

Feasibility Study on the Mediterranean Water Observation Mechanism

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Background

3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto, 2003:

- Number of activities, stakeholders, information and data spread out
- The President Chirac wishes to strengthen monitoring
- → WMA created in 2004, website officially launched during the CSD 13, NY, 2005

Objectives

- Improving access to information and data on water
- Contributing to better coordination of monitoring activities
- Spurring partnerships and knowledge exchange between stakeholders
- Contributing to strengthening monitoring capacities at all levels





Phase 1: 2004 – 2006

Synthesis and analysis of existing monitoring activities

Tools for better access to water-related information (website, databases)

Importance

→ of the

national

level

Phase 2: 2007 – 2009

Interlinking activities and stakeholders

Strengthening of monitoring activities, especially at national level



Activities and Outputs

- 1. The Web portal: http://www.watermonitoringalliance.net
- General information on monitoring in the water sector (glossary, events, news...)
- Databases: monitoring activities, tools & methods, capacity building programmes, stakeholders (still in projetc)
- Country Profiles: national information and data on water objective = gather information on water from various sources, international and national

2. Partnerships

The WMA aims to be a collaborative platform

- → Contribution to the WMA, dissemination and updating of information and data, good practices
- → Exchanges of data and information, tools, methods, knowhow between stakeholders
- → Scaling up or duplicate initiatives
- → Better coordination of activities and stakeholders
- → Strengthening monitoring capacities



Perspectives

Some forseen partnerships are the following:

EMWIS/IOWater

- Information on monitoring in the Mediterranean region
- Promotion of the regional observation mechanisms through the WMA webportal and the Forum → possible replication in other regions

WWAP: georeferenced metadatabase on water

OECD: aid for water

ECOWAS: observation mechanism in West Africa

AfDB and the AWF: observation mechanism in Africa

GWP: IWRM monitoring

WMO: meteorology and hydrological cycle

UN-HABITAT, WSP, UNEP...













A meeting will be organised in Stockholm during the 2007 WWW with interested partners

- → Define how the WMA can serve the partners and how the partners can contribute to the WMA
- → Define a roadmap to achieve the WMA objectives

Thank you

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