



# SEMIDE

<http://www.semide.net>

Système Euro-  
Méditerranéen  
d'information sur les  
savoir-faire dans le  
domaine de l'Eau

النظام الأوروبي-متوسطي للإعلام  
حول المعرفة في ميدان المياه

**Pascal BERTEAUD**  
EMWIS Steering Committee President

Bled, Slovenia, 10 & 11 December 2007

# EMWIS

<http://www.emwis.net>

Euro-Mediterranean  
Information System on  
know how in the water  
sector





# Information & sustainable water management

From the recommendations of the last water director conference (Rome, 2005)

*The improvement of information systems on water, aquatic environments and their use is one of the essential pillars for better governance and integrated water resources management. Such systems should be created or developed in each country as well as in the framework of the regional cooperation.*

# The Euro-Med Partnership in the water sector



<b>Barcelone'95</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of Foreign Affairs Ministers</b> <i>Creation of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership</i>
<b>Marseille'96</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial conference on water management</b> <i>EMWIS creation</i>
<b>Helsinki'97</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on the environment</b> <i>EMWIS taken into account</i>
<b>Naples'97</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the 27 Water General Directors</b> <i>Approval of EMWIS</i>
<b>Turin'99</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial conference on local water management</b> <i>Approval of the Action Plan for the MEDA Water call for proposals</i> <i>Strengthening of EMWIS</i>
<b>Madrid'01</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the Water Directors</b> <i>Approval of EMWIS Strategic Plan for Phase II</i>
<b>Rome'05</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the Water Directors</b> <i>Approval of EMWIS Strategic Plan for 10 years</i>
<b>Athens'06</b>	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the Water Directors</b>



# Strategy 2015

## Main objectives

**Strengthening** EMWIS National Focal Points  
in all the Mediterranean Countries

Supporting National Water Information Systems  
Creating EMWIS NFP in Libya and Balkan countries

**Becoming** the reference information media for inland  
water for the Mediterranean Region and a  
node of a Global Water Information System

Maintaining quality and up to date information  
Opening the system to the civil society  
Promoting open standards and protocols  
Collaborating with international and regional initiatives

**Providing** a regional water observatory mechanism based  
on national water information systems

Responding to National strategies  
Exploiting synergies with regional programs

**Valorising** results from existing initiatives,  
projects and programmes

Transferring knowledge from EU programs  
Avoiding duplication of work

**Developing** an advisory network of institutional  
decision makers in the water sector

Providing guidance to regional programs



# Building trust and confidence

*Between countries and water stakeholders within each country  
is a key part of EMWIS activity*

- **EMWIS reflects a real need and a strong demand of all the partners with an approach based on**
  - Transparency
  - Distributed management reflecting the information ownership
  - Voluntary participation
  - Level of access defined by the information owners (confidentiality)
  - Delivery of official information (validated)
- **A very powerful tool supporting the implementation of sustainable development policies in the field of water management**
  - Giving access to knowledge in the institutional, technical, and know-how fields