

NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS COORDINATION SEMINAR

Contributions expected from NFPs

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The objective of the table below is to help EMWIS NFPs to prepare the next coordination seminar. The most important items for the preparation of the seminar are underlined in gray in the table below.

Items on the agenda	Expected NFPs contributions
NFP achievements and possible follow up	Each coordinator of Med Partner countries will have approximately 10 minutes to present national achievements and highlight the evolutions considering 2 major milestones: the operational launch of EMWIS (end of 1999) and the beginning of the 2nd phase (December 2003). The following elements are particularly important (contractual indicators with the European Commission): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMWIS national benefits/results (will be included into the NFP booklet) - NFP website statistics: number of annual visits, the most visited pages - Coordination of national water information providers (list of the organisations) - Surveys of end users (needs and satisfaction) It will also be necessary to clarify the status of EMWIS NFP at the institutional level and the possible way to continue some activities initiated by the EMWIS
Booklet on the NFP and the institutional water management framework in Med countries (a common structure will be proposed during the seminar)	Please provide good quality illustrations in electronic format (e.g. photos, ministry's logo) Validation of the structure that will be proposed to present the water institutional framework Role of the main national institutions (in principle available on NFP websites)
Update and finalisation of the NFP booklet initiated in 2005	
Med water observation mechanism	Comments on the approach proposed Identification of volunteers to review the final report before diffusion
EMWIS NFP future priorities	Actions proposed by NFPs to improve water information and knowledge dissemination in each country and at the Mediterranean level
Euromed Ministerial conference on water 2008, 28-29 October 2008, Amman	Comments the conference organisation Comments on the (non official) documents proposed by IPEMED
MELIA project	Comments, potential links with EMWIS and its NFPs
EMWIS new projet related to harmonisation with WISE	Comments and interest in taking part not some activities

Working group on- Sécheresse et pénurie d'eau Potential meeting in October 2008 on indicators & assessment Draft report 2008	Checking the participants list , adding new experts and/or official representatives if necessary Potential dissemination of the report, comments on the report
Working group on Water monitoring Preparation of a survey on existing monitoring networks in Mec Partner countries (water quality, water availability and abstraction)	Checking the participants list , adding new experts and/or official representatives if necessary Identification of contact persons/organisations managing monitoring networks
Working group on- Waste water reuse	Comments on the working group final report .
Technical issues related to NWIS harmonisation with WISE – First steps toward the guidelines for setting up NWIS interoperable with WISE –Water Information System for Europe -	Comments
Metadata catalogue Open source tools Necessary standardisation issues : key words, geographical coverage	Potential set up of such a metadata catalogue tool with interested countries (see prototype developed for the feasibility study on the Med water observation mechanism)
Identification and geographical references used for water resources	Specify the hydrological elements considered by the countries for water management and the main characteristics used. A list with geo-references could be useful (see Major European rivers, catchment areas as an example) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - main rivers, watersheds - lakes - reservoirs - aquifers
Progress on NWIS	Each country will present the main actions launched since the NWIS feasibility studies carried out in 2005 and the future steps planned.
Country reporting for international initiatives Coordination with Horizon 2020 monitoring (reducing pollution of Mediterranean sea)	Awareness on reporting activities requested from the countries for international initiatives (see "reporting obligations database" from the European Environment Agency for your country) Opinion on the possible set up of a national coordination committee for water data (i.e. a reference center on water) that could also coordinate NWIS developments