

4th CONFERENCE OF THE WATER DIRECTORS OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

10 & 11 December 2007
Bled, Slovenia

FINAL AGENDA

DAY 1: Monday, 10 December 2007

09.30 – 10.00	Registration of Participants
10.00 – 10.05	Welcome - Mr Mitja Bricelj, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
10.05 – 10.30	1. Opening Speeches - Ms Ana Seixa, Portuguese Presidency to the EU, Vice President, Ministry of Environment, Instituto da Agua - Representative of the European Commission - Mr Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary, Central Water Agency, Greece - Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee / Water Director, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France
10.30 – 11.15	2. The Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI) - Ms Maria Peppas, Ms Maria Papaioannou, Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, Greece Tour de Table / Recommendations and Agreement on 2008 Work Programme
11.15 – 12.00	3. The Joint Mediterranean Process between WFD and MED EUWI - Mr Spyros Tasoglou, Central Water Agency, Greece - Ms Sylvie Detoc, former Responsible for the Joint Med. Process in the EC, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France Discussion
12.00 – 12.15	Coffee Break
12.15 – 13.15	4. Recent Developments on Water-related issues in the EU Framework 4.1 The European Neighborhood Policy and the ENPI - Ms Jenny Mard, ENPI Sector Coordinator, European Commission, DG RELEX 4.2 Horizon 2020 and the Mediterranean Environment Reporting Mechanism (MERM-MED) - Ms Carmen Falkenberg-Ambrosio, European Commission, DG ENV 4.3 EU Marine Strategy - Mr Jose Rizo-Martin, European Commission, DG ENV 4.4 Water Scarcity & Drought - Mr Jose Rizo-Martin, European Commission, DG ENV Discussion
13.15 – 14.00	5. Recent Developments on Information Systems on Water in the Mediterranean 5.1 Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-How in the Water Sector (EMWIS) - Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee - Mr Eric Mino, EMWIS Technical Unit 5.2 Water & Tourism: Presentation of First Results - Ms Cecile Roddier-Quefelec, Mr Ghislain Dubois, MEDSTAT II Discussion
14.00 – 15.30	Lunch Break
15.30 – 16.00	6. Euro-Mediterranean Regional Water Programme for Local Water Management (MEDA-Water Programme) - Mr Gert Soer, Head, RMSU EU MEDA Water Programme (IME/OIEau/SYKE Consortium) Discussion
16.00 – 16.30	7. The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development - Ms Gaelle Thivet, Programme Officer, Blue Plan Discussion
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee Break

16.45 – 17.00	8. GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean - <i>Mr Alex Lascaratos, Manager, GEF SPM PDF-B / UNEP-MAP</i> Discussion
17.00 – 17.15	9. European Investment Bank (EIB) - <i>Mr Jose Frade, Deputy Director, Head of Water & Environmental Protection Division, Projects Directorate, EIB</i> Discussion
17.15 - 17.45	10. Study launched by the EMWIS Steering Committee: Assessment and Prospects for Cooperation in the Water Sector, in the Mediterranean - <i>Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee / Water Director, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France</i> - <i>Mr Hervé Lainé, Expert, French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Planning</i> Discussion
17.45 – 18.00	11. Summing up of Day 1 Discussions

DAY 2: Tuesday, 11 December 2007

09.00 – 09.45	12. Organisation of a Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water in 2008 - <i>Mr Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG ENV</i> Tour de Table / Agreement
09.45 – 11.00	13. Interactive Dialogue on Priority Water Challenges to be addressed by the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water, e.g.: - <i>Advancing on Effective Water Governance for IWRM and WSS;</i> - <i>Addressing Water and Climate Change with emphasis on management of droughts and floods;</i> - <i>Optimizing Water Financing Instruments with emphasis on innovative mechanisms;</i> - <i>Water Demand Management and Non-Conventional Water Resources; etc.</i> Tour de Table / Recommendations
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 13.15	14. Preparation of the 2008 Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Water - Contribution of the Euro-Mediterranean and SEE Water Directors Forum to the preparation process Tour de Table / Recommendations
13.15 – 14.00	15. Mandate of the Euro-Mediterranean and SEE Water Directors Forum Tour de Table / Recommendation
14.00 – 15.30	Lunch Break
15.30 – 16.00	16. Important Upcoming Events 16.1 Preparations for the 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul 2009 - <i>Mr Uğur Nalbantoglu, Head of Technological Department, General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI), Turkey</i> 16.2 Forthcoming Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention, 2008 - <i>Mr Fouad Abousamra, MEDPOL Programme Officer, UNEP/MAP</i> 16.3 Water Expo, Saragossa 2008 - <i>Mr Jesus Yague, Deputy Director of Hydraulic Public Domain, Ministry for Environment, Spain</i> Discussion
16.00 – 16.15	17. Any other Business Discussion
16.15 – 16.30	18. Presentation of Draft Conclusions of the Conference
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee Break
16.45 – 17.45	19. Discussion on the Draft Conclusions Discussion
17.45 – 18.00	20. Adoption of Conclusions
18.00	End of Conference

Note: All Sessions will be jointly **Chaired** by

- The European Commission Representatives,
 - Mr Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary, Central Water Agency, Greece
 - Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee / Water Director, MEDAD, France
 - Representatives of the Host Country, Slovenia (Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning)
- Rapporteur:** Mr Michael Scoullas, MED EUWI and Representative of the European Commission