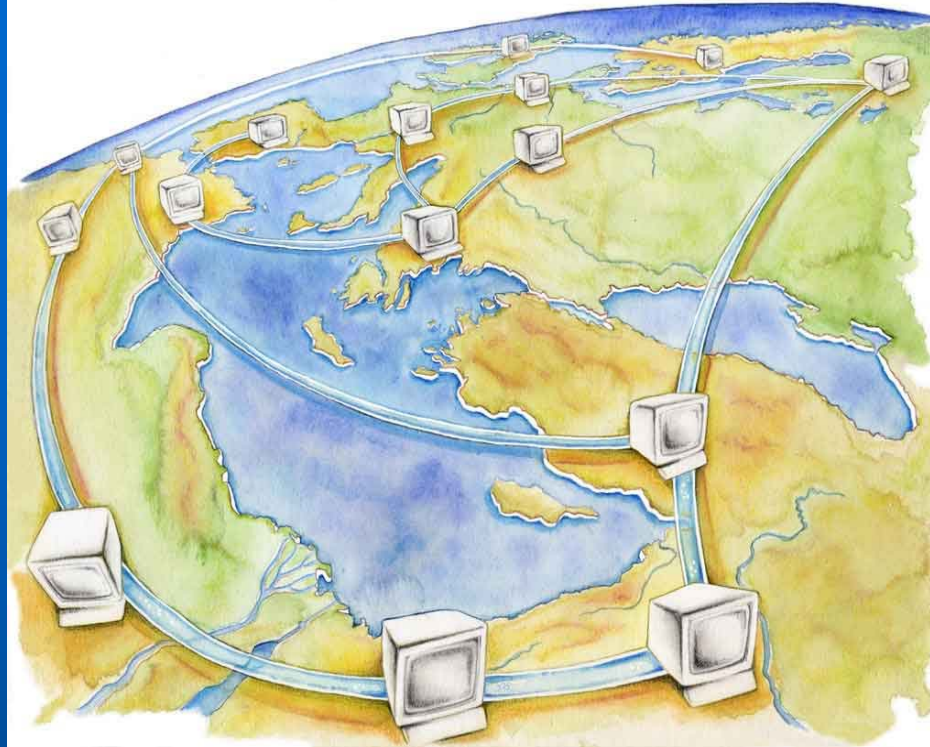


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للمعرفة في مجال المياه

Introduction

9th NFP coordination seminar

9-10 June 2009, Nice

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Some preliminary thoughts



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- 9th NFP Coordination Seminar, Nice, 2009-06-08/10 France [1 comment(s)]
- 8th NFP Coordination Seminar - 2008-06-25/27 Madrid
- 7th NFP Coordination Seminar - 2007-09-10/11 Istanbul
- 6th NFP Coordination Seminar, Algiers 2006-06-27/28
- 5th NFP Coordination Seminar, Amman 2005-09-27/29
- 4th NFP Coordination Seminar, Rabat 2004-07-06/07
- 3rd NFP Coordination Seminar, Tunis 2002-12-17/18
- 2nd NFP Coordination Seminar, Madrid 2001-11-14
- 1st NFP Coordination Seminar, Sophia Antipolis 1999-12-02/03

- Human network
- Some HR continuity:
 - DZ, LB, TN, EG
- A running infostructure
 - 16 + 1 websites
- Investment
 - c.a. 6 M€



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MEDA Water

Steering Committee

The EMWIS Steering Committee generally meets once a year. Following the decision to create at the Euro-Med water directors conference in Naples in December 1997, the first Steering meeting was held in 1998. Prior to this date, working groups (from 10 countries) met in order to carry out the EMWIS feasibility study and to prepare a directors' meeting.

- [13th EMWIS Steering Committee meeting, 12th May 2009 in Monaco \[1 comment\(s\)\]](#)
- [12th EMWIS Steering Committee meeting, 21st July 2008 in Athens \(Greece\)](#)
- [11st EMWIS Steering Committee meeting, 5th July 2007 in Madrid \(Spain\)](#)
- [10th EMWIS Steering Committee meeting, Athens 2006-11-06](#)
- [9th EMWIS Steering Committee Meeting, Nice 2006-05-15](#)
- [8th EMWIS Steering Committee Meeting, Athens 2005-06-23](#)
- [7th EMWIS Steering Committee Meeting, Malta 2004-05-04](#)
- [6th EMWIS Steering Committee Meeting, Rome 2002-09-17](#)
- [5th EMWIS Steering Committee Meeting, Nicosia 2001-07-02&03](#)
- [4th EMWIS Steering Committee Meeting, Amman 2000-10-19](#)
- [3rd EMWIS Steering Committee Meeting, Sophia Antipolis 1999-12-06](#)
- [2nd EMWIS Steering Committee Conclusions, Rome 1998-07-06](#)
- [1st EMWIS Steering Committee Conclusions, Paris 1998-03-17](#)
- [2nd Working Group Meeting, Valencia 1997-10-01](#)
- [First Working Group Meeting, Amman 1997-04-08&09](#)

An even longer policy process



Time to rethink « EMWIS »?

■ Initial mandate

- ❑ Facilitate access to the existing information on know-how;
- ❑ Develop the sharing of information to enable anyone to make known his activities, his topics of interest ...;
- ❑ Create common products and cooperation programmes to develop available information and to promote the collection of the lacking information.

■ Last Ministerial conference on water

- ❑ importance of data, information and statistics on water, based on internationally agreed definitions and methods, structured within information systems,
- ❑ strengthening the coordination of existing Euro-Mediterranean initiatives and networks on information and expertise, policy planning and monitoring
- ❑ importance of exchange of good practices, including through EU, Mediterranean, and other relevant programmes



What has changed?

- Strong developments of Internet and water related websites
- New EuroMed initiatives (related to water)
 - Med-EUWI , H2020
- Involvement of more actors & networks
- Stronger competition between sectors
 - Environment vs water resources
- EMWIS not institutionalised
 - Neither at EuroMed level
 - Nor at national levels
- Funding schemes not as expected
 - EC grant for operational management not sustainable
 - Limited national support



New focus

- **Based on contractual obligations**
 - e.g. DG Environment

- **Responding to the regional political agenda**
 - Strong difficulties of the Union for the Mediterranean (future Med water strategy)
 - Strong need of data and added value analysis

- **Funding opportunities require**
 - Partnerships to cover wider themes
 - Management flexibility



Overview of the seminar objectives

- **Actions supported by European Commission DG Env**
 - ❑ Joint Process working groups
 - ❑ Harmonisation recommendations
 - ❑ Building a joint map server
- **NWIS development and regional integration**
 - ❑ Response to the Ministerial conference
 - ❑ Preparing next stages (Sustainable Development Ministerial meeting, end June)
- **Status of NFP and future activities**
 - ❑ Priorities
 - ❑ Resources necessary
 - ❑ Potential resources available (funding programmes)



Suggestions / comments on
the agenda

Questions