

Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative

LEAD COUNTRY : GREECE

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EUWI - Characteristics

What EUWI is ?

- a platform for strategic and political dialogue on water issues, endorsed at the highest political level
- an open forum for consultation with concerned stakeholders within the EU and in the region
- a time bound process with specific objectives
- a mechanism for improved coordination within the EU and the partner country level
- a mechanism to promote ownership and demand from the partners
- a means to catalyze funding for water resources development and service delivery

What EUWI is not ?

**It is not a new organisation
It is not a financial institution or source of finance**

EUWI - Structure

EUWI is building on a modular approach

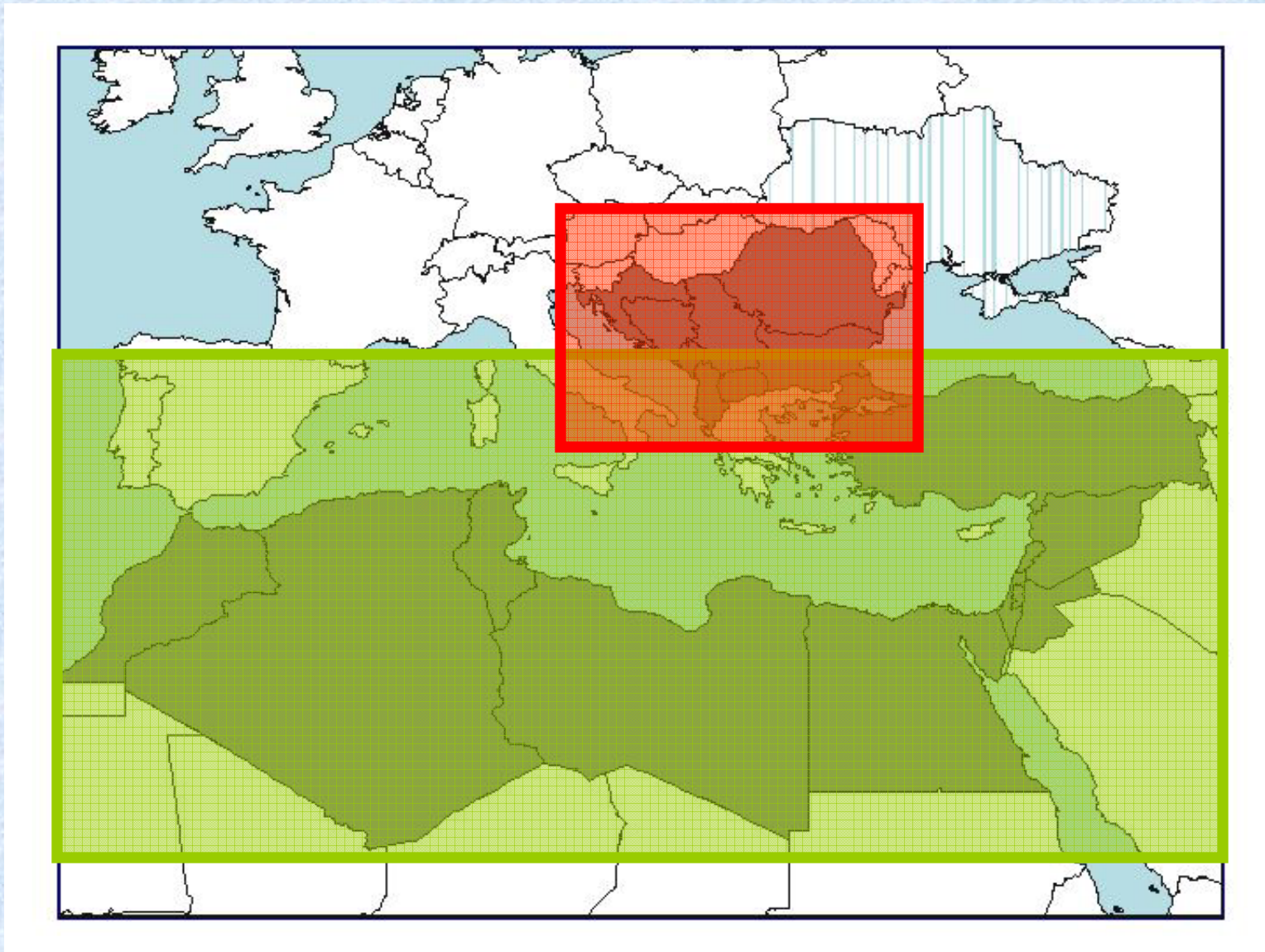
Four Regional Components:

- African Component (Lead Country: France)
- EECA Component (Lead Country: Denmark)
- Mediterranean Component (Lead Country: Greece)
- Latin America Component (Lead Countries: Spain-Portugal)

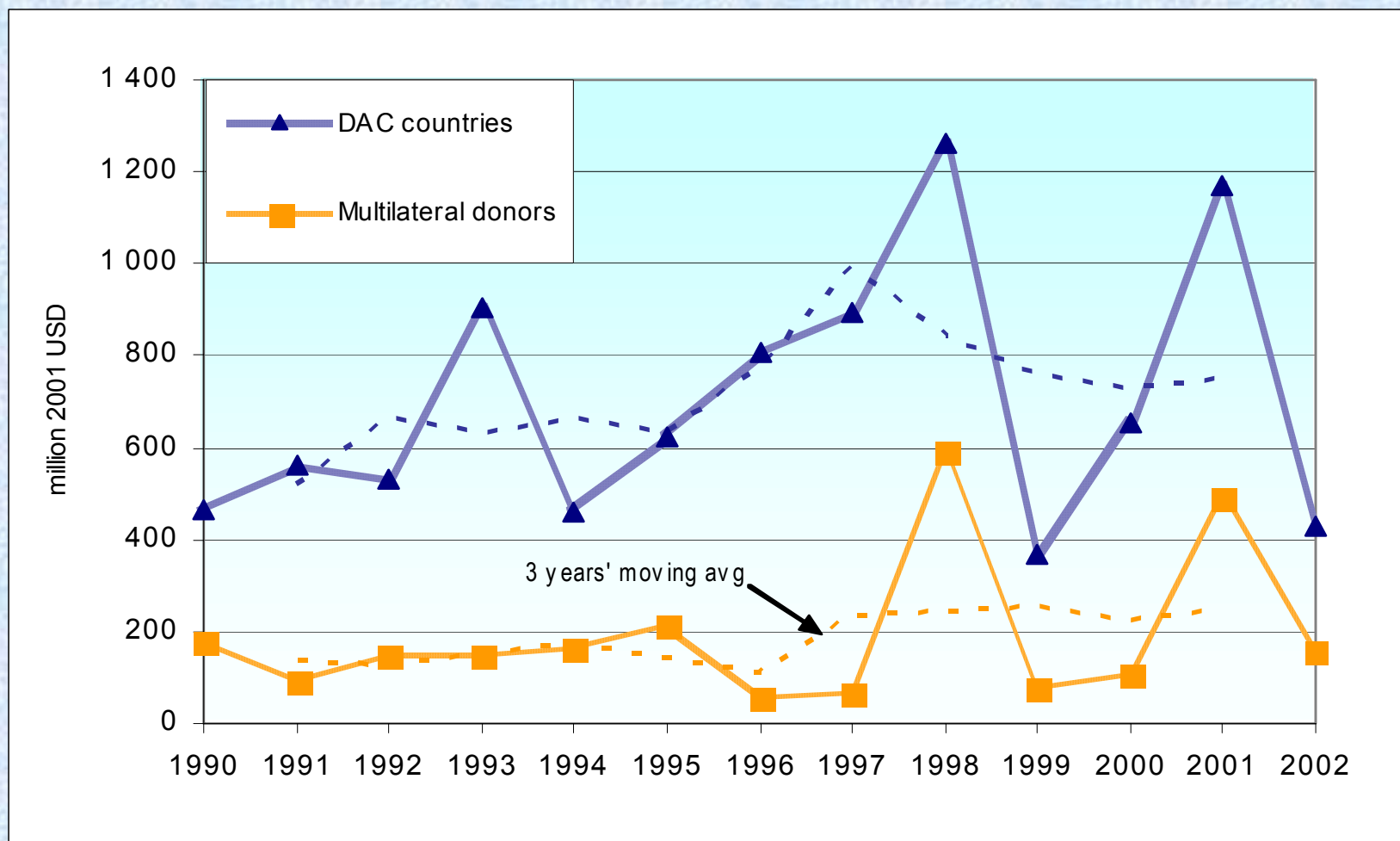
Three Cross Cutting Components:

- Financing Component (Lead Country: UK)
- Research Component (Lead Organization: EU Commission)
- Monitoring and Information Systems Component
(Lead: EU Commission and Austria)

Geographical coverage



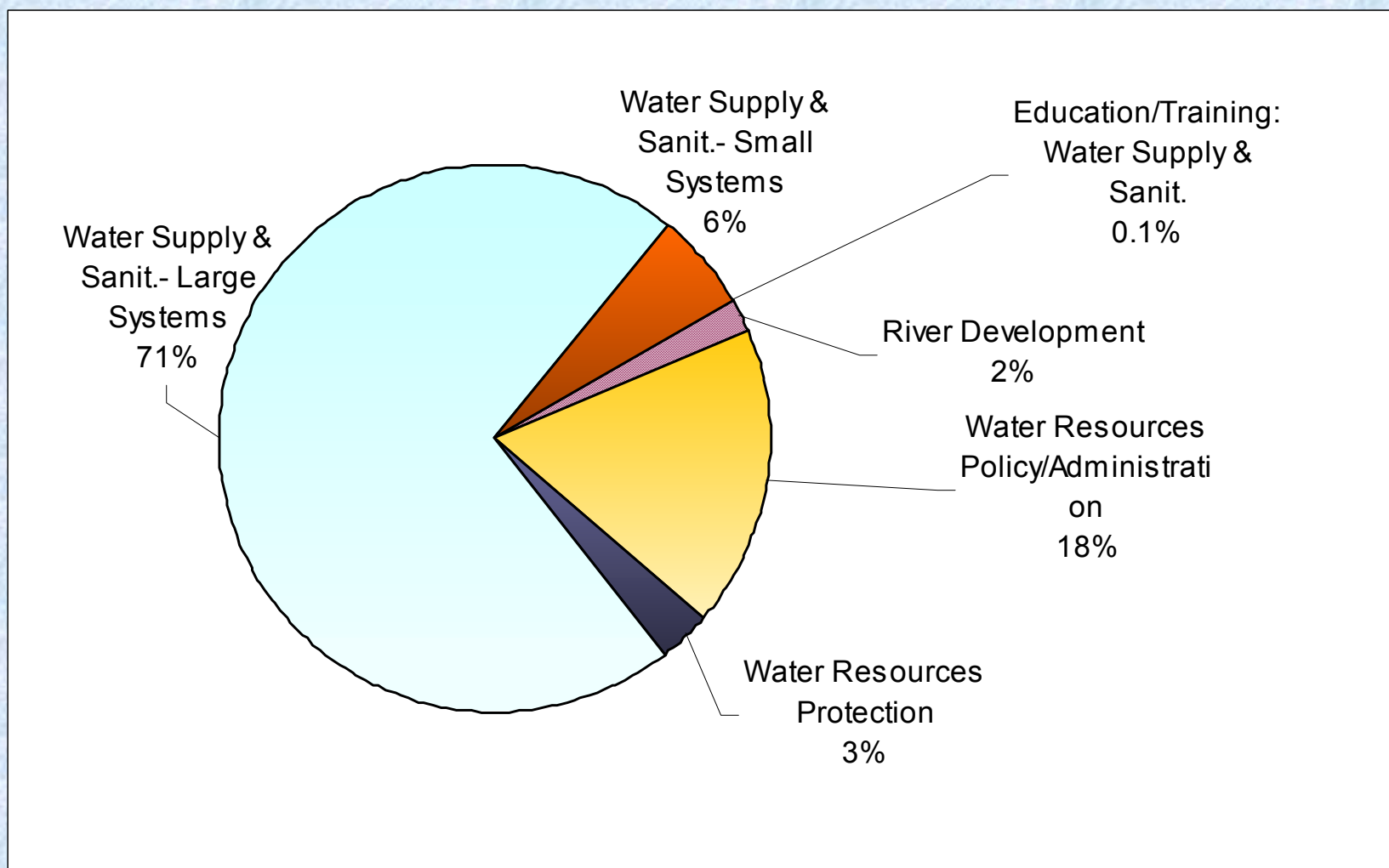
Aid to the water sector in the Med, 1990-2002



Data refer to commitments of ODA/OA and Other Official Flows. Data exclude aid for waste management activities.

Source: OECD CRS Aid Activity Database.

Aid to the water in the Med by subsector, 1996-2002



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Objective

The Mediterranean Component is an integral part of the EU WI and shares its overall objectives

- Reinforce political will and commitment to action
- Make water governance effective and build institutional capacity
- Improve coordination and cooperation
- Increase the efficiency of existing aid flows
- Provide an “umbrella”
- Build on existing initiatives through partnerships

Priorities will be formulated **according** to needs and strategies to be further elaborated in partnership with governments, the EU Commission and major stakeholders

Objective

Main AIMS

- to assist the **design** of better, demand driven and output oriented programmes,
- to facilitate better **coordination** of water programmes and projects, targeting to a more **effective use of existing** funds and **mobilizing new** financial resources and,
- to **foster cooperation** for projects' proper implementation, based on enhancing synergies and strategic assessment

Focus Themes

Focus Themes of the Mediterranean Component

- Water supply and sanitation,
with emphasis on the poorest part of the societies
 - Integrated water resources management,
with emphasis on planning of national and transboundary bodies
 - Water, food and environment interaction,
with emphasis on fragile ecosystems
 - Non-conventional water resources
- and **Horizontal Focus Themes on**
- Transfer of technology and know how & training
 - Education

Assets (1)

The region has a tradition in cooperation and networking, eg

- Euro-Mediterranean Partnership**
- Barcelona Convention and**
- Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development**

Assets (2)

- EU Financial instruments

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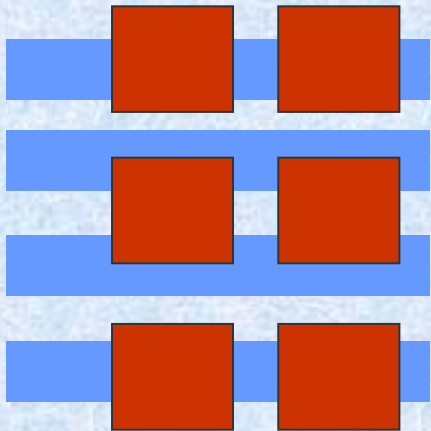
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- Several EU M.S. have bilateral agreements with Med countries
- Other mechanisms exist
World Bank, EIB, EBRD, IDB, UN bodies, GEF, Overseas ODA, etc.
- EU Water Framework Directive
Enlargement of its impact
- Free Trade Zone 2010 – Euro Mediterranean Partnership
- New Neighborhood Initiative

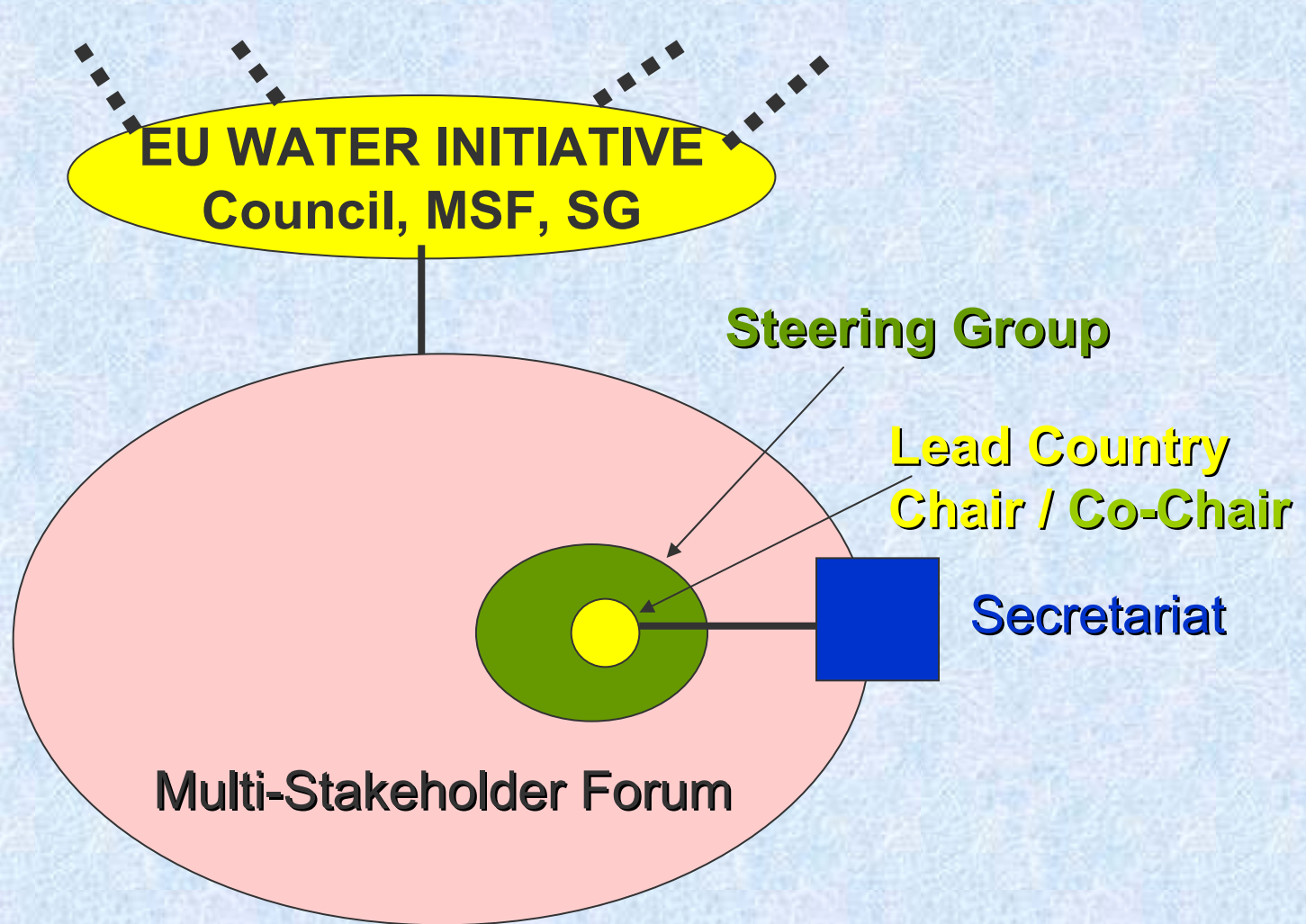
ACTIONS COMPLETED (Fed – Jul 2003)		F	M	A	M	J	J
1	NAMCOW Meeting, Cairo	X					
2	MSF Kick-Off Meeting, Brussels	X					
3	3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto		X				
4	CSD XI, New York			X	X		
5	EU Informal Council of Environment Ministers, Athens				X		
6	Shared Waters and Peace Conference, Athens				X		
7	Kiev Ministerial Conference				X		
8	Euro-Med Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers, Crete				X		
9	Operation Plan / Call for B.B.						
10	EU Green Week, Brussels						X
11	Hellenic Water Week, Athens						X

Structure of the Component - tentative

Building Blocks



Demo Projects



MED EUWI Activity Plan 2004-2006 (Draft)

Thematic Objective	Theme	Horizontal Objectives
OBJ-1. Initiate prog for WSS, with emphasis on poorest parts of society	TH-1. WSS	OBJ-4. Strengthen underlying institutions and build capacity
OBJ-2. Initiate prog for National & Transb IWRM Planning	TH-2. IWRM	
OBJ-3. Initiate prog for water, agriculture & ecosyst.	TH-3. WFE	
New OBJ on Wastewater Reuse	TH-4. Non Convent	OBJ-5. Improve coordination
	TH-5. Tec / know how transfer	OBJ-6. Enhance funding
	TH-6. Education	OBJ-7. Improve technology transfer and use of existing scientific knowledge + OBJ-4 (part)
		OBJ-8. Promote education on water issues
Mediterranean		South Eastern Europe

Follow Up

- Build on momentum, maintain and transform the commitment expressed by the Member States and the Commission into action
- Further facilitate the involvement of the Partner countries and stakeholders
- Raise further awareness on the Med Component
- Mobilize adequate funds for planning and implementing activities of the MED EUWI Activity Plan and initiate pilot actions at the regional and national level