

EMWIS/SEMIDE– Water Sector Cooperation

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A tool for the exchange of information and the establishment of cooperation programmes in the water sector, between and within the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Countries

Budget €3.3 million (€2 million MEDA, €1.3 million Spain, Italy & France)

Timeframe 2004-2008

Participating Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey

Objectives

It aims at collecting and facilitating the sharing of information and experiences, as well as the development of common tools and cooperation programmes, in the water sector. The Euro-Mediterranean Information System on the know-how in the Water Sector (EMWIS) focuses on assisting the Mediterranean Partner Countries to develop their own water intranets and to allow more coherent water planning.

What does it do?

Encourages active participation and the sharing of information and experience acquired by the Partner Countries at a local, regional or national level. It collects information and promotes its exchange and dissemination in the areas of documentation, institutions, training, research and development and data management. Its task is to make an inventory and gather all available information, pro-

viding easy access to everyone, as well as working collectively on common products and cooperation programmes.

Its main tool is a website in English, French and Arabic, that facilitates the exchange of information and discussion. Each Partner Country manages its own information server providing access to national information and know-how. All servers are connected.

Website: www.emwis.net, www.semide.net

Actions in brief

- Facilitates access to water information, through a regional web portal providing a single access point and 16 related national web sites.
- Issues 3 joint declarations by Euromed water directors and 7 Memorandums of Understanding signed with international actors.
- Offers access to water information in the Euro-Med countries through 20 national and one international focal point.
- Has built up a readership of over 12.000 subscribers to the EMWIS eFlash, including decision makers, government institutions, academics, research centres, students, farmers, etc.
- Organises 13 regional seminars for national decision makers, stakeholders and water actors.

Economic and financial partnership