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# **EMWIS conference of water directors of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Rome, 24 and 25 November 2005**

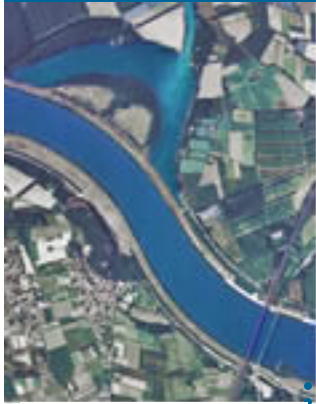
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## **Towards the establishment of a Mediterranean regional observatory mechanism on water**

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## **France's proposal**





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## General context

- Adoption by the international community of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG7) for access to water and water supply (2000)
- World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg 2002): national plans of efficient water resources management



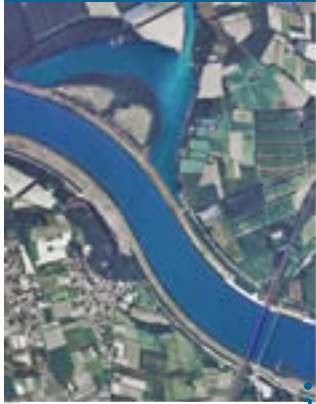


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## General context (cont.)

- CSD 13 (April 2005): agreement on a global observatory mechanism based on:
  - ➔ national information systems
  - ➔ regional mechanisms
  - ➔ improvement of data collection
  - ➔ comparison of information
  - ➔ existing networks and structures
- Application under way in Africa (AMCOW)





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## Mediterranean case

- France's proposal for a Mediterranean proposal (EMWIS committee director – Athens, June 2005) aiming to monitor progress towards:
  - ➔ MDG7
  - ➔ the objectives of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development with priority on the management of water requests / national plans of efficient resource management





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## Mediterranean case (cont.)

This is being achieved through:

- A political commitment from countries for the operational development:
  - ➔ of their national water information system (SIE in France)
  - ➔ of a regional mechanism based on existing structures, EMWIS in particular
- Dedicated funding, from Europe in particular





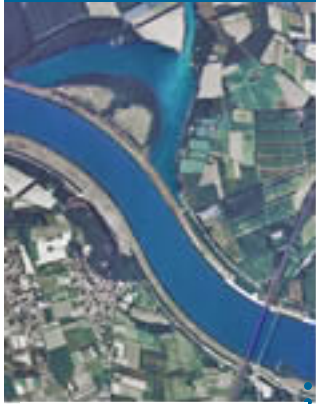
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## Mediterranean case (cont.)

Role of the regional structure:

- Help countries to improve their SIE
- Ensure the transfer of good practices
- Accumulate data on the regional level
- Bring countries in convergence with common indicators
- Encourage countries with a comparison of results





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## Proposed timetable

- Agreement in principle of the 35 Euromed water directors (Rome, 25 November 2005)
- Ministerial agreements (Barcelona, 10th anniversary EMP)
- December 2005 – March 2006: pre-study of feasibility (France)
- March 2006/Mexico: decision 35 Euromed water directors before feasibility study (cost of carry and funding to be determined)



## Conclusions



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- Mediterranean observatory mechanism on water:
- ambitious objectives
- useful for countries' national water policies
- useful for improving water management in the Mediterranean region
- EMWIS is an essential pertinent base and acts as a driving force.

