groundwater Report) was finalized in February 2007

Meetings:

First meeting of the second phase of the WG in Lisbon, on 20-09-2007, in the framework of IAHR Conference.

Agriculture & Rural Development WG

Leaders:

European Commission (JRC)

Progress:

No further practical steps were planned yet

Meetings:

First meeting of the second phase of the WG in Ispra early March 07, dealt with case study experiences (RBs and agriculture sites)

Waste Water Reuse WG

Leaders:

Malta, European Commission

Progress:

Final report on waste water reuse prepared in November 2007

Meetings:

- 1st working group meeting, Brussels: 13-03-2007
- 2nd meeting 19-10-2007

Shared Water Resources Management WG

Leaders:

Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-MED)

Progress:

Work-plan and modalities defined. Some delay due to slow feedback from some contributors based on questionnaires prepared.

Meetings:

- Inception Meeting, Athens, 17-11-2007
- Workshop on Shared Groundwater Resources in SEE, 14/16-11-2007

Water Monitoring WG

Leaders:

Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-how in the Water Sector (EMWIS)

Progress:

Work-plan defined to prepare a report for June 2008.
Contributions are still to be defined

Meetings:

1st Working Group meeting, Madrid, 03-07-2007



Electronic Forums

The “**Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-how in the Water Sector (EMWIS)**” has developed electronic forums for all the WGs of the JP II, providing a platform for information exchange among water managers in the Mediterranean Region

Phase II - Organisation

- **Financial resources:**

- EC budgets ENV, RTD

- ENPI Regional programme / National programmes

- Twining / TAIEX programmes

- **Partners' contributions:**

- Co-leaders, MENBO, EMWIS, GWP-Med, RMSU Meda, ...

- **Cooperation with other processes:**

- GEF strategic partnership phase II

Phase II

Technical Developments

Foster exchanges on thematic topics

Produce specific recommendations

Improve access to information

😊 8 WG meetings

😊 6 Reports, 1 finalised

😊 6 Electronic forums

Pilot Basins

😊 2 Reports (in Dec.)

Phase II - Next Steps

- Final Reports of the 6 WGs will be available by October/November 2007
- The final reports is planned to be part of the background documentation at the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Water, planned for late 2008
- Draft Reports will be available for the next Euro-Med Water Directors' meeting (2nd semester 2008)
- Organisation of WG meetings in first semester 2008

Pilot Basins - Next Steps

- 2 reports of the Pilot Basins will be available on the SPI-Water project website (www.spi-water.eu) from mid of December
- Two technical visits for both pilot river basins to EU river basins will be organised. The selection of these will be done, considering the results of searching the web portal and identifying EU river basins, which confront similar problems as the non-EU river basins.
- A workshop focused on Litani and Sebou river basins will be organised the 19th February 2008 in Fez, Morocco.

Issues for Discussion

- Evaluation of the progress of the 6 WGs of the JP II achieved so far
- Guidance for the next steps of the 6 WGs of the JP II.
- Linkages with existing activities/initiatives
- Linkages between WGs and Pilot Basins
- Proposal of assigning another coordinator for the WG Agriculture and Rural Development
- Approval of the new mandates of the WGs
- Dissemination of the results achieved and lessons learned from working groups and pilot basins both at regional and national level