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**Mediterranean Water
Information Partnership
Steering Group meeting
2007-03-05**

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water sector





Meeting agenda

- **Brief introduction of each participant**
- **Brief reminder on the context of the study (5 mins)**
- **Presentation of phase 1 results (20 mins)**
- **Phase II planning (20 mins)**
- **Brief review of potential tools (15 mins)**
- **Round table, discussion and validation**



Background

➤ International

- Adoption by the international community of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG7) for access to sanitation and water supply (2000)
- World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD -Johannesburg 2002): national efficiency and Integrated Water Resources Management plans
- UN-CSD 13 decision to build a global mechanism based on regional and national mechanisms (April 2005)

➤ Regional:

- Priorities of the Euro-Med Regional Programme for Local Water Management (Turin, 1999)
- Water and sanitation priorities of the UNEP-MAP Mediterranean Strategy of Sustainable Development (November 2005)
- Med component of the EU Water initiative
- EU Water Framework Directive linked to the EU Neighbourhood policy
- Euro-Med initiative Horizon 2020: Depolluting the Mediterranean Sea (November 2005)



Milestones

- **Euromed water directors conference, November 2005, Rome**
 - Decision to study, with interested countries, the objectives and the feasibility of building up within EMWIS a regional water observation mechanism based on the information provided by the National Water Information Systems, whenever they exist

- **Euromed water directors conference, November 2006, Athens**
 - **Validation of phase I results**
 - **Decision on a new name Mediterranean Water Information Partnership**
 - **Decision to launch the 2nd phase of the feasibility study**



Overall principle

- To ensure effective and long term participation of the Med countries
- To reinforce existing networks and avoid any duplication **with on-going or planned actions**
- To seek for synergies **between the various organisations involved, either national, local or international**



Organisation of the feasibility study

- **Steering group:**
 - National water authorities, EC, Eurostat, EEA, MAP-Medpol, MAP-Blue Plan, MAP-Info-RAC, IME, JMP, MENBO, OECD, Unesco/WWAP, AfDB-AWF, PSEau-Med, ...
- **Phase 1 – Proposal of a first vision**
 - **July-December 2006**
 - **Diagnostic study with 4 volunteer countries: Jordan, Tunisia, France and Spain**
 - **Diagnostic study at the regional level**
 - **Synthesis, key orientations and recommendations for the 2nd phase -> validated by the Euromed water directors (Athens, Nov'06)**
- **Phase 2 Broader validation of the vision & recommendations**
 - **February-November 2007**
 - **National diagnostic studies in Cyprus, Libya, Malta and Morocco**
 - **Further concertation with regional initiatives**
 - **Detailed recommendations to set-up the Partnership**



**Thank you
for your attention**