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# Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative



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EUROMED  
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Partnership



Euro-Mediterranean  
Information System  
on Know-How in the  
Water Sector



Regional Monitoring and  
Support Unit  
MEDA-Water Programme

# EU's Water Initiative (Jo'burg 2002)-Characteristics

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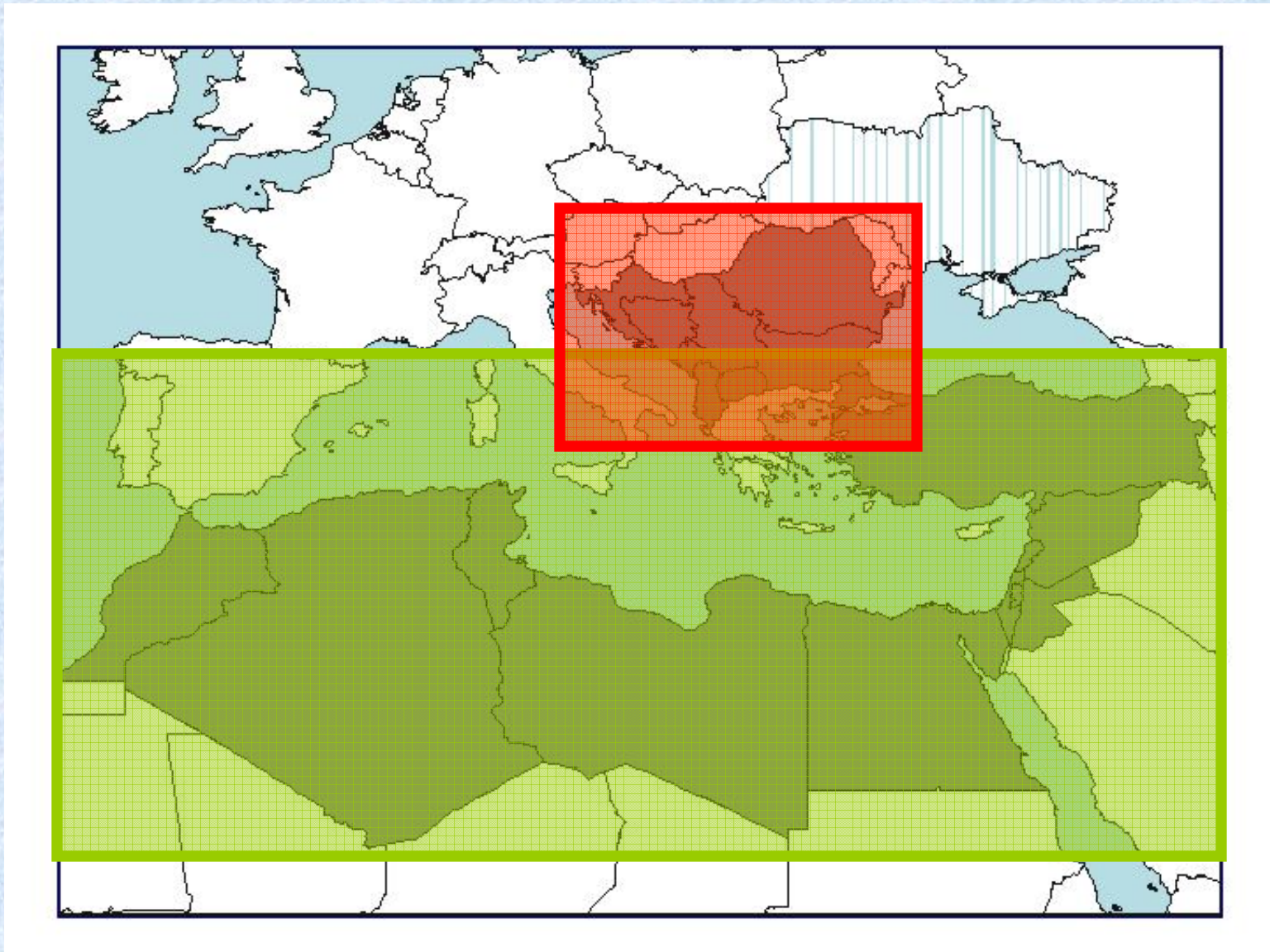
## What EUWI is ?

- a platform for strategic and political dialogue on water issues, endorsed at the highest political level
- an open forum for consultation with concerned stakeholders within the EU and in the region
- a time bound process with specific objectives
- a mechanism for improved coordination within the EU and the partner country level
- a mechanism to promote ownership and demand from the partners
- a means to catalyze funding for water resources development and service delivery

## What EUWI is not ?

It is not a new organisation  
It is not a financial institution or source of finance

# Geographical coverage



# Objectives – Aims

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## Main AIMS

- to assist the **design** of better, demand driven and output oriented programmes,
- to facilitate better **coordination** of water programmes and projects, targeting to a more **effective use of existing** funds and **mobilizing new** financial resources and,
- to **foster cooperation** for projects' proper implementation, based on enhancing synergies and strategic assessment

# Focus Themes

## Focus Themes of the Mediterranean Component

- Water supply and sanitation, with emphasis on the poorest part of the societies
  - Integrated water resources management, with emphasis on planning of national and transboundary bodies
  - Water, food and environment interaction, with emphasis on fragile ecosystems
  - Non-conventional water resources
- and **Horizontal Focus Themes on**
- Transfer of technology and know how & training
  - Education

## Synergies (1)

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The region has a tradition in cooperation and networking.

**Strong synergies and linkages between regional related Initiatives and Programmes: *Important elements in order to ensure effectiveness and avoid overlaps***

- Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (e.g. cooperation within **Horizon 2020** on issues related to WSS / urban wastewater)
- Barcelona Convention (e.g. cooperation for the **MSSD** implementation)
- Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development

## Synergies (2)

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### - EU Financial instruments

MEDA

SMAP

LIFE

INCO-MED

... more

CARDS

PHARE

TACIS

...more

### - Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI, from 2007)

- Several EU M.S. have bilateral agreements with Med countries

- Other funding mechanisms, e.g.

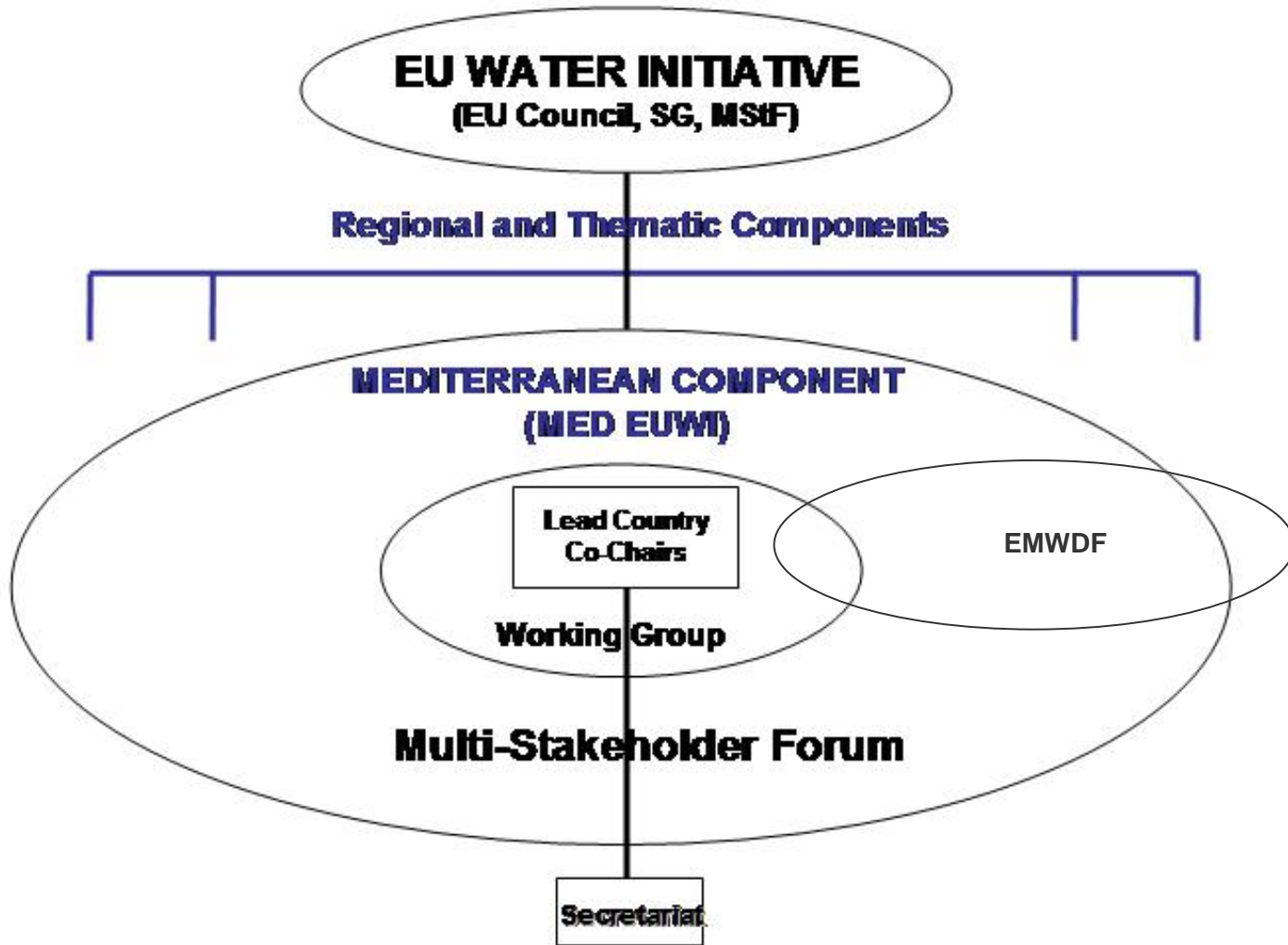
EIB, WB, ADB, EBRD, IDB, UN bodies, GEF, Overseas ODA, etc.

### - EU Water Framework Directive

Enlargement of its impact, through proper adaptation

MED EUWI / WFD Joint Process

# Structure of the Component



## Elements of MED EUWI Work Programme 2006

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Targets / Purpose per Activity</b>
1. Country status assessment on WSS and IWRM in ten MEDA countries	- Overview and mapping of water policies and major water programmes on WSS and IWRM
2. Country dialogues in two MEDA countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiate one country dialogue → <b>EGYPT</b> (another one has been initiated in 2005 → <b>LEBANON</b>)</li> <li>- Elaborate assessments on current expenditure and needed financing to meet MDGs/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM</li> <li>- Elaborate financing strategies to achieve MDGs/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM</li> <li>- Facilitate multi-stakeholder country dialogues and prepare roadmaps to meet MDGs/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM</li> </ul>
3. Joint Process WFD/MED EUWI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identification of pilot river basins and implementation of pilot activities</li> <li>- Facilitation of Working Groups → <b>Groundwater, Water Scarcity, Agriculture</b></li> </ul>
4. Seminar on IWRM status in five North African countries and Mauritania	- Organise Seminar to assess status of national IWRM planning, facilitate dialogue among key involved agencies and identify priority actions to follow up. → <b>25-26 January 2006, Rabat</b>
5. Conference on regional policy guidelines for waste-water reuse	- Organise Workshop to present and discuss policy guidelines for waste-water reuse in the Mediterranean, in collaboration with related MEDA Water projects.

## Elements of MED EUWI Work Programme 2006 (cont'd)

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Targets / Purpose per Activity</b>
<p><b>6. Capacity building activities for decision makers and experts on transboundary water resources management in Southeastern Europe</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate multi-stakeholder e-dialogue on integrated management of shared lakes</li> <li>- Organise Workshop to exchange knowledge and present best practises on integrated management of shared lakes in Southeastern Europe. → <b>12-14 October 2006, Ohrid Lake</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Coordination and administration</b> 7a. Meetings</p> <p>7b. Coordination</p>	<p>Organise one meeting of the <b>Euro-Mediterranean Water Directors Forum</b> to review process and guide MED EUWI development → <b>6-7 November 2006, Athens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organise of <b>MED EUWI Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF)</b> to review process and advice on MED EUWI development, possibly in conjunction with the Water Directors Forum</li> <li>- Coordinate with on-going programmes and initiatives in the Mediterranean eg. <b>ENP, UNEP MAP, Horizon 2020, METAP, UN ESCWA, NAMCOW</b> etc</li> <li>- Cooperate with the <b>GEF</b> Strategic Partnership to promote common objectives through implementation of activities</li> <li>- Coordinate with the <b>WGs</b> of Africa, Finance, Monitoring, Research, CIS to promote common objectives</li> </ul>



A **general** model for

**COUNTRY DIALOGUES**

# Aims of MED EUWI Country Dialogues

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## *MED EUWI Country Dialogues aim to*

- identify **gaps** and emerging deficiencies **in current national priorities and implementation process** to achieve MDGs/WSSD targets on WSS and IWRM,
- identify **insufficiencies and bottlenecks** in key prerequisites **posed by donors** for national investments on the water sector,
- identify **types of interventions** and concrete **national framework programmes** to meet targets,
- elaborate, discuss and agree on a **roadmap for achieving targets** at country level,
- assist the establishment of a **permanent platform for cooperation** between key involved partners at the national level including donor agencies.

# Main steps of a MED EUWI Country Dialogue

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## 1. Organise the Country Dialogue Process

Country Dialogues involve the following *main steps*:

- Prepare and agree ToR
- Inaugural Workshop
- Form a Steering Committee  
(national authorities, representative stakeholders, donors, EU Delegation)
- Structured consultations among / with  
country institutions, donors, stakeholders
- Mid-Term Workshop
- Final Workshop

# Main steps of a MED EUWI Country Dialogue

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## ***2. Country status assessment on WSS and IWRM***

*The Country status assessment will look into:*

- status of water sector reform, with an emphasis on WSS and IWRM,
- governance and institutional capacities,
- mechanisms of coordination
- major on-going activities
- key financing mechanisms
- mapping of stakeholders
- gaps and deficiencies on the above
- identification of possible EUWI intervention.

# Main steps of a MED EUWI Country Dialogue

## ***3. Detailed case studies on current expenditure and needed financing to meet MDG/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM***

### *Financing sources that would be analysed include*

- public budgets,
- public environmental and other special funds,
- user charges,
- private sector investments,
- foreign grants,
- foreign debt,
- etc

*Estimate of expenditure needs and financial deficits or surpluses to meet targets, divided by expenditure needs (O&M, capital investments, etc) and sector (water supply, sanitation, IWRM)*

**Collaboration of competent ministries, government agencies and institutions is needed**

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## 4. *Financing strategies for achieving water targets*

Financing strategies should include

- scenarios of achieving targets and bridging financial deficits
- recommendations for policy measures and enabling regulatory reforms
- affordability analysis of alternative financial measures
- suggestions on potential roles of stakeholders for applying recommendations
- roles for donors
- possible international collaborations to be established

# Main steps of a MED EUWI Country Dialogue

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## 5. *Country Roadmap to achieve targets*

A roadmap would:

- describe targets and indicators
- Identify roles and responsibilities of authorities, stakeholders and donors
- describe types of interventions & possible national framework programmes
- modalities for coordination, monitoring and reporting eventually through a multi-stakeholder platform

*Roadmaps should achieve as wide as possible ownership from authorities, stakeholders and and donors and and buy-in national water policies*

# Duration

**Depending on many parameters, including**

- data availability,
- political will,
- progress already achieved
- stakeholders involvement,
- available resources to support the progress ...

... a Country Dialogue could be completed within 16 months

... and should not be expected that will solve all problems !

*It should provide some key tools for a long term process  
that should carry on at the national level  
involving national and international partners  
until targets will be achieved*



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