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Système Euro-  
Méditerranéen  
d'information sur les  
savoir-faire dans le  
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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



<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
- **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