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# **EMWater Project**

## **Efficient Management of Wastewater , its Treatment and Reuse in the Mediterranean Countries 2003 - 2007**

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**Implemented by InWEnt**





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**The merger between the:**  
**Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft (CDG)**  
**and**  
**German Foundation for International Development(DSE)**

# Business fields continue the prior work of the CDG and DSE:

- **Training of specialists and political decision makers in development cooperation**
- **International dialogue and exchange of experience**
- **International and intercultural qualification of specialists, directors and up-coming professionals from Germany and other industrial countries**
- **Preparing German development experts for their foreign assignments**
- **Domestic development-based political information and training programs**



# MEDA Programme

- **In 1995 the European Union has started the MEDA Programme (Euro-Mediterranean Partnership)**
- **The Programme shall improve the infrastructure in the so called MEDA Countries**
- **Objective is the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean Free-Trade Area in 2010**



# Euro-Mediterranean Water Network

- **Important Milestone in this process has been the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean Water Network in 1999**
- **The Euro-Mediterranean Water Network shall strengthen the regional cooperation between the MEDA Countries in the field of water supply and wastewater management**



# Water in the Middle East

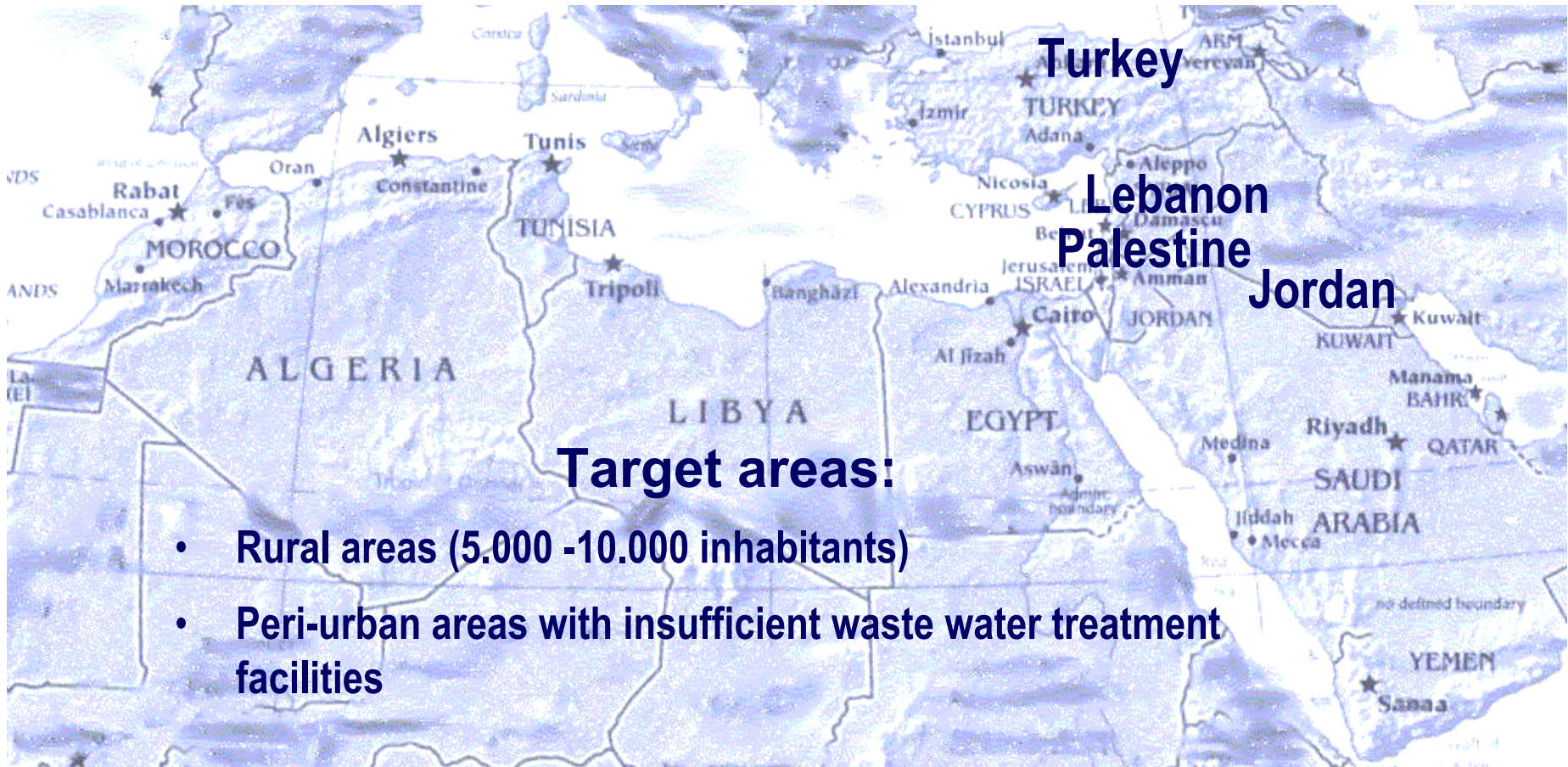
- **Water is an essential element for the economic development and political stability in the whole region**
- **Limited water resources are recognised as the most important obstacle to the development of the agricultural sector**
- **Aspects of decentralisation and privatisation are increasingly taken in consideration to enhance the efficiency of water management**

# MEDA 2003-2007



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**Target countries:**



**Target areas:**

- Rural areas (5.000 -10.000 inhabitants)
- Peri-urban areas with insufficient waste water treatment facilities





# Situation in the beneficiary countries

- **In all of these countries, wastewater treatment is not sufficient**
- **High water losses in the drinking water supply (average between 30%-50%)**
- **Rural and peri-urban areas are mostly neglected from water and wastewater facilities (average between 20-30% coverage while in cities 50-90%)**



- **Jordan and Palestine belong to the countries which are most affected by water scarcity worldwide**
- **Availability of renewable water resources are below 500m<sup>3</sup> per capita and year**



# Project - Objectives and Purposes

- **Implementation of technical guidelines for wastewater**
- **Strengthening the exchange of experience**
- **Cooperation between the Mediterranean Countries (South-South Cooperation) and between the EU Countries (North-South Cooperation)**
- **Development and application of low-cost solutions**



# Fields of Action



- **Analysis and estimation of the local situation**
- **Practical work through sampling and analysing programs**
- **Development of policy guidelines**
- **Training of stakeholders and professionals**
- **Design and construction of pilot plants**
- **Organisation of workshops and a regional conference**



# Participation and Promotion of Environmental Awareness

through:

- All stakeholders
- User and consumer associations
- Women organisations
- Environmental protection organisations



# Partners



- **InWEnt- Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung gGmbH**
- **Yildiz Technical University, Yildiz, Turkey**
- **Balamand University, Tripoli, Lebanon**
- **Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine**
- **Al al-Bayt University, Mafrq, Jordan**
- **Technische Universität Hamburg-Harburg**
- **Adelphi Research gGmbH**
- **ENEA- Ente per le Nuove Tecnologie, L'Energia e L'Ambiente**



# Expected Results

- **Policy guidelines for efficient wastewater treatment**
- **Reuse standards**
- **Human resources development**
- **Computer based training**
- **Pilot Plants for demonstration**
- **Increased public awareness**
- **Increased environmental protection**

# Project first year achievements

- **Country studies for the MEDA countries is now finished and ready for publication**
- **Training programs local, regional and web-based announcement, selection of participants and module development is now finalized.**
- **Implementation of training programs will take place between June and October 2004 in the MEDA Countries.**



- **Project web-site is established and used actively by all project members.**
- **EU and MEDA partners meetings has been successfully organized.**
- **Coordination with local stakeholders and international donor organization in the region is going well.**
- **Active participation in regional water conferences (Water Demand Conference in Dead Sea, Jordan) and other conferences to present project results.**
- **Dissemination of project information is continuously done through project brochures and announcement in different specialized journals.**

- **Procedures for procurement of the pilot plant and time plan for design and construction is established**
- **Report writing and financial management of the project is also functioning well.**
- **Coordination meetings with EU representatives in the region is going continuously**
- **Established of taskforces within partners including:**
  - **Pilot plant design and construction**
  - **Web-based training**
  - **Training programs**
  - **Low cost technologies**

# Constrains

- ❖ **Difficulties in communication due to the huge number of partners and different work mentalities.**
- ❖ **Difficulties by follow up the EU guideline for financial management.**
- ❖ **The high working load due to staff limitation.**
- ❖ **Political restrictions in the region e.g. Palestine.**
- ❖ **Difficulties by NGOS involvement in the project in some countries due to special country conditions.**

**Thank you**