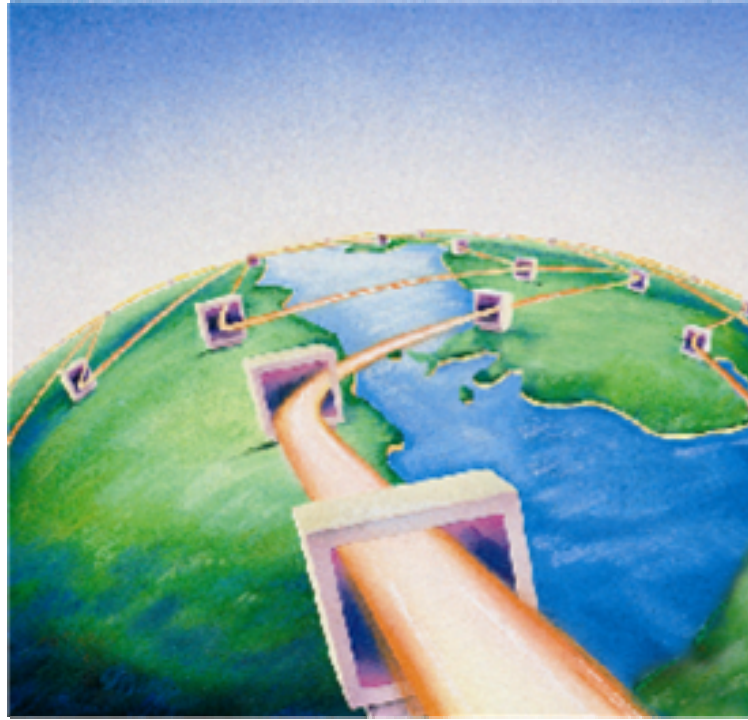


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**Euro-Mediterranean
Information System
on know how in the
water sector**

**نظام المعلومات الأورو-
متوسطي حول المهارات
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EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP





The Euro-Med Partnership in the water sector

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| 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> |
| 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 General Directors <i>Approval of EMWIS Strategic Plan for Phase II</i> |



OBJECTIVES OF EMWIS

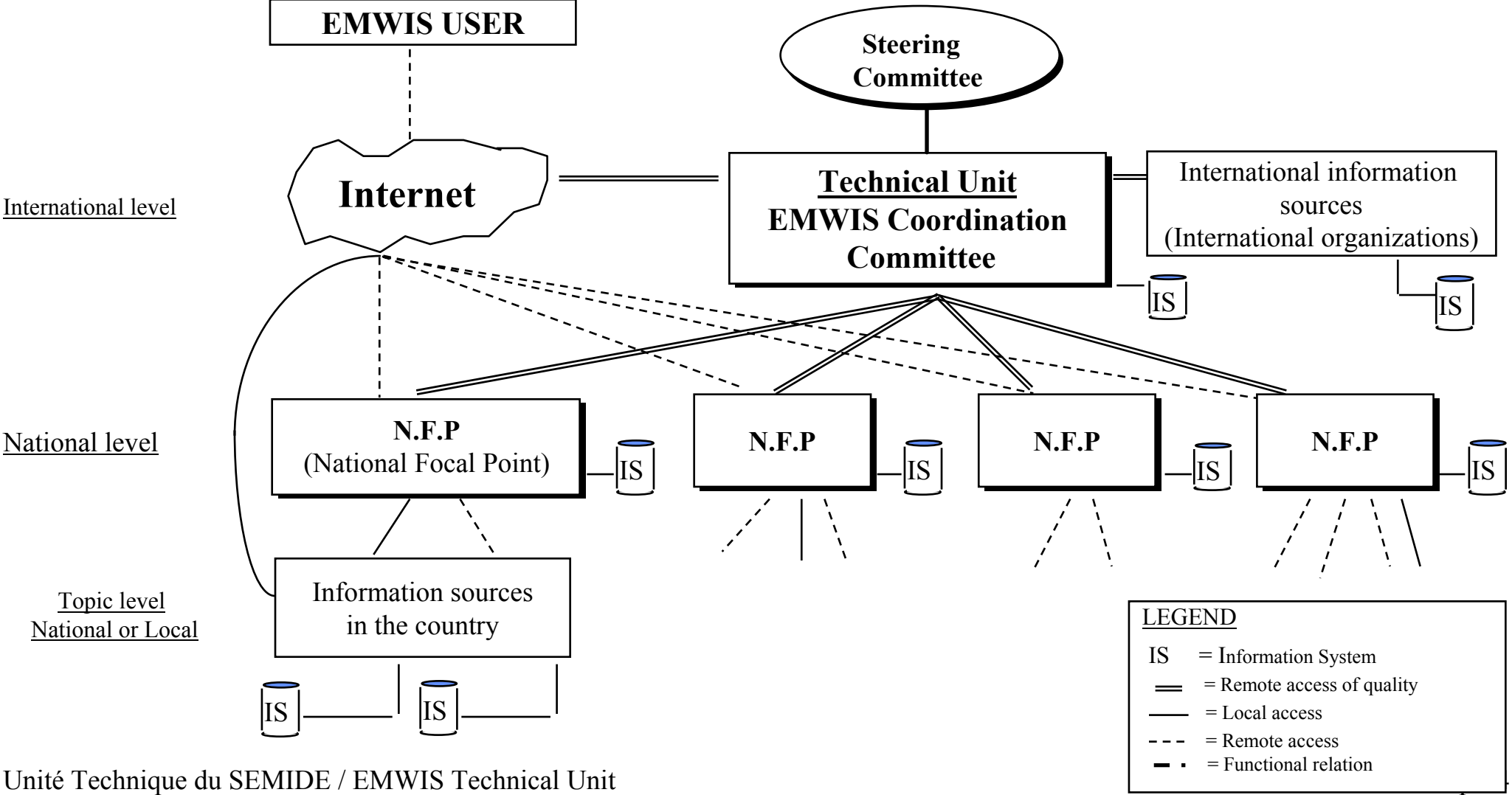
To create a tool for cooperation between the European and Mediterranean countries whose aim is to:

- **Facilitate access to the existing information** on know-how;
- **Develop the sharing of information** to enable anyone to make known his activities, his topics of interest ...;
- **Create common products and cooperation programmes** to develop available information and to promote the collection of the lacking information.

In the water sector



EWMISS Organisation





The National Focal Points

➤ European Union: 25 countries

10 NFP created and 7 active websites

Austria, Belgium, **Cyprus**, France, Greece, Italy,
Luxembourg, **Malta**, Portugal, Spain

➤ Mediterranean partners: 10 countries

10 NFP created and 8 active websites

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco,
Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey



Role of EMWIS focal points for each country

- The water information portal for the country**
- The window on the country know-how in the water sector**
- A major tool for building new collaborations**
- A node of the Euro-Med system**



Milestones

- **Dec. 1997 – Decision of Euro-Med water directors to implement EMWIS**
- **July 1998 – Creation of the EEIG EMWIS TU**
- **July 1999 – EC grant signature for Phase 1 with co-funding from FR, IT, SP**
- **Nov. 1999 – T.U. operational**
- **Nov. 2001 – Phase 2 strategic plan approved by Euro-Med water directors**
- **Dec. 2002 - End of phase 1**
- **Dec. 2003 - EC grant signature for Phase 2 (Dec. 2003 – Nov. 2006)**
with co-funding from FR, IT, SP



Second phase work-plan

Enhancing and consolidating the achievements (2003-2006)

- 1. Maintaining a strong institutional co-ordination**
- 2. Reinforcing the NFPs**
- 3. Expansion and development of information services**
- 4. Review of the technical architecture (XML based)**
- 5. Operating information existing information services**
- 6. Awareness raising on water information/know-how sharing**
- 7. Development of topical activities**
- 8. Information clearing house for International actions**
 - 1. E.C. MEDA – Water programme**
 - 2. MED component of the EU water initiative**
- 9. Liaison with international initiatives**

Harmonising water information exchange

Second phase work-plan



1. Maintaining a strong institutional co-ordination

1. Annual Steering Committee meetings
2. Annual Coordination Committee meetings
3. Liaison with the partner countries, the European Commission, the main international initiatives
4. Preparation of agreements with the international initiatives
5. Technical Unit co-ordination
6. **Conference of the Euro-Med Water Director Generals**
1st semester 2005

Second phase work-plan



6. Awareness raising on water information/know-how sharing

1. Organisation of National promotion seminars

1. Objectives:

1. Presenting National Focal Point activities
2. Building new collaborations with national content providers
3. Presenting EU funded projects

2. Current events proposed by the NFP

1. Nicosia (CY), 29 October 2004
2. Rabat (MA), early 2005

2. Organisation of 3 International conferences

1. Objectives:

1. Building a stronger community of EMWIS users
2. Maintaining a high level of political commitment
3. Presenting EMWIS and EU projects findings
4. Initiating new cooperation

2. Current events planned

1. 1st semester 2005 (together with the Euro-Med Water Director General meeting)
2. Early 2006
3. End of 2006



Second phase work-plan

7. Development of topical activities

Approach

- Analysis and synthesis of experiences
- Moderation of specialised electronic forum
- Workshop during EMWIS conferences

Selected topics

- **EU Water Framework Directive**
- Use of non-conventional water resources
- Irrigation water management
- Integrated water management at local level



8. Information clearing house for International actions

1. **E.C. MEDA – Water programme**
2. **MED component of the EU water initiative**
3. **Set up of an online projects database:**
 1. **EC funded projects with beneficiaries in the Med countries**
 1. **EuropeAid Co-operation Office**
 2. **National EU delegations**
 3. **DG ENV**
 4. **DG Research**
 2. **Other projects identified by the national water authorities**



Synergy with Med EUWI

- **Extension of relevant EMWIS activities to the Balkan countries**
- **Follow-up on the results on the WFD study**
- **Consolidation and analysis of the projects database**
- **Valorisation of relevant results from EU funded projects**



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**a collaboration tool among Euro-
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