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

النظام الأوروبي-متوسطي للإعلام
حول المعرفة في ميدان المياه

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The Euro-Med Partnership in the water sector



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



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
- **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