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MEDITERRANEAN COMPONENT OF THE EU WATER INITIATIVE

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION SYSTEM ON KNOW-HOW IN THE WATER SECTOR

EUWI *MED*
EU WATER INITIATIVE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

- **The Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (Med EUWI)**, represented by Mr Ioannis Vourmas, Director General for the Environment of the Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works of Greece and supported by GWP-Mediterranean acting as MED EUWI Secretariat,

And

- **The Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the Water Sector (EMWIS)** represented by the President of the Steering Committee, Mr. Pascal BERTEAUD, on the other,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT:

The Med EUWI, as an integral part of the EUWI, aims to assist design of better, demand driven and output oriented water related programmes, facilitate better coordination of water programmes and projects, targeting more effective use of existing funds and mobilization of new financial resources and enhanced cooperation for project's proper implementation, based on peer review and strategic assessment, in the area of the Non- EU partner countries in South-East Mediterranean and South-Eastern Europe.

The Euro-Mediterranean Information system on know-how in the Water Sector gathers the 35 countries of the EuroMed Partnership, with the support of the European Commission. It aims to gather, certify and disseminate the information useful for better water management in the Mediterranean region.

AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING

Med EUWI and EMWIS agree to cooperate for improving the collection and dissemination of the information, documentation and knowledge on integrated water resources management in the Mediterranean area.

In particular:

EMWIS website will serve as main dissemination channel for Med EUWI in the Euro-Mediterranean region. As far as possible the EMWIS online collaboration tools will be used to foster the Med-EUWI activities (e.g. working groups of the Joint Process Med-EUWI / Water Framework Directive)

Med EUWI will promote and disseminate the information on EMWIS; National Water Information Systems and water observatory in the framework of its activities.

Med EUWI and EMWIS will jointly organize regular meetings of the Euro-Med Water Directors.

DURATION OF THE MEMORANDUM

This partnership agreement will last 2 years (mid 2006 – mid 2008). It can be renewed, unless termination by one party or the other.

The representative of the leader country of Med EUWI and the President of EMWIS Steering Committee will be invited, as observers, respectively to the meetings of the Steering and Technical Committees of EMWIS and of the Working Groups, Stakeholders Forum and Steering Committees of Med EUWI, and to events of common interest they will be organizing.

Made in , on 24 July 2006

**President of EMWIS
Steering Committee**



Pascal BERTEAUD

**Lead country of Med EUWI
Greece**



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