

# First MEDA Water Conference

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The following presentation reflects the findings of the group working on the issue of sustainability of the ongoing MEDA Water projects within the EU MEDA Water Programme. The approach can be divided into two major groups:

- Achieving sustainability through project activities
- Expectations from RMSU in support of sustainability of projects

# Sustainability

Through project activities (1):

- Horizontal:
  - Quality assurance during project lifetime
- Creation of linkages:
  - Ensure institutional linkages after project ends;
  - create linkages within MEDA Water group;
  - create platforms through networking

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Through project activities (2):

- Advocacy & development of capacities:
  - Create cases that convince governments/donors to continue funding;
  - advocate for adoption of project results (approaches, technology) by government and authorities;
  - develop technical (& social) capacities in host institutions (& partners)

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Through project activities (3):

- Knowledge management:
  - Advocate knowledge transfer & dissemination of information
  - Conduct awareness raising activities
- After project ends:
  - Enhance monitoring of application of results
  - Work on financial mechanisms to continue project activities (ex. Auto-financing)

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## Expectations from RMSU (1):

- MEDA Water Projects:
  - Create learning environment within MEDA Water group (now!)
  - Create synergies and strengthen networking between MEDA Water projects and their partners
- Support of projects:
  - Support projects to improve performance & impact (ex. review logframe)
  - Support projects for a better promotion of their results

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Expectations from RMSU (2):

- Relations with EMWIS:
  - Strengthen linkage with EMWIS
  - Use EMWIS website for dissemination of outcomes of MEDA Water projects after end of all projects (Sept. 07)
- Lobbying:
  - Lobby with European Commission and other donors for continuation of successful projects
  - Lobby for continuation of MEDA Water Programme with governments and national authorities

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Expectations from RMSU (3):

- Relations with European Agencies/ Initiatives:
  - Investigate possible linkage with EU Environmental Agency (in Copenhagen)
  - Influence EUWI to make use of MEDA Water experience
- Capitalize on lessons learnt such as project designs, etc.. (kazakaza)