

Feasibility Study on the Mediterranean Water Observation Mechanism

Experts workshop

3-4 July 2007

CEDEX - Madrid

Workshop objectives

The aim of this workshop is to review the preliminary findings of the feasibility study with key stakeholders in order to define the basic principles that will be presented to the Euromed water directors at the end of 2007. Large parts of the workshop will be dedicated to working groups sessions in order to give an opportunity to all the participants to express their opinions. The specific objectives are:

- to review the needs of the various stakeholders
- to discuss the potential synergy with existing "think thanks" and regional organization managing water related data
- to review the results of preliminary activities on the 6 priority topics:
 - o General indicators on water supply and sanitation (MDG7)
 - o Indicators related to water of the MSSD
 - o Data on uses of water for agriculture
 - o Data on water and sanitation services
 - o Data and indicators on drought
 - o Climate Change
- To define potential horizontal (e.g. common data source catalogue, common methodologies, etc.) and vertical activities for the mechanism
- to discuss the draft content of charter for the Mediterranean Water Information Partnership and potential funding mechanisms

Participants invited

- National consultants involved in the 8 national diagnostic studies
- Institutional representatives from the voluntary countries involved in the study(Cyprus, France, Jordan, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia, Spain) as well as other interested countries (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon)
- Relevant international organisations and initiatives (JMP, MAP-Blue Plan, MAP-Medpol, MAP-Inforac, FAO, UN-Water, European Commission, MedStat/Eurostat, EEA, IbNet, Med-EUWI, Joint Process Med-EUWI-WFD, CEDARE, WWC, ESA)
- Institutional representatives from Med countries

Preliminary agenda

Tuesday 3 July Morning

Status and expectations

08:30	Registration	
09:00	Introduction and study context	
09:20	Status in voluntary countries: Overview of key stakeholders, status of	
NWIS organisation, main existing systems (as described in the catalogue), and		
expectations		
10:40	Coffee break	
11:00	Expectations from regional initiatives	
12:30	Lunch break	

Tuesday 3 July Afternoon

Main elements and horizontal needs

14:00	Reminder on phase 1 results
14:30	Potential organisational structure and synergies
14:50	Potential horizontal activities
15:15	Work group sessions
17:00-17:30	Results from working groups

Wednesday 4 July Morning

Priority topics

09:00-09:15	Introduction
09:15-11-15	For each of the 6 priority topics selected for the study
	Status in one country
	Point of an international organisation
	Synthesis of information collected
11:15-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-13:00	Sessions in small working groups
13:00-13:30	Results from working groups
13:30-14:30	Lunch break

Wednesday 4 July Afternoon

Partnership charter & funding mechanisms

Proposal for a draft partnership charter
Potential funding mechanisms
Sessions in small working groups
Results from working groups
closing remarks

