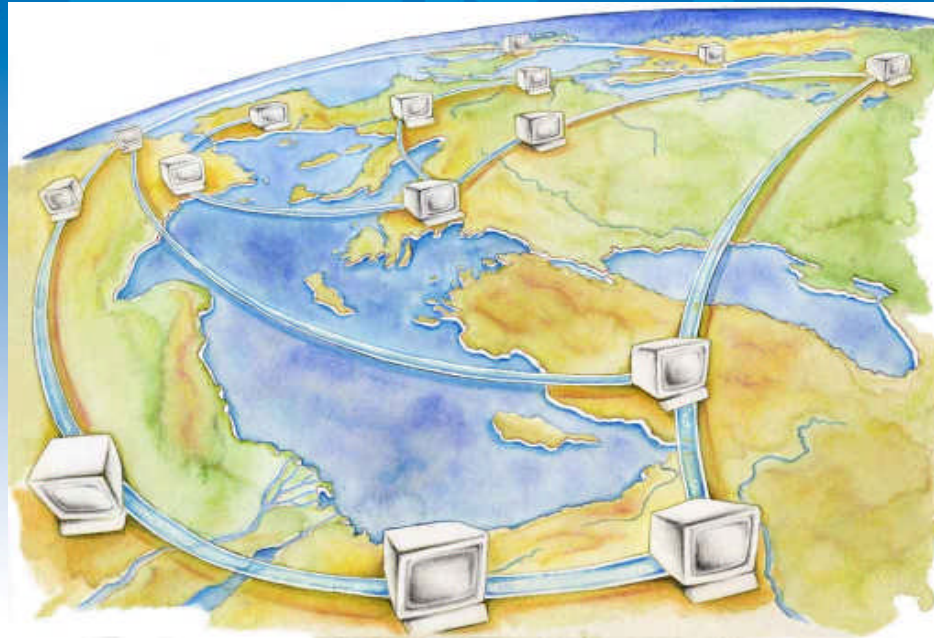


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Strengthening Water Information Background

- 1995 Euromed Partnership
- 1996 Euromed Ministers Initiate EMWIS
- 1999 EMWIS operational launch
- 2005 EMWIS first activities on data management
- 2008 UfM Water Ministerial conference Long Term Water Strategy initiated

Focus on know-how sharing

- 9 years of operation
- 20 countries
- About 50 000 visitors per month

➤ **Confidence between water authorities**

•**Feasibility studies of National Water Information Systems** (Algeria, Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey)

•**Preliminary analysis for a Mediterranean Water Observation Mechanism - 2006-2007**
(7 national diagnostic studies, 25 international initiatives consulted)

Union for the Mediterranean: High level of expectations

🔥 *Civil Society:*

🔥 *“underline the need for reliable data and to enable the free flow of information and sharing of data”*

🔥 *Ministerial declaration:*

🔥 *“reaffirm the importance of data, information and statistics on water, based on internationally agreed definitions and methods, structured within information system “*

🔥 *“ call for strengthening the coordination of existing Euro-Mediterranean initiatives and networks on information and expertise, policy planning and monitoring “*

🔥 *“ underline the importance of exchange of good practices, including through EU, Mediterranean, and other relevant programme “*

Ministerial conference on Water, Dead Sea, Dec'2008

Strengthening Water Information and monitoring in the Mediterranean

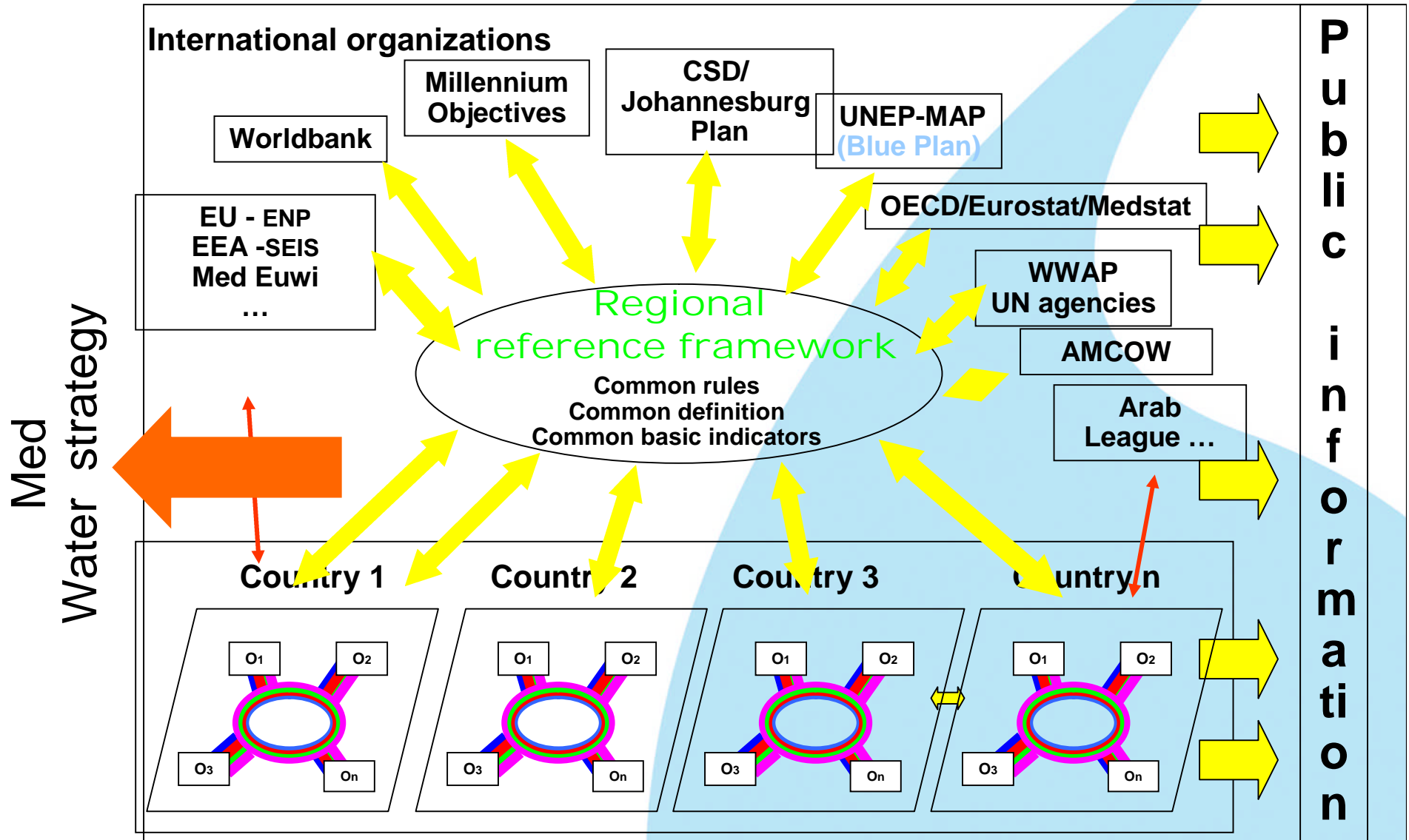
➤ *Improving National water data systems in coherence with international standards*

- Organizational settings, local governance and legal framework
- Water data master planning
- Fund raising
- Implementation, training and operation

➤ *Coordinating data collection mechanisms*

- Harmonisation of definitions (interoperability), guidelines, templates for Terms of references
- Fostering National Water Information Systems as main source of reliable data
- Capacity building and training
- Exchange of experiences

Overall Mediterranean vision



Charter
Strengthening national water information systems
for better governance

- 🔥 *Institutional framework for data management*
- 🔥 *Joint definition and agreement on indicators*
- 🔥 *Sector assessment based on comparable indicators*
- 🔥 *Data management at the most appropriate level*
- 🔥 *Multiple use of data collected once*
- 🔥 *Knowledge on water sector financing and contribution to growth*
- 🔥 *Allocation of financial means*
- 🔥 *Exchange of good practices at mediterranean level*
- 🔥 *Progress reporting at next WWF*

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