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<b>WORKING LANGUAGE</b>	French and English
<b>PARTICIPANTS (Invited) :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of the EMWIS Co-ordination Committee (Water Director of Algeria)</li> <li>• Responsible persons of the National Focal Points –NFP- (20 countries)</li> <li>• Representatives of the Technical Unit–EMWIS TU</li> <li>• Invited observers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Countries still not having nominated a NFP</li> <li>○ European Commission,</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Experts</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>This seminar aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review EMWIS and its NFP activity progress, including recent activities on working groups (drought/water scarcity, re-use of waste water, and water monitoring networks), the study for a regional water observation mechanism. The NFP of the Mediterranean partner countries will present also their progress and their national work-programme will be amended if necessary.</li> <li>• To propose a common methodological approach (using a questionnaire) to allow the NFP to carry out an analysis of the user expectations in their country and to consolidate the results at the Mediterranean level. Such analyses could be carried out in Algeria, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Tunisia before November 2007 (according to their national work programmes)</li> <li>• To present examples of National Water Information Systems (NWIS) and memorandums of understanding between water data managers. Indeed, at their last meeting the Steering Committee members recommended EMWIS to prepare a methodological approach for the development of “harmonised” NWIS (i.e. being able to communicate with a regional observation mechanism). Potential funding mechanisms will also be analysed.</li> <li>• To present the indicative National and Regional programs of the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (ENPI) and to analyse the potential benefits for the NFPs</li> <li>• To prepare the conferences of the water directors in December 2007 and the ministerial conference planned at the end of 2008, in particular by identifying the actions which could be implemented at the regional level for the next 10 years</li> </ul>

