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Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative



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EUROMED
Euro-Mediterranean
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

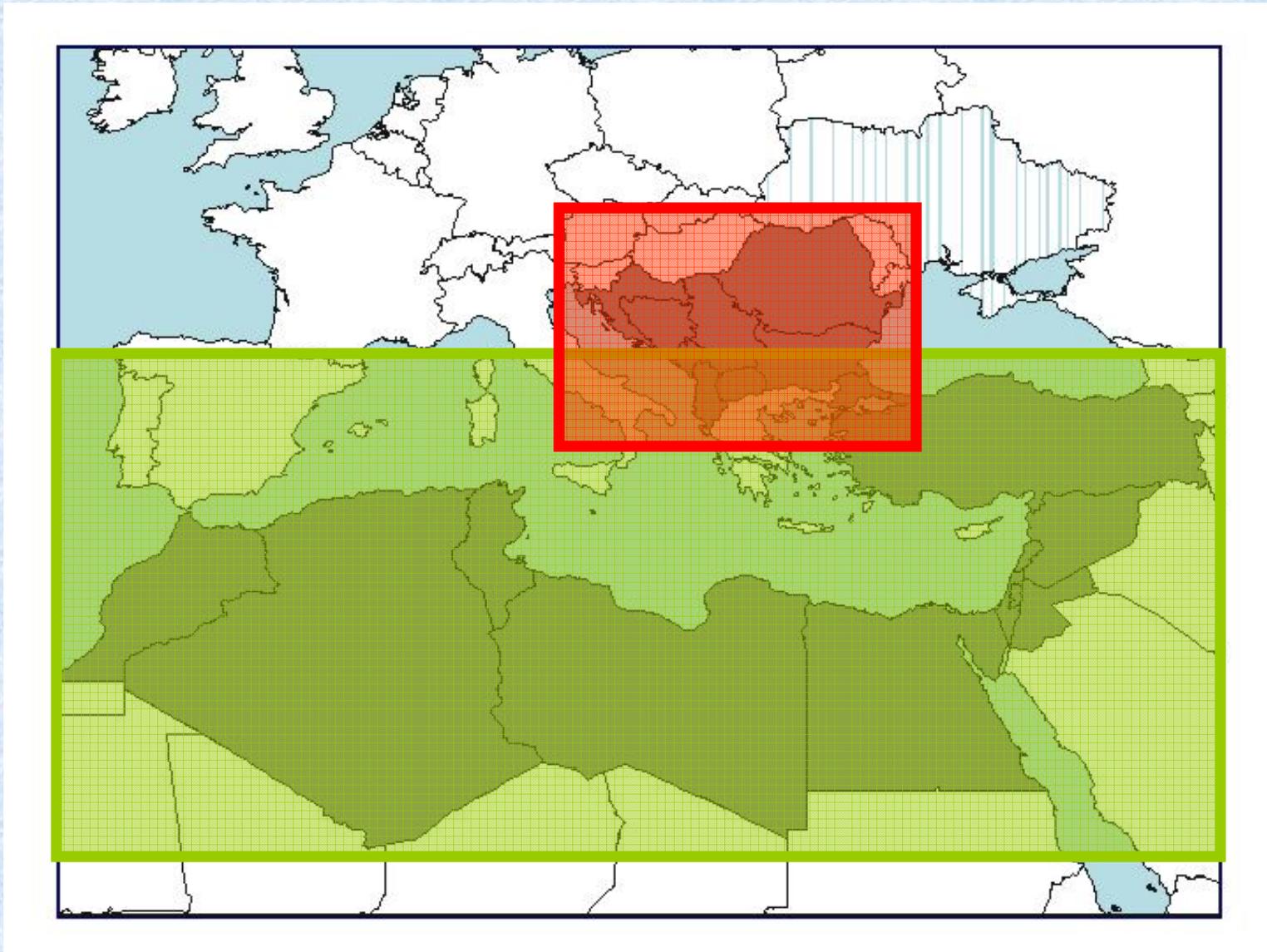
What EUWI is ?

- 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

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)

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)

- 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.

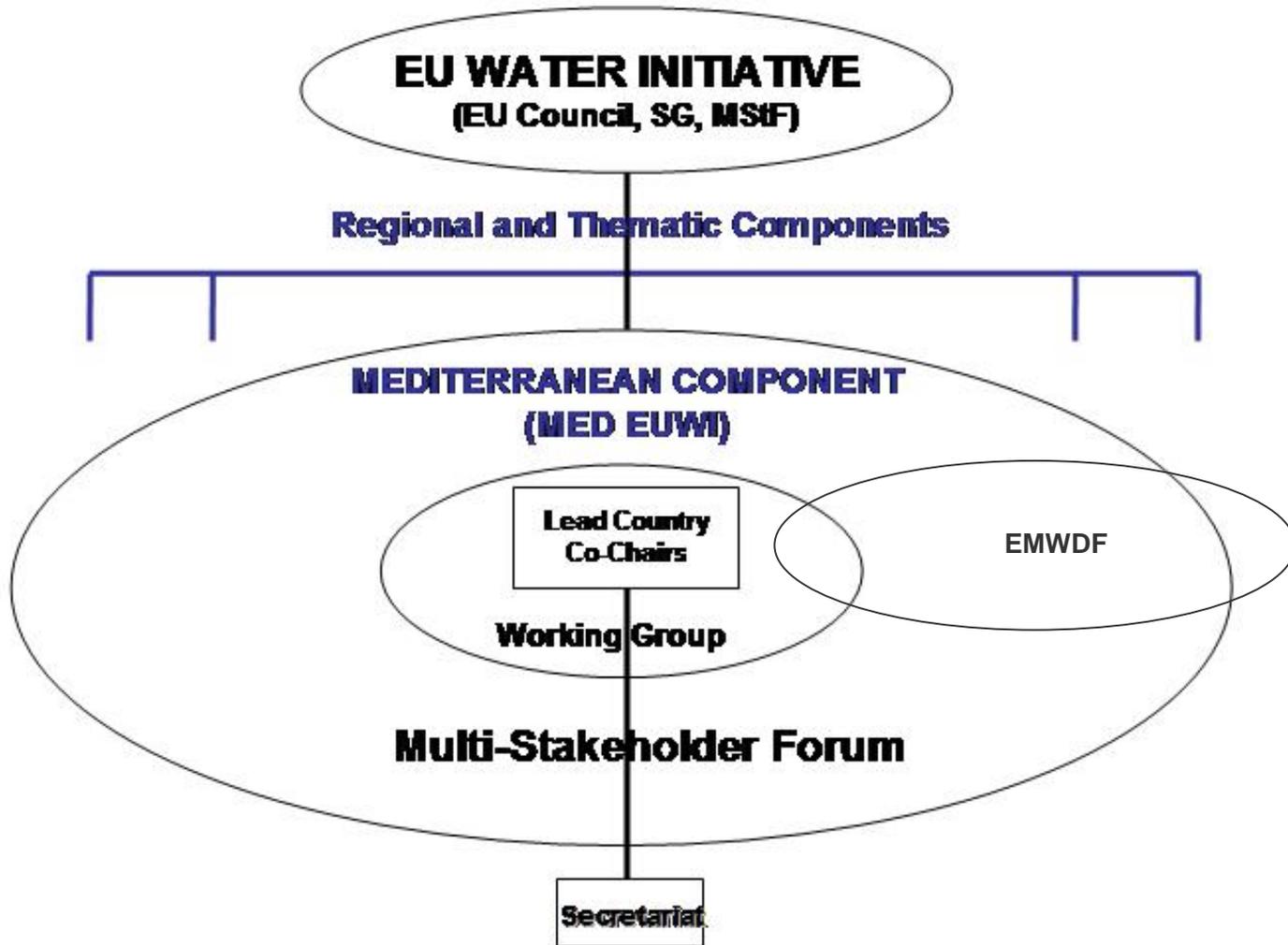
EIB, WB, ADB, EBRD, IDB, UN bodies, GEF, Overseas ODA, etc.

- 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

Activities	Targets / Purpose per Activity
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"> - Initiate one country dialogue → EGYPT (another one has been initiated in 2005 → LEBANON) - Elaborate assessments on current expenditure and needed financing to meet MDGs/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM - Elaborate financing strategies to achieve MDGs/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM - Facilitate multi-stakeholder country dialogues and prepare roadmaps to meet MDGs/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM
3. Joint Process WFD/MED EUWI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of pilot river basins and implementation of pilot activities - Facilitation of Working Groups → Groundwater, Water Scarcity, Agriculture
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. → 25-26 January 2006, Rabat
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)

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



A **general** model for

COUNTRY DIALOGUES

Aims of MED EUWI Country Dialogues

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

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

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

Main steps of a MED EUWI Country Dialogue

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

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 donors 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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