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**WATER** for Life



# MEDITERRANEAN JOINT PROCESS

## Water Framework Directive / EU Water Initiative

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# EU WATER INITIATIVE



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- **Johannesburg Summit – 2002 –  
Millennium Development Goals**
  - **EU contribution**
    - **Water supply**
    - **Sanitation**
    - **IWRM plans**
  - **Target**
    - **Halve proportion people without access to basic services**
    - **Deadline: 2015**

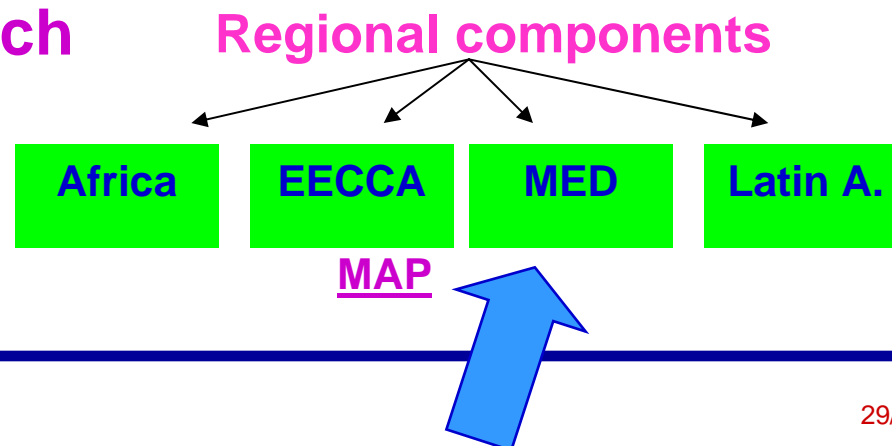


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# EU WATER INITIATIVE Objectives & Principles



- Reinforce political commitment
- Promote better water governance arrangements
- Improve **COORDINATION & COOPERATION**
- Encourage regional cooperation at basin level
- Catalyze additional funding
- **PARTNERSHIP approach**
- **MODULAR approach**



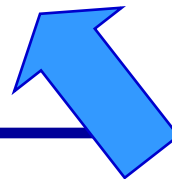


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# MED-EUWI



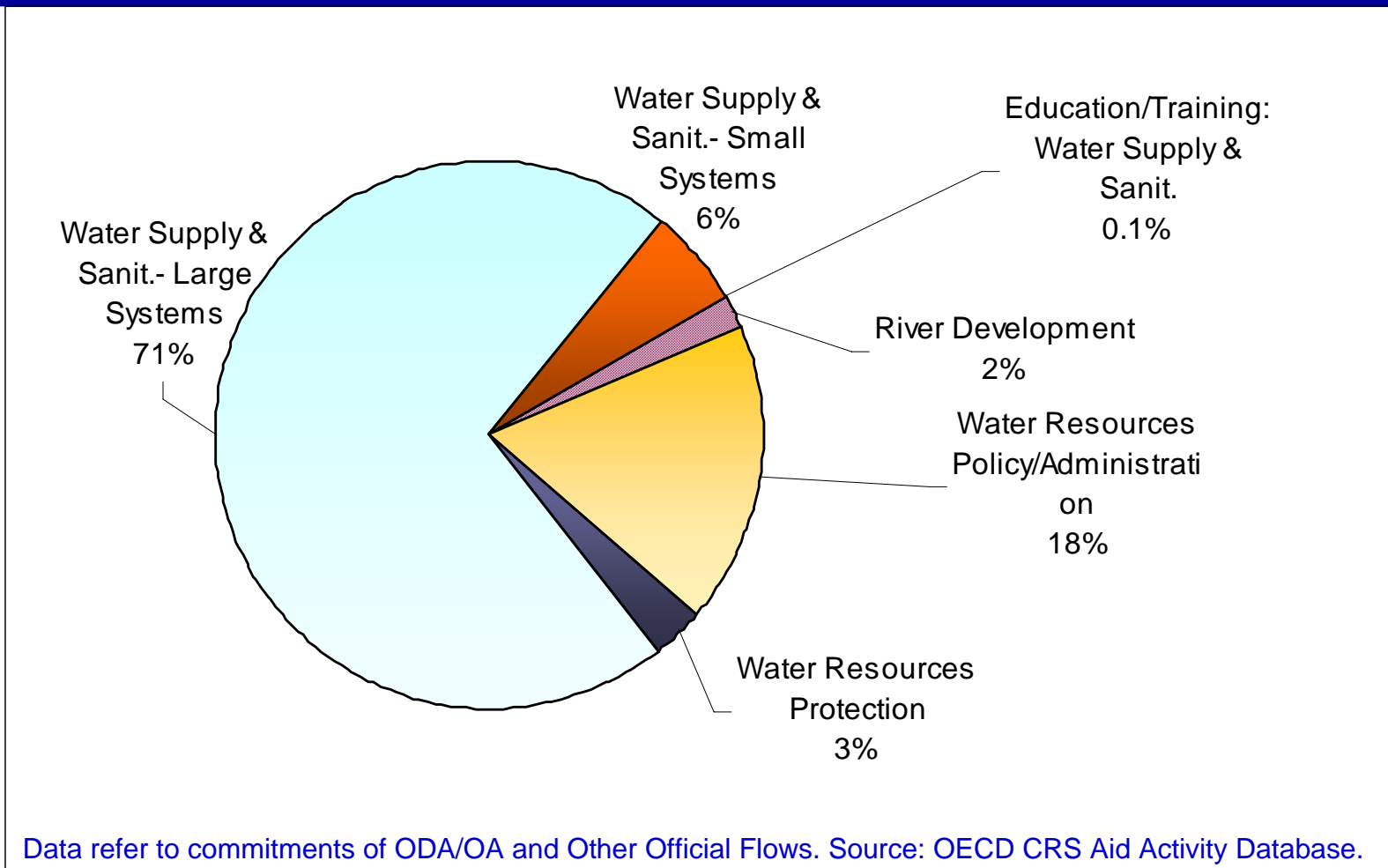
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- Launched in **2003**
  - Leader - **Greece**
  - Working group: **EUMS, EC, partners countries, stakeholders, ...**
  - **2005 Work Programme: regional activities; national dialogues**
  - **Links at regional level:**
    - Med Comm. Sustainable Development / Barcelona Convention
    - EuroMed Partnership





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# Aid to the water by subsector, 1996-2002



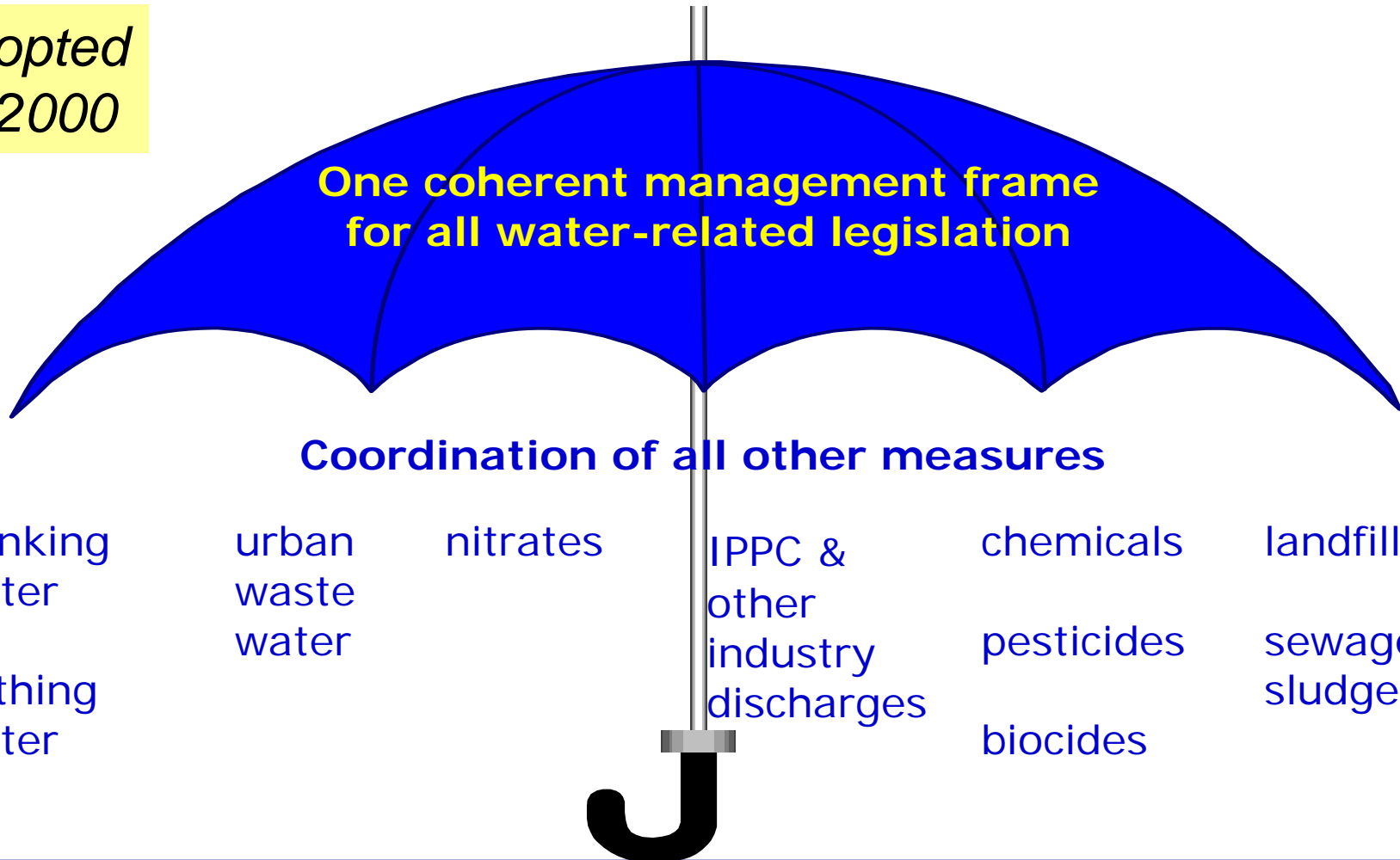


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# WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

*Adopted  
in 2000*





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# WFD - KEY PRINCIPLES



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- Protecting **all waters**, surface and ground waters
  - Covering **all impacts** on waters
  - **Good quality** ('good status') to be achieved, as a rule, by **2015**
  - Water quality defined in terms of biology, chemistry and morphology
  - The challenge of **river basin approach**
  - **Cost Recovery** and Equitable Charging
  - **Public Participation**
  - **Integrated Management**
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# Implementation: a continuous & transparent process

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<b>Formal transposition</b> into national law	<b>Dec 2003</b>
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<b>Environmental analysis</b> , economic analysis	<b>Dec 2004</b>
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<b>Monitoring programmes operational</b> <b>Public participation</b> at the latest	<b>Dec 2006</b> <b>Dec 2006</b>
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<b>Draft river basin management plans</b>	<b>Dec 2008</b>
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<b>Final river basin management plans</b>	<b>Dec 2009</b>
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<b>Implementation</b> , assessment, adjustment-	<b>2015 and</b> <b>further</b>

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# WFD - Common Implementation Strategy



- Need for a common understanding
- Involvement of 25 EU Member States and also candidate countries – stakeholders
- Active Working groups (Ecological status, groundwater, priority substances...)
- Guidance documents
- Pilot River Basins

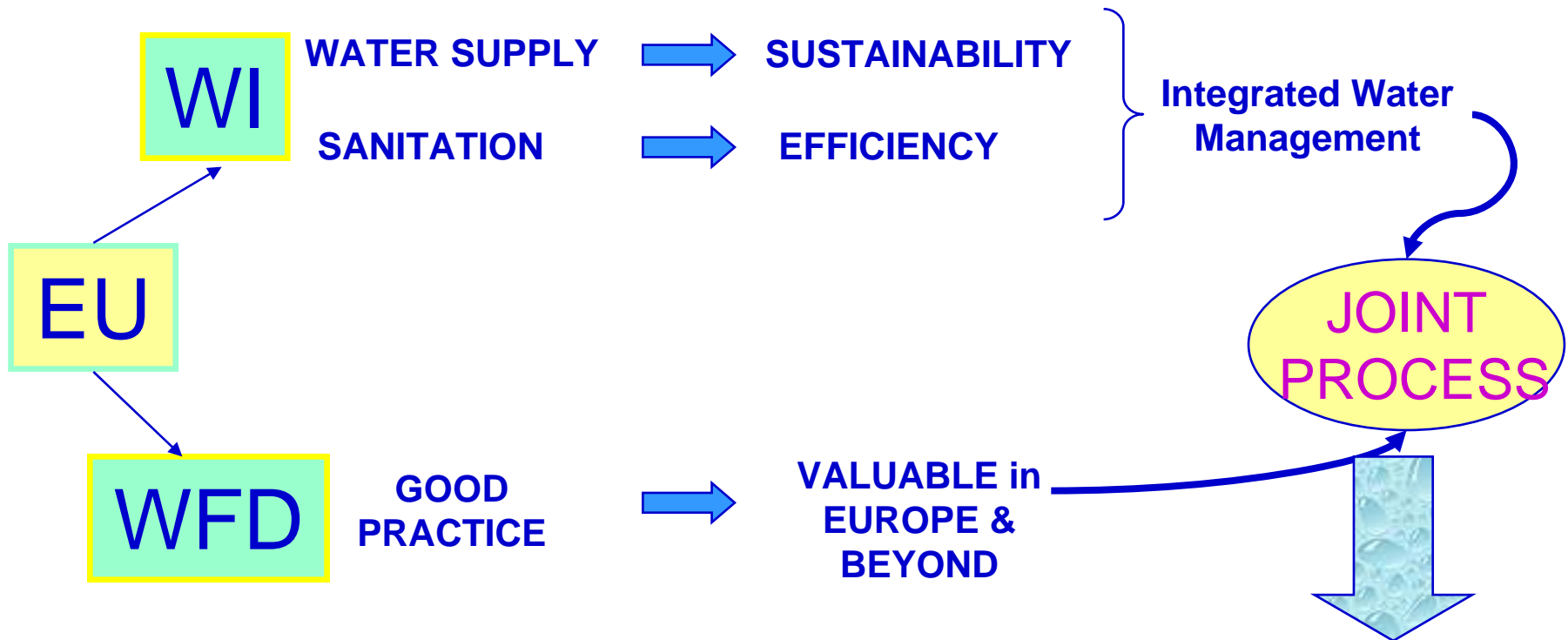




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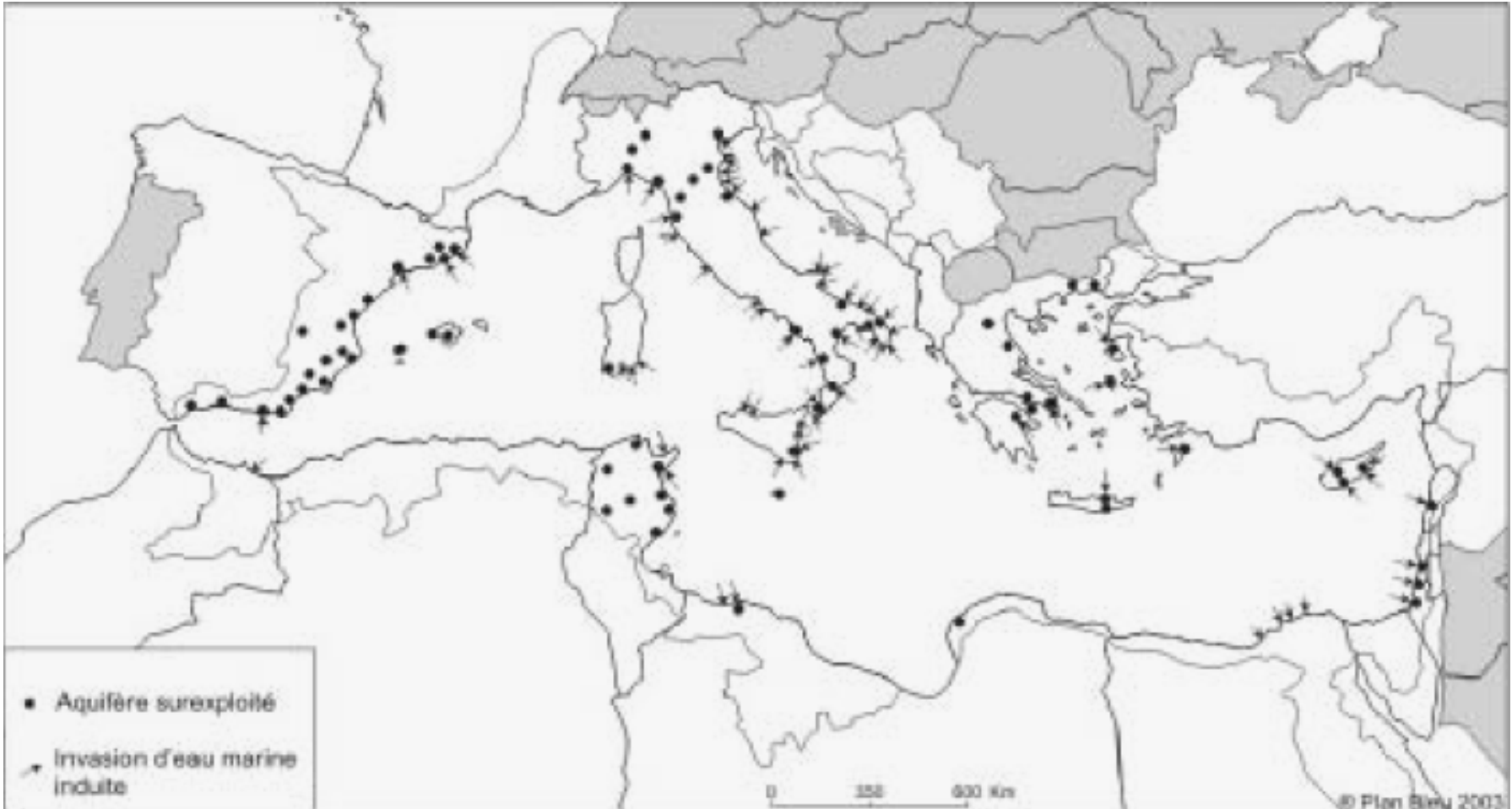
# WHY a WFD/EUWI JOINT PROCESS?



**FACILITATE SOUND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT POLICIES IN THE MED, BASED ON WFD PRINCIPLES**



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- ENP & Environment:

- ⇒ Overall goal for environmental cooperation with the neighbourhood:  
Gradual convergence with EU environment policy and standards

**Technical basis for CONVERGENCE of LEGISLATION in the field of WATER** (Environmental sub-committees --- short term cooperation e.g. Morocco: *groundwater*; Tunisia: *saline intrusion; etc.*)

- EU & the Med:

- ⇒ Common issues / specific hot spots to address

**Technical platform for analysis of Med SPECIFICITIES for WFD IMPLEMENTATION**

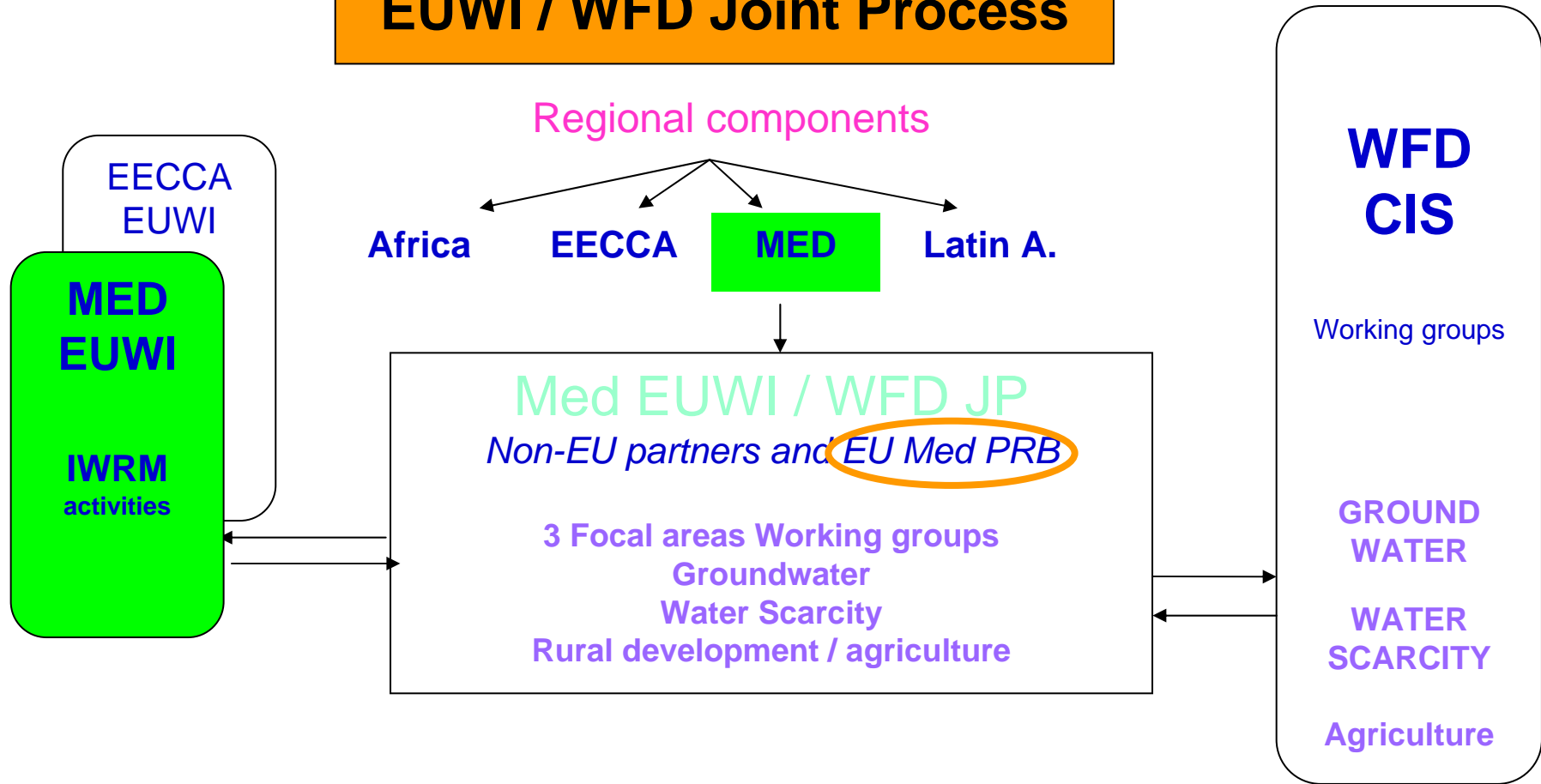


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# MED Joint Process

## EUWI / WFD Joint Process





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## Technical developments

- ✓ Foster exchanges on thematic topics
- ✓ Produce specific recommendations
  - Improve access to information
    - Focal point – website
  - Disseminate best practices
    - Working groups / drafting groups
    - Cross-fertilisation - Annual workshop

## Political Dimension

- ✓ Raise awareness on WFD –Convergence
- ✓ Support & drive the MedJP

⇒ ***Role of EURO-MED Conference of Water Directors***



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## Financial support & Human resources

- **Role of leaders: MS / JRC**
- **Mobilisation of partners, expertise: EC, MS**
- **Role of key actors: EMWIS, MENBO, WWF,...**
- **Complementary resources:**
  - RTD projects (FP6, ARIDE, AQUASTRESS, ...)
  - MEDA regional projects (Irrigation...)



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# 2005 /2006 ACTIVITIES



	<i>Leaders</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Link CIS</i>
<b>WATER SCARCITY</b>	<b>F, EC(ENV)</b>	<b>EG, TUN, F, IT, CY, ES, Stakeholders</b>	<b>- Plenary: Feb. 06 (tbc)</b>	<b>WGB</b>
<b>GROUND WATER</b>	<b>GR, EC(ENV)</b>	<b>ES, CY, MAL, F, GR, MO, ALG, ALB, JOR, BUL, TUR, stakeholders</b>	<b>- Plenary: April 06 (tbc)</b>	<b>WGC</b>
<b>AGRI CULTURE</b>	<b>P, EC(JRC)</b>	<b>P, ES; stakeholders; TUR, JOR, TUN</b>	<b>- Dec. 05</b>	<b>PRB / Steering Group AGRI</b>

**Launching of Phase II of the Med JP - BRINDISI II:  
Med PRB + non EU partners**





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## Concrete outputs & Next steps

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- **Summary paper**
  - **First draft report: “Groundwater management in the Mediterranean and the WFD”**
  - **Finalisation of Technical documents**
  - **Development of new topics**
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## CONCLUSION & OUTLOOK



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- JP = **TECHNICAL** tool for WFD & ENP
  - Need **POLITICAL** Guidance
  - **SYNERGIES** with Existing Instruments  
⇒ **EMWIS**



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**Thank you for  
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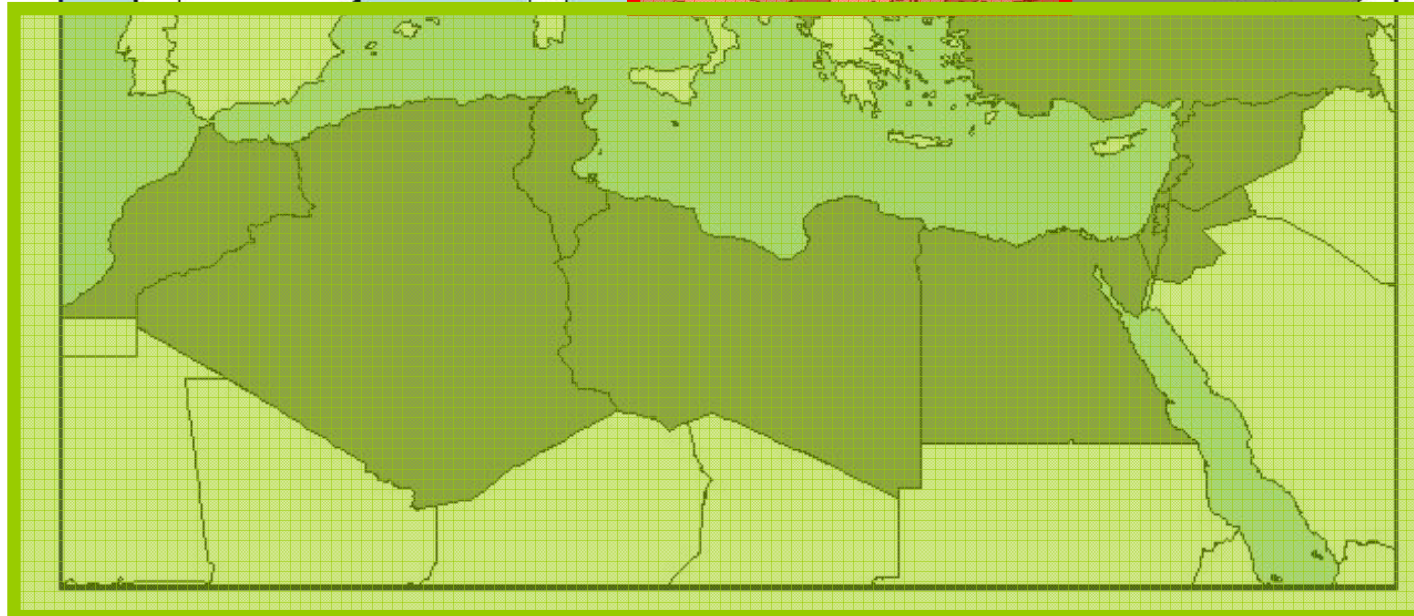
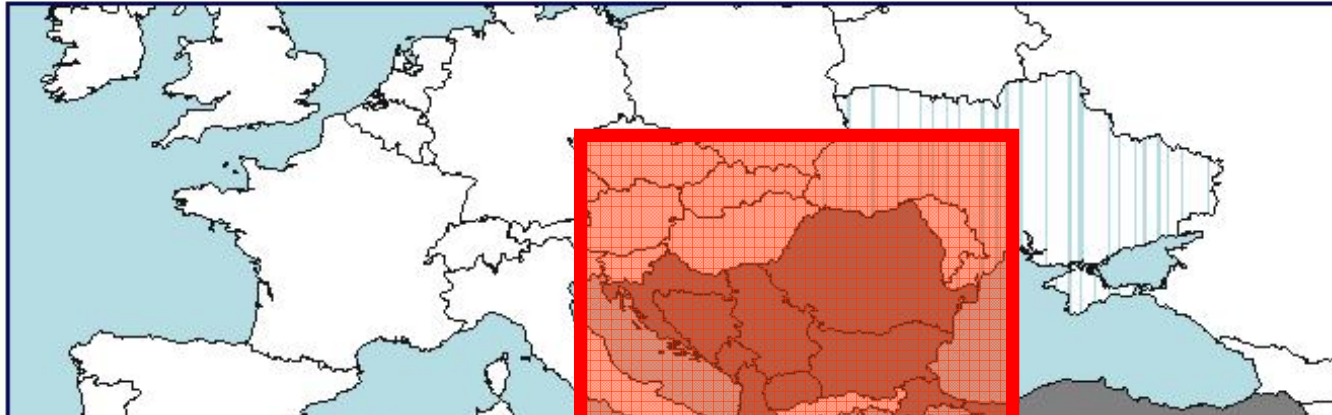
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