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النظام الأورو- متوسطي للإعلام حول المعرفة في ميدان المياه

Mediterranean Water Information Partnership Steering Group meeting 2007-03-05 Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know how in the water sector



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# Meeting agenda

- > Brief introduction of each participant
- Brief reminder on the context of the study (5 mins)
- Presentation of phase 1 results (20 mins)
- Phase II planning (20 mins)
- Brief review of potential tools (15 mins)
- > Round table, discussion and validation





## **Background**

#### International

- Adoption by the international community of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG7) for access to sanitation and water supply (2000)
- World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD -Johannesburg 2002): national efficiency and Integrated Water Resources Management plans
- UN-CSD 13 decision to build a global mechanism based on regional and national mechanisms (April 2005)

#### Regional:

- Priorities of the Euro-Med Regional Programme for Local Water Management (Turin, 1999)
- Water and sanitation priorities of the UNEP-MAP Mediterranean Strategy of Sustainable Development (November 2005)
- Med component of the EU Water initiative
- > EU Water Framework Directive linked to the EU Neighbourhood policy
- > Euro-Med initiative Horizon 2020: Depolluting the Mediterranean Sea (November 2005)





## **Milestones**

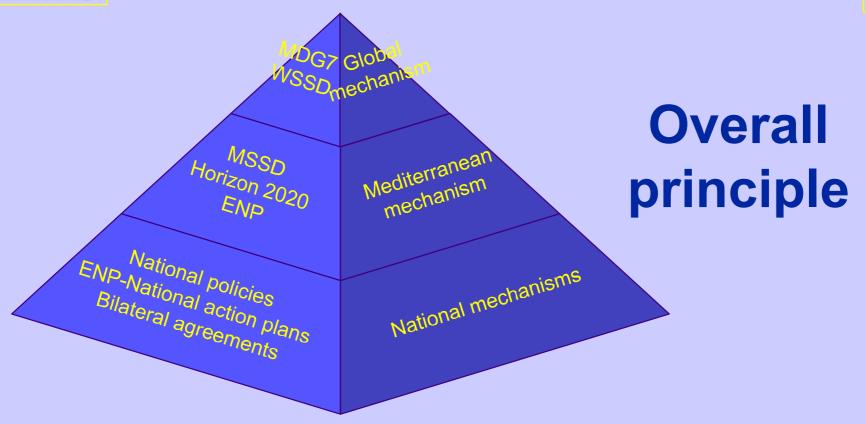
> Euromed water directors conference, November 2005, Rome

Decision to study, with interested countries, the objectives and the feasibility of building up within EMWIS a <u>regional water observation</u> <u>mechanism</u> based on the information provided by the National Water Information Systems, whenever they exist

- > Euromed water directors conference, November 2006, Athens
  - Validation of phase I results
  - > Decision on a new name Mediterranean Water Information Partnership
  - > Decision to launch the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the feasibility study







- To ensure effective and long term participation of the Med countries
- To reinforce existing networks and avoid any duplication with on-going or planned actions
- To seek for synergies between the various organisations involved, either national, local or international





## Organisation of the feasibility study

## > Steering group:

- ➤ National water authorities, EC, Eurostat, EEA, MAP-Medpol, MAP-Blue Plan, MAP-Info-RAC, IME, JMP, MENBO, OECD, Unesco/WWAP, AfDB-AWF, PSEau-Med, ...
- Phase 1 Proposal of a first vision
  - > July-December 2006
  - Diagnostic study with 4 volunteer countries: Jordan, Tunisia, France and Spain
  - Diagnostic study at the regional level
  - > Synthesis, key orientations and recommendations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase -> validated by the Euromed water directors (Athens, Nov'06)
- Phase 2 Broader validation of the vision & recommendations
  - > February-November 2007
  - > National diagnostic studies in Cyprus, Libya, Malta and Morocco
  - > Further concertation with regional initiatives
  - Detailed recommendations to set-up the Partnership



# Thank you for your attention