

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

## The MED-EUWI /WFD Joint Process

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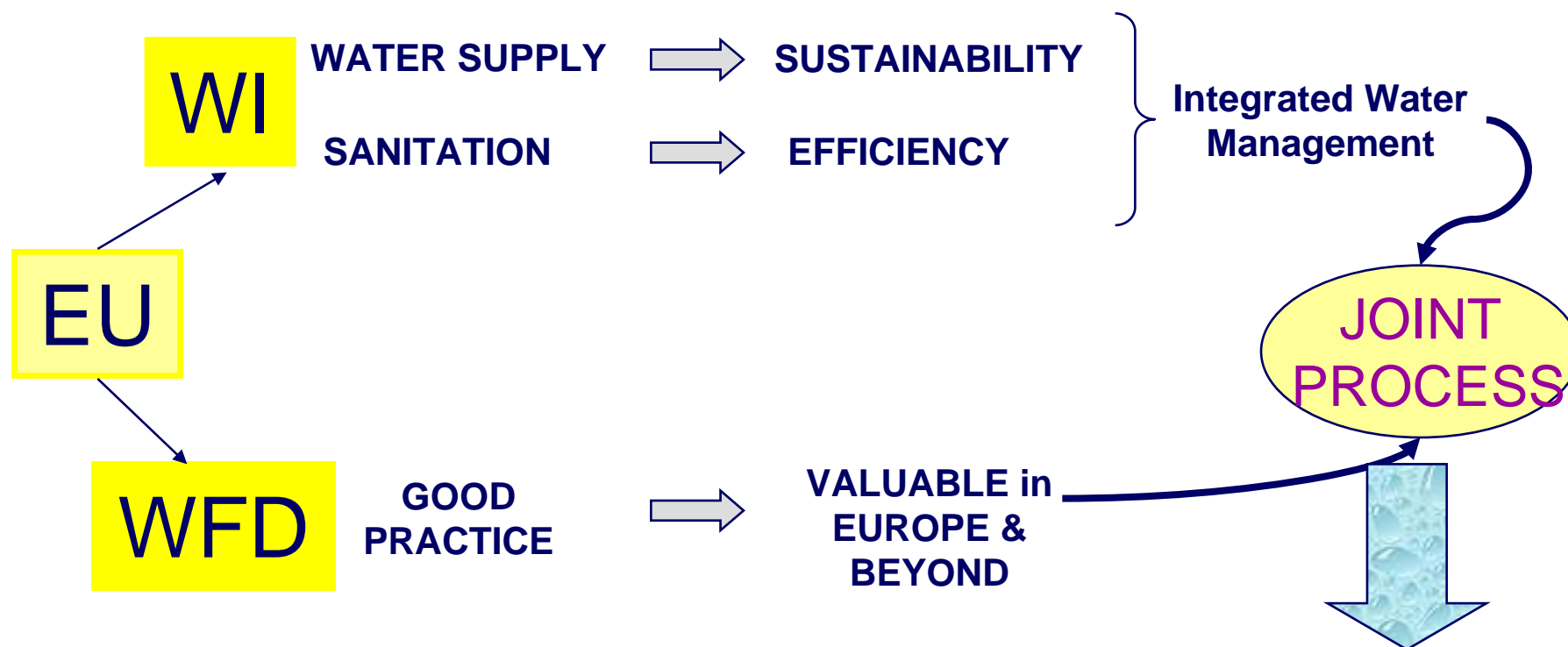


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## WHY a WFD/EUWI JOINT PROCESS?



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

- ENVIRONMENT / COOPERATION

- Sustainable Water services and uses
- Ensure high level of protection of water resources
- share common methods, practices

↳ Consistent & coherent, common, similar but  
NOT identical standards / legislative  
frameworks and methodologies



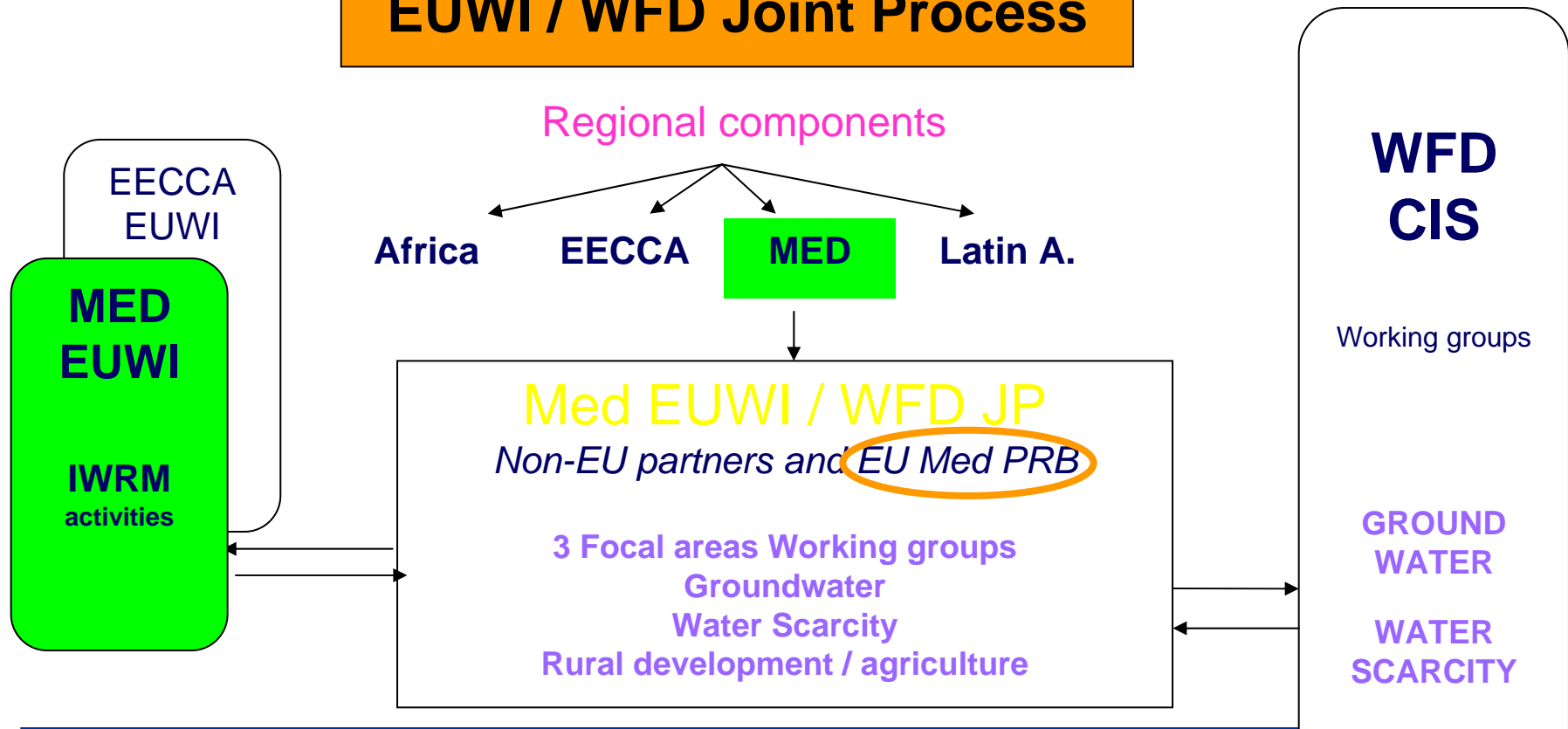
## Med JP Phase I

- Brindisi, Sept. 2004, Mediterranean Pilot River Basins meeting
  - ↪ Identification of 3 priorities ⇒ 3 Ad hoc groups set up
- Amsterdam, Dec. 2004
  - ↪ Presentation EU Water Directors – strategy [doc](#)
- Rome, Nov. 2005
  - ↪ Presentation Euro-Med Water Directors - first progress
- Letter co-signed EMWIS/FR & EC, March 2006
  - ↪ Appointment of experts from Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon
- Development of activities of 3 Med WGs



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## OUTCOMES OF PHASE I

- Achievement of objectives [doc](#)

### **GLOBALLY** 😊

- Regional recommendations for WFD consideration
- Challenges of convergence of legislation specified in some areas
- Concrete proposals : Groundwater quality monitoring at regional level

### **However, still GAPS**

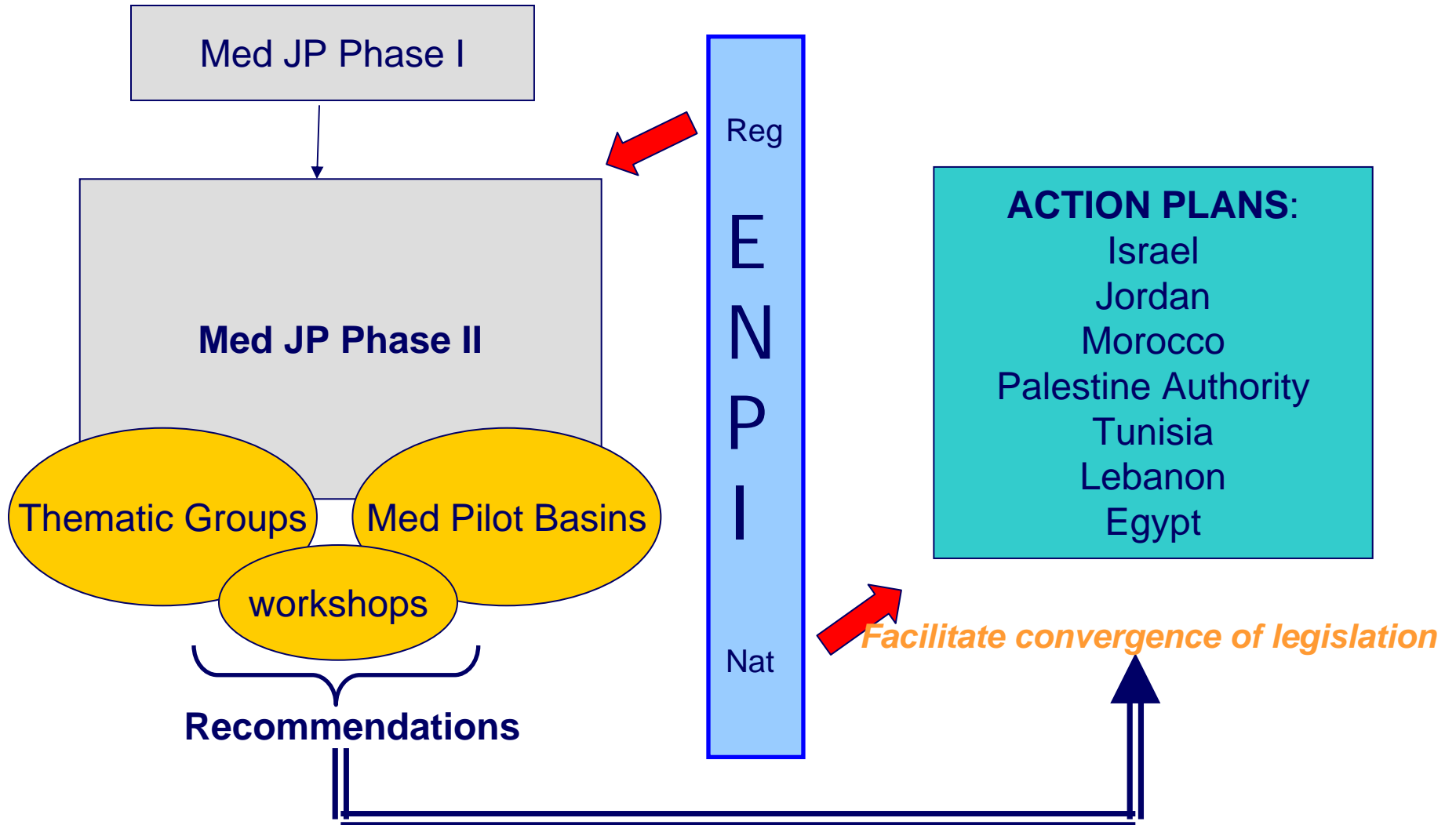
- Test feasibility on the ground
- Ensure linkages between regional recommendations and national actions



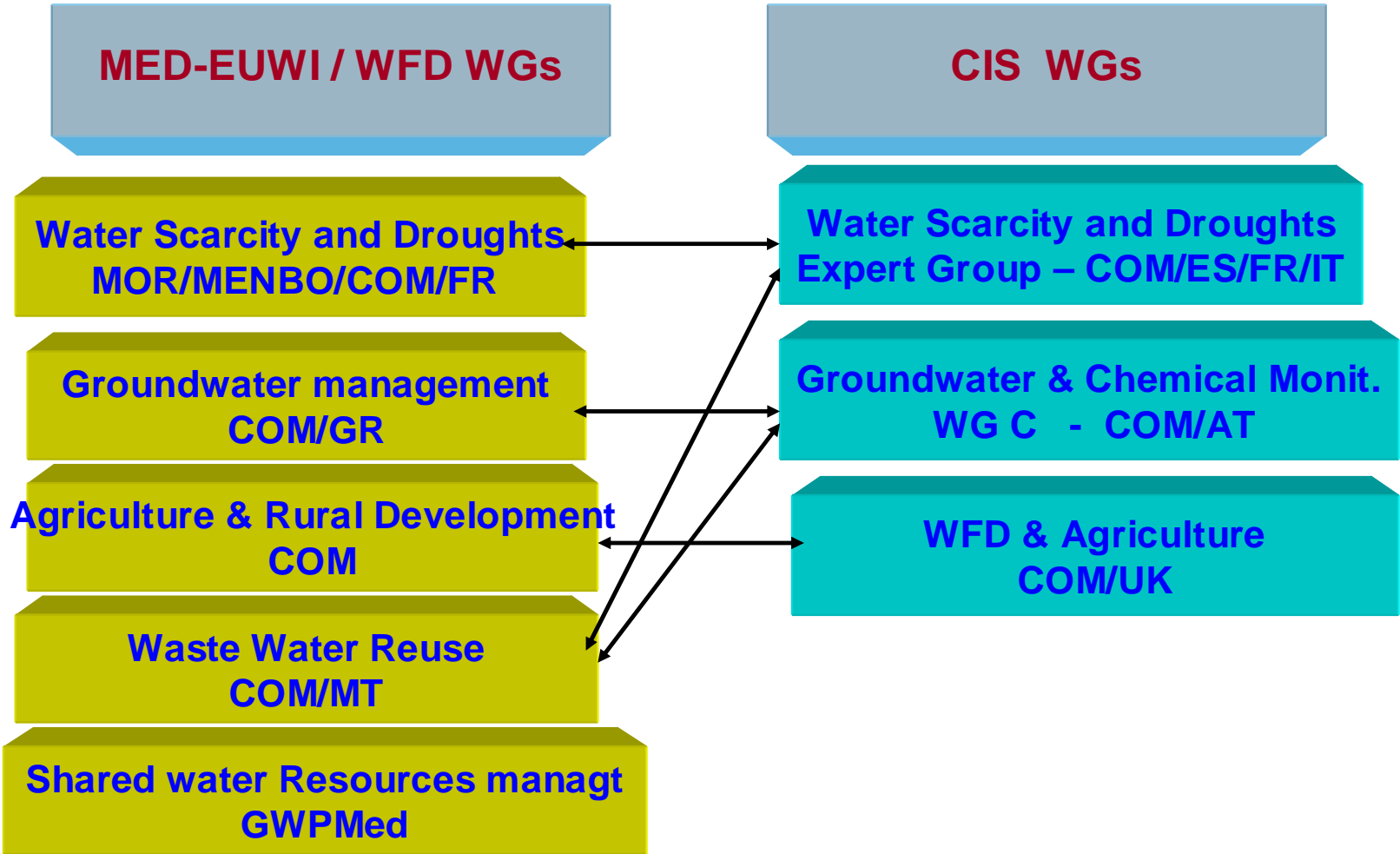
# REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

# NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

MEMBERS OF THE  
COUNTRIES, A



 **MEDITERRANEAN EUWI/WFD JOINT PROCESS** 





## GROUNDWATER management

- **Leaders:**
  - GREECE
  - European Commission
- **Members:**
  - CY
  - BRGM
  - TBC...



## Linking rural Development & water management

- **Leaders:**
  - European Commission
  
- **Members:**
  - - WWF
  - -
  - -



## Waste Water Reuse

- **Leaders:**

- MALTA
- European Commission

- **Members:**

- CY
- BRGM
- ES
- RMSU MEDA
- FR
- TBC...
- Hellenic UMEWSS



## Shared Water Resources Management

- **Leaders:**

- GWPMed

Supported by EC and Greece

- **Members:**

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- TBC...



## Med Pilot Basins

- Test applicability of WFD principles, bottlenecks , solutions
- Based on EU guidance documents & Med recommendations
  
- SEBOU, Morocco *confirmed, ToR*
- LITANI, Lebanon *confirmed, postponed?*
  
- SEYHAN, Turkey *already studied in Med WG AGRI*
- MEDJERDA, Tunisia *already studied in Med WG AGRI*
  
- JRC & MENBO to assist the MED Pilot Basins network



## 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, WWF...
  - Cooperation with other processes
    - GEF strategic partnership phase II
- |  | 2004-06:                   |        |
|--|----------------------------|--------|
|  | -ENV/D2 budget             | 200 k€ |
|  | -MEDA Water regional prog. | 200 k€ |



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## Med JP Phase I

### Technical developments

- ✓ Foster exchanges on thematic topics
- ✓ Produce specific recommendations
  - Improve access to information
    - Focal point – website
  - Disseminate best practices
    - Working groups / drafting groups
    - Cross-fertilisation - Annual workshop

### Political Dimension

- ✓ Raise awareness on WFD – Convergence
  - ✓ Euro-Med Water Directors conference as institutional Support
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- 😊 9 WG meetings
- 😊 3 reports, 1 finalised
- 😊 2 web forum
- 😊 3 Med WGs
- 😊 4 Plenary meetings
  
- 😊
- 😊 Rome, Athens

