

**Mediterranean Water
Directors meeting Athens
November 8 and 9**

**Water scarcity and Drought
activity**



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- First meeting of the group in September 2004 In Brindisi
- Identification of key issues in a mediteranean context:
 - Water scarcity and drought
 - Agriculture
 - water reuse,...
 - Groundwater
 - Trans-boundary

Last meeting September 2006 in Brussels



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- The members of the groups:
 - the EU countries members of the EU working group on Water Scarcity and Drought (IT, GR, SP, FR, ...)
 - Non EU mediteranean countries (Egypt, Palestine, Tunisia, Libanon, ...)
 - NGO's (WWF, Eureau,)
 - Research projects (aquastress,)



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- The Outputs:
 - A participation to the drafting of the report on WS&D endorsed by the EU water directors in June 2006 (on a technical basis and with examples)
 - A participation to the meetings of the EU WG and to the conferences organised by it (Palermo,...)



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- The interim report the structure:
 - Chapter I: definitions of WS&D in a mediteranean context
 - Chapter II: Crisis/droughts (impacts and actions)
 - Chapter III: Long term desequilibrium (impacts and actions)
 - Chapter IV: Conclusions

All the chapters need to be unriched with mediteranean examples



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- The specific outputs of the mediteranean group:
 - An interim report on water scarcity and drought based on the EU report.
 - A mandate in three steps for 2007-2009:
 - Step 1: finalise the Mediterranean report on Water Scarcity and Droughts, initiated during the first phase of the Joint Process.
 - Step 2: collect data and information on the economic, social and environmental impacts of water scarcity and droughts in the region.
 - Step 3: information analysis and production of a report on the assessment of water scarcity and drought in the Mediterranean.



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- Coleaders of the Mediteranean WS&D group:
 - Morocco
 - Commission; France
 - EMWIS
 - MEMBO

